

ARG: PHILSOPHY AND VALUES

BRAINSTORMING

- Each group member, in turn, contributes or passes.
- The recorder writes down each contribution on a flip chart.
- Brainstorming ends when each person passes.
- Generate as many ideas as possible.

Guidelines
No discussion during brainstorming.
Every idea is a good idea.
Scaffolding is encouraged.

ROLE ASSIGNMENTS

- Recorder
- Timekeeper
- Direction giver

STATEMENT: LUMINA FOUNDATION

- Today the United States ranks only 10th in the percentage of the young adult population with college degrees.
- According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), rates of college degree attainment are increasing in almost every OECD country faster than in the United States.
- The gap will continue to widen unless the United States significantly improves rates of both college participation and completion, particularly for groups who have traditionally been underrepresented in higher education.

BRAINSTORMING QUESTION

- What can the university or an individual do to improve the rate of degree attainment?

TIME: 6 minutes

REPORT OUT

GRASSROOTS EFFORTS

- Volunteer to help in K-12 outreach programs
- Help other students succeed
- Inform others about research opportunities
- Encourage other students to be involved in departmental and national activities/conferences

Grassroots efforts are important and complement local, regional, and national initiatives.

ARG GOALS

Develop students' skills and engage students in experiences that will provide them the ability to be successful in their current and advanced studies, research, and the workforce.

AFFINITY RESEARCH GROUP MODEL

- Integration of diverse students
- Cooperative group interaction
- Deliberate and intentional development of skills
- Support structure
- Best practices

Expand participation by recruiting students who may not normally be involved in research

CORE VALUES OF AN ARG

- **Student Success:** An ARG values the deliberate development of skills in each student to ensure their success.
- **Cooperation:** An ARG values cooperation in all interactions, including mutual respect of opinions and ideas of all members, promotive interaction, positive interdependence, and individual accountability.
- **Excellence:** An ARG values excellence and strives to achieve it in all its actions.