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MEMORANDUM

TAB A

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Strategic plan follow up: Measuring Access goal

At its November 2020 meeting, the Student Affairs Committee adopted the following goal for the Access priority in the Board's strategic plan:

Increase the college-going rate of underrepresented groups by %% by 2025.

For the purposes of this goal, USHE proposes underrepresented groups be defined as:

1. Students facing economic barriers/low-income
2. Students of color who have been historically underrepresented in higher education

Strategies toward this goal will focus on students facing economic barriers, as well as students of color from the following demographic populations: African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, and Pacific Islander.

While USHE recognizes many other underrepresented populations exist, and there are limitations in current data as well as barriers to students being able and/or willing to self-identify, it is proposed that the Board place a specific focus on closing gaps for the above populations for the duration of the strategic plan.

USHE institutional research will present further data on these populations as well as a specific numeric goal at the February 2021 Student Affairs Committee meeting.

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item only; no action is required.