# Factors Influencing Higher Education Resource Allocation

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## Witt/Kieffer Survey of College & University Presidents

"We want our CFO to spend less time overseeing routine campus operations and more time specifically focusing on the larger issues of planning and assessing costs, efficiencies, and expenditures."

- University President



## Witt/Kieffer Survey of College & University Presidents

- In-depth data collection and interpretation
- Quantitative support for strategic planning
- Distinguished institutions will be those that project quality and commitment with metrics and data to support



## **The New Environment**





Institutional Mission
Goals & Objectives
Public Policy Mandates

**Accountability** 

**Communicate Results** 

**Demonstrate Value** 

**Inform Policy & Priorities** 

Performance
Measurement and
Benchmarking

**Strategic Performance Management System** 

**Results/Outcomes** 

Performance Improvement

**Organizational Learning** 

Informed Decision-Making

**Resource Allocation** 

**Actions** 



# **Impact**

73.2% improved decision making

**67.4%** improved institutional outcomes



## **Cost Metrics and Benchmarking**

- Cost of Instruction (Educational Spending)
- Educational Spending per Degree Granted
- Tuition-Spending (vs. cost-shifting)
- Student Share of Spending (vs. subsidy share)

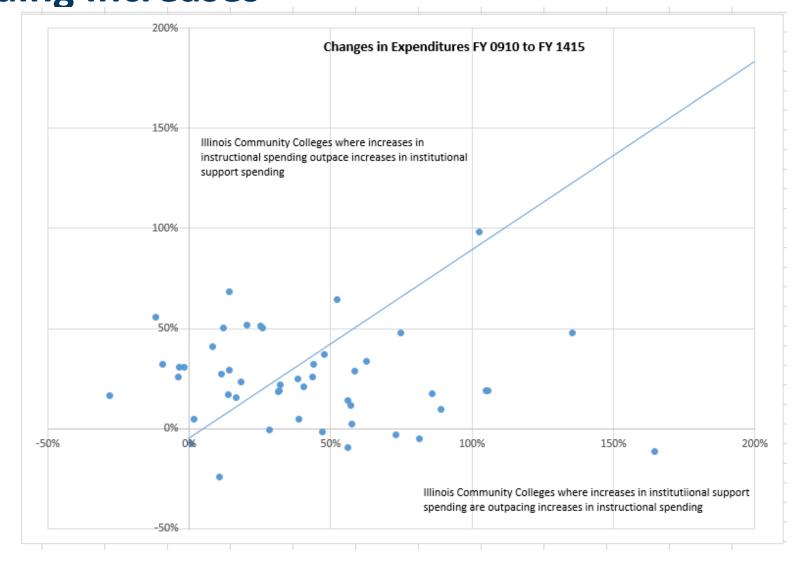


#### **Cost Metrics**

- Direct instruction expense per Student Credit Unit/Hour
- Direct instruction expense per FTES
- Education & Related cost per FTE student
- Education & General cost per FTE student
- % increase in instructional spending vs. institutional support spending



Instructional Spending Increases vs. Institutional Support Spending Increases





# **Definition of Success / Goals**

- Consistent interpretation of data
- Understand what factors drive expenditures
- Challenge assumptions
- Alignment of expenditures with core mission and strategic priorities
- Foster meaningful and open
- Data is shared across functional silos and units



# What others have experienced

- Improved analysis, forecasting and planning
- Cost savings from strategic investment
- Identification of cost efficiencies in improving operations
- Healthier operating reserve
- Identified new ways of providing services
- Rationalizes when cuts do need to be made; avoided prorata cuts



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