Proposed Metrics & Definitions: FY16 & FY17

The following list of metrics represents the proposed metrics MSU and UM would like to submit to OCHE for FY16 and FY17 performance funding. The list needs to be submitted to OCHE by May 1st. The list only represents the metric choice and does not yet get into the allocation methodology, which is phase two and will begin later this summer.

The Performance Funding Task force would like to provide the campus community one last time opportunity to provide input. Questions or comments and the metrics and/or definitions of those metrics should be sent to the task force members by April 30th:

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System-wide metrics

1. Retention – This metric will include all incoming undergars to include new full- and part-time first-year students as well as new full- and part-time transfer students. This better represents changing demographics, reflects our mission, and keeps our attention on all sectors of the student body, not just the traditional student.

2. Undergraduate degrees and certificates awarded – This metric will include one year certificates, associate and bachelor degrees.

Mission-specific metrics

1. Graduate degrees awarded – This metric will include graduate certificates, masters, first professional, and doctoral degrees.

2. External research expenditures – This metric will include monies from all sources and be tied to tenurable faculty FTE as well as dollars awarded CoBRE/EPSCoR states in the allocation model.

Special Considerations

There will be special weighting in the allocation model of successes by specific access groups such as Pell-eligible, American Indian, non-traditional age, and Veterans.

There will be an opportunity to review the model and revisit additional metrics after the first biennium.

Additional possible metrics still on the table for future consideration are measures of scholarly productivity that go beyond research dollars, and service/outreach activities of campuses to demonstrate value-added benefits to Montana.