



GOVERNMENT-UNIVERSITY-INDUSTRY RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE

Policy and Global Affairs

GUIRR “Reimagining the University” Meeting October 10, 2012 Lunch Discussions

During lunch, the meeting attendees at each table participated in facilitated discussions around two broad questions on the future of higher education. The main points raised during those conversations are summarized below.

Question 1: What is your best idea for how to reduce costs associated with higher education?

- Decrease time to degree / Return to 4 year model (if not even a 3 year model)
- Use facilities and other resources more efficiently; also renovate spaces to be more flexible / multi-purpose
- Don't offer every academic program everywhere; instead, offer specialized programs at select schools
- Separate missions for education and research
- Reduce costs of course content by using online offerings

Question 2: How rapidly should we move to online education as an economic solution?

- Is online education an economic solution?
- Should be driven by student demand
- Need to build capacity to develop / deliver online content
- Need to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of online learning and make adjustments for improvement.