

BACKGROUND

The State System universities continue to face enormous cost pressures and—like other public universities across the nation—have struggled for the better part of a decade with lagging state funding and declining enrollment. Many of our universities are feeling the twin effects of both. Responding to unprecedented challenges, the Board of Governors has launched an in-depth Strategic System Review of how the 14 universities and the Office of the Chancellor operate. The Board has approached this review with no preconceptions on the outcome. Our goal is to find solutions that are right for Pennsylvania.

PROGRESS REPORT:

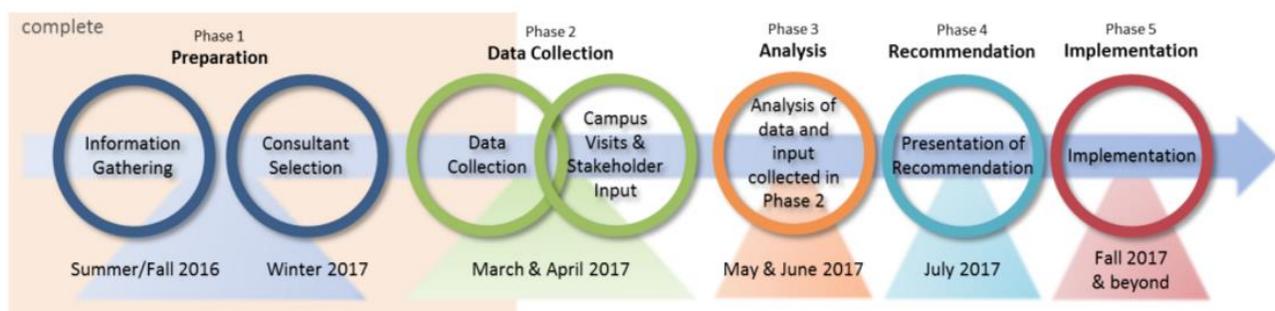
Consultant scheduled to visit every State System university

The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) is assisting the Board of Governors with the Strategic Review. NCHEMS will visit each of the 14 State System universities during the month of April. At these day-long sessions, they will gather input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other stakeholders. The team from NCHEMS also is making efforts to meet with elected leaders in Harrisburg and with university trustees. The review is expected to conclude this summer, after which NCHEMS will provide its recommendations to the Board of Governors.

Website launched

NCHEMS has launched a webpage to ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to track the progress of the Strategic System Review and to provide input along the way. On the website, users can see an overall timeline for the process and see a status marker for where the team is on that timeline. There are also details available for what has happened to-date and a web form through which anyone can offer input directly to NCHEMS during the data collection phase of the study.

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