

*Trends and Issues in Higher Education
Policy: Topics for Discussion*

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Some Important Trends in Higher Education

- Shift of Focus of Higher Education Policy
 - From Building Institutions and Institutional Capacity
 - To an Inclusion of a “Public Agenda” and Use of Higher Education Capacity to Achieve Public Purposes

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Some Important Trends in Higher Education (cont.)

- Shift in Focus of Accountability

- From Finance
- To Performance

- Shift of Financial Burden

- From States
- To Students

Related Topics

- Affordability
 - To Students
 - To States

- Efficacy of Market Mechanisms as a Substitute for Public Policy

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Related Topics (cont.)

- Experimentation with New Forms of Relationships Between State Government and Higher Education
 - Privatization
 - Charter Universities
 - Etc.