I. Institutional Leadership, Oversight & Accountability

1. For each university, how would an institutional board specifically improve student success, and advance regional/state interests relative to alternative governance structures? What is the specific benefit?

2. Can the university recruit a high-caliber board to provide appropriate leadership, oversight, and accountability?

3. Does the university have a realistic transition plan to implement an institutional board by July 1, 2015? How does this compare to a small system scenario, in which a small central administration and revamped TRU Board provide oversight?

II. Fiscal Implications

1. For each university, what are the incremental organizational costs (board, staff, and outsourced) directly attributable to institutional boards?

2. For each university, what are the incremental revenues (philanthropy, corporate partnerships, research, state appropriations, etc.) directly attributable to institutional boards?

3. What are the net incremental costs/savings directly attributable to institutional boards?

4. How do the net incremental costs/savings affect the university’s financial sustainability?

III. Institutional Mission & Identity

1. Under an institutional board, would the university be able to develop and implement a mission aligned with state and regional objectives? Is the campus’ current mission adequately developed in preparation for a transition?

2. Is there evidence an institutional board would substantially benefit esprit de corps community sense of ownership, and ability to attract students, faculty, and strategic partners?