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Critical Issues in United States Higher Education: The Roles of Tenure, Finance, and Access in Defining Academic Excellence



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Abstract: This presentation discusses the overall structure of United States higher education and addresses urgent issues that present both challenges and opportunities. Three critical issues will be discussed, both individually and as each influences the others. The first issue discussed will be a tenure system for academic staff that alternatively ensures and constrains academic excellence. The second issue reviewed will be recent shifts in the funding of higher education that both require and limit innovation. The third issue considered will be the imperative of higher education in the United States to address broader community needs, including those related to equity and access. The presentation concludes with a synthesis of the critical issues by considering the question: How can administrators, scholars, and policy makers ensure academic excellence that leads to a mutually beneficial relationship between postsecondary education and the larger society in which it exists?

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