UNC Tomorrow Commission
Areas of Focus

UNC Tomorrow Commission Meeting
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University of North Carolina Tomorrow

Leading
Connecting
Transforming

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Background

- UNC Tomorrow Commission met on August 23rd
- Meeting discussions focused on major issues facing NC that UNC should respond to
- Break out sessions identified specific areas of focus

Higher Ed., Energy & Environment, and Tech. and Innovation

- Greater Collaboration among campuses in energy conservation and research
- More incentives for faculty to engage in service to support K-12
- Ensuring that our campuses stay globally competitive
- Using universities to facilitate corporate collaborations with K-12

Workforce & Economics

- Soft skills development at all degree levels and across disciplines
- Leadership for rural economic development
- Strengthen UNC's mission of economic development and engagement
- Strengthen UNC's role in K-12 education collaborations
- Aging population creates economic imperative for increasing educational attainment of minorities, especially Hispanics, males in general, and African American males in particular
- Rewards and incentives for "engaged" faculty

Health, K-12, Social Issues

- Shortages in quality, University trained professionals (ex. teachers, health care...)
- Mixture of STEM and soft skills training for all UNC graduates
- Innovative recruitment of teachers (pipeline and diversity barriers)
- Loss of diversity from the pipeline between K-12 and University enrollment
- Increased collaboration between UNC and K-12
- Preparation of engaged citizens/graduates
- Enhance the image of the University/"tell our story"