

# Rutgers Strategic Planning Survey to Retired Faculty and Staff

Compendium of findings May 2013

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#### Context

During the winter of 2012-2013, Rutgers launched a survey to assess the perspectives of retired faculty and staff related to the strategic planning effort.

The survey to the retired faculty and staff addressed topics such as:

- Level of change required
- Importance and performance of teaching, research, and service, the three elements of the mission
- Importance and performance of various goals

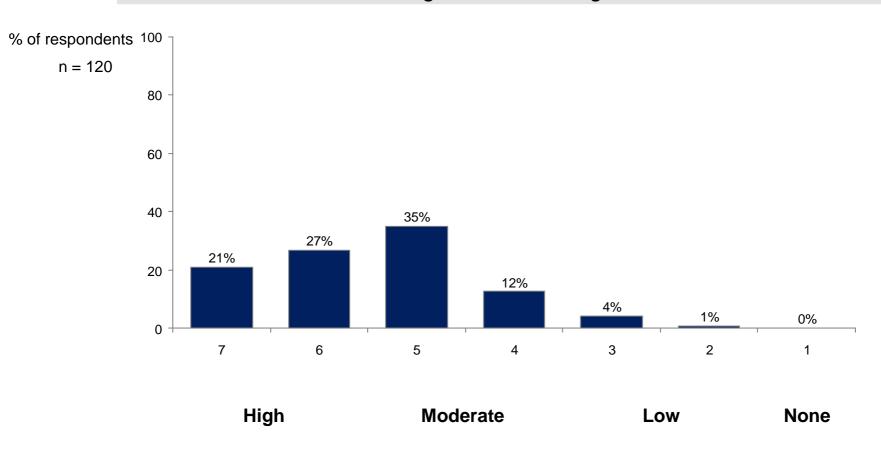
#### The contents of the following report include the results of the survey

- Survey distributed to a representative sample of 418 retired faculty and staff
- Overall response rate: 37% (154 responses)



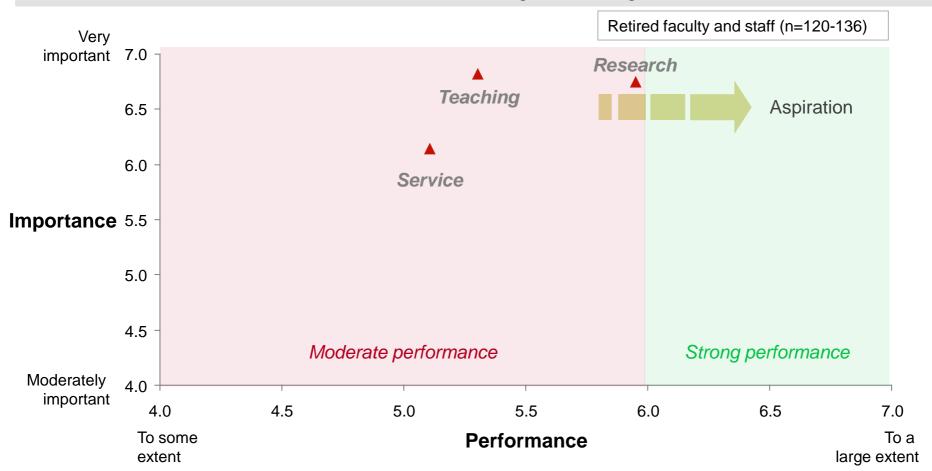
#### Perception of level of change needed for future success

Given the current mission of Rutgers, what degree of change do you feel is required for Rutgers to achieve its goals?



# Rated importance vs. performance of each element of the mission, by campus: Teaching, Research, Service

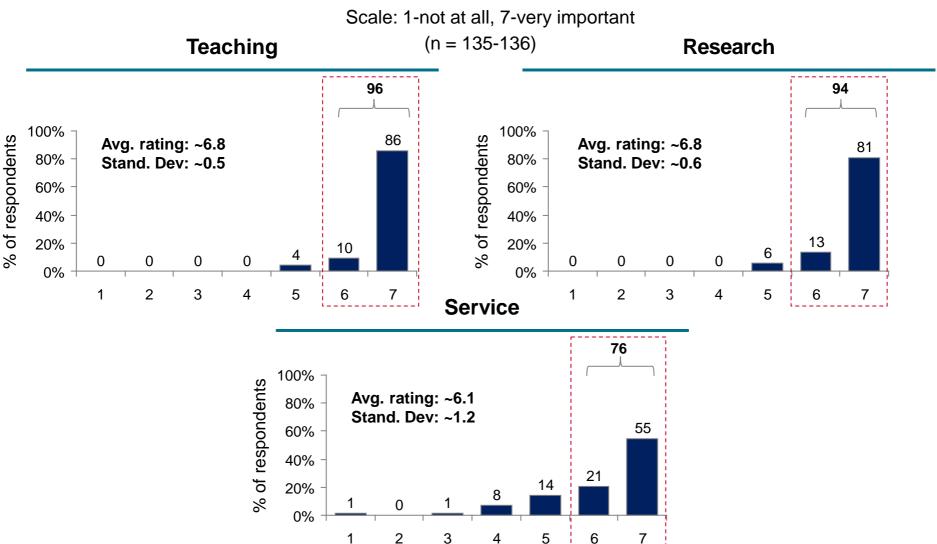
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Survey questions: Importance-Please rate the importance of each element in Rutgers' mission to the future success of the university; Performance-Please rate the extent to which Rutgers is fulfilling each element of its mission

Source: Rutgers Strategic Plan: Survey to retired faculty and staff, Spring 2013, BCG analysis

#### Importance rating distribution for elements of the mission

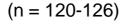


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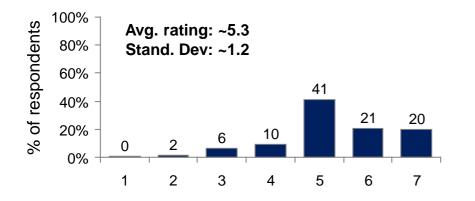
#### Performance rating distribution for elements of the mission

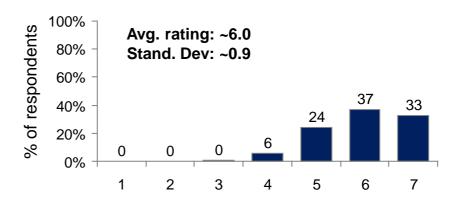
Scale: 1-not at all, 7-to a large extent

**Teaching** 

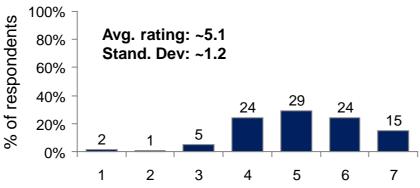


Research



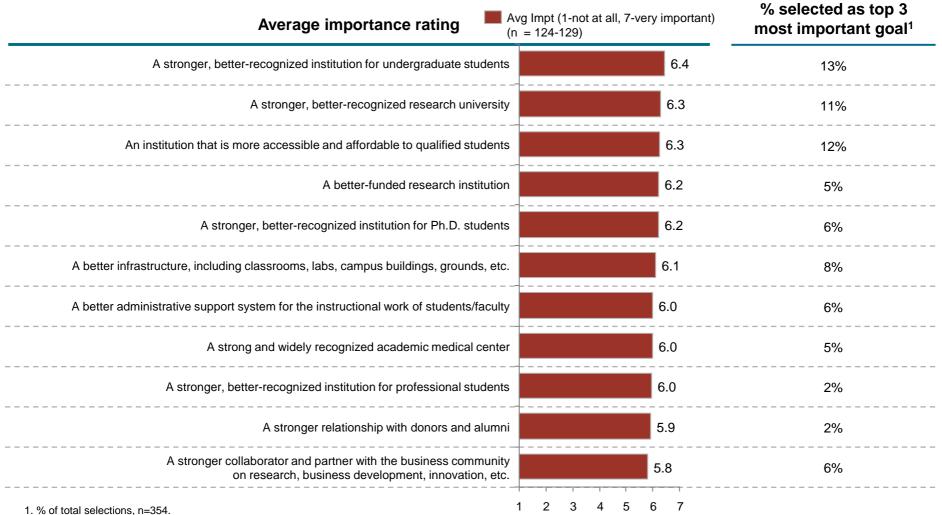


#### **Service**





#### Average importance rating for each of 22 goals (I)

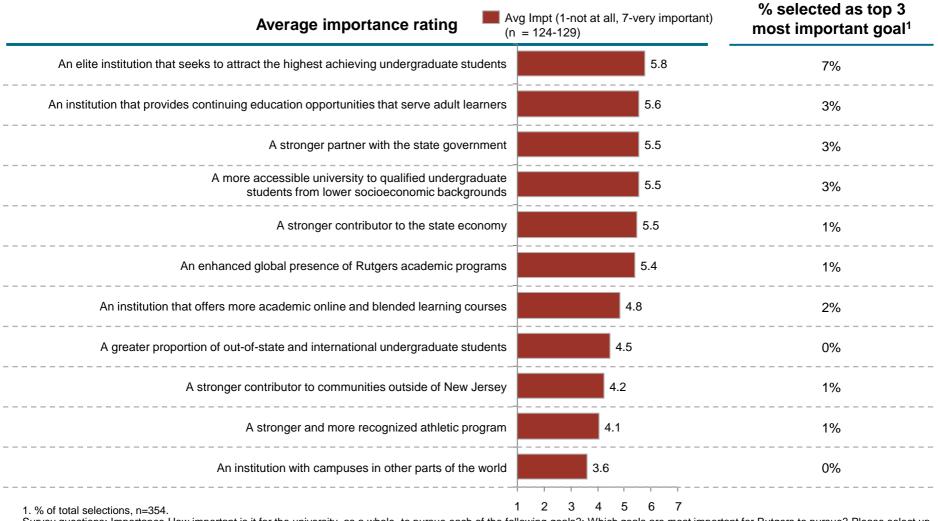


Survey questions: Importance-How important is it for the university, as a whole, to pursue each of the following goals?; Which goals are most important for Rutgers to pursue? Please select up to three goals.

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#### Average importance rating for each of 22 goals (II)

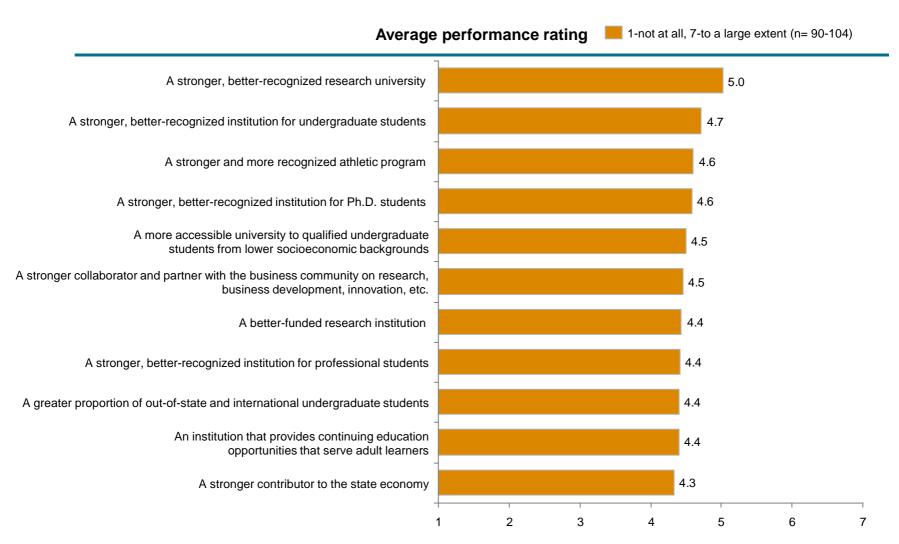


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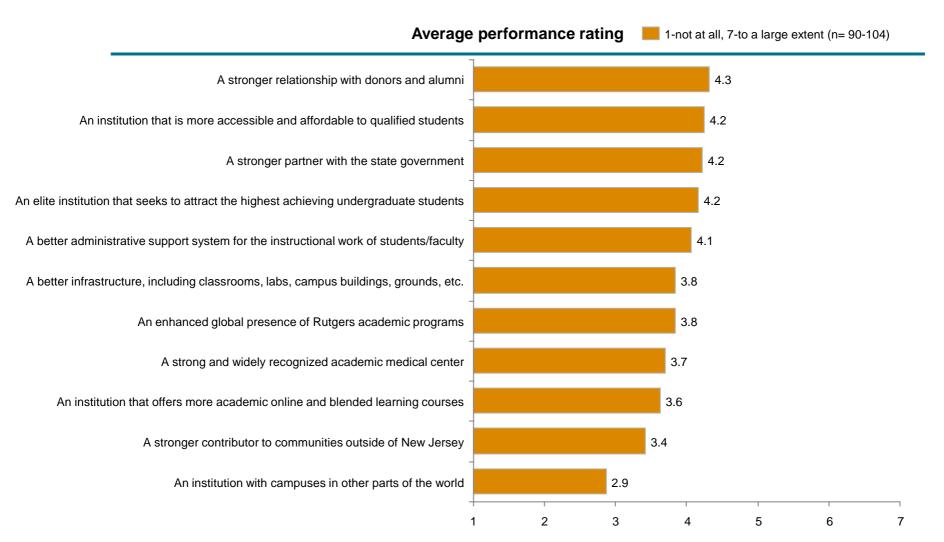


#### Average performance rating for each of the 22 goals (I)





#### Average performance rating for each of the 22 goals (II)



#### **Appendix**



#### Backup: Importance rating for the university goals

Average importance rating:		Standard	
(1-not at all, 7-very important) n=124-129		error <sup>1</sup>	Standard dev
A stronger, better-recognized institution for undergraduate students	6.4	0.12	0.8
A stronger, better-recognized research university	6.3	0.14	0.9
An institution that is more accessible and affordable to qualified students	6.3	0.15	1.0
A better-funded research institution	6.2	0.15	1.0
A stronger, better-recognized institution for Ph.D. students	6.2	0.14	1.0
A better infrastructure, including classrooms, labs, campus buildings, grounds, etc.	6.1	0.15	1.0
A better administrative support system for the instructional work of students/faculty	6.0	0.17	1.2
A strong and widely recognized academic medical center	6.0	0.18	1.2
A stronger, better-recognized institution for professional students	6.0	0.17	1.1
A stronger relationship with donors and alumni	5.9	0.15	1.1
A stronger collaborator and partner with the business community on research, business development, innovation, etc.	5.8	0.18	1.2
An elite institution that seeks to attract the highest achieving undergraduate students	5.8	0.20	1.4
An institution that provides continuing education opportunities that serve adult learners	5.6	0.17	1.2
A stronger partner with the state government	5.5	0.20	1.4
A more accessible university to qualified undergraduate students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds	5.5	0.21	1.4
A stronger contributor to the state economy	5.5	0.20	1.3
An enhanced global presence of Rutgers academic programs	5.4	0.22	1.5
An institution that offers more academic online and blended learning courses	4.8	0.23	1.6
A greater proportion of out-of-state and international undergraduate students	4.5	0.24	1.6
A stronger contributor to communities outside of New Jersey	4.2	0.24	1.6
A stronger and more recognized athletic program	4.1	0.27	1.9
An institution with campuses in other parts of the world	3.6	0.26	1.8

<sup>1.</sup> SE: Standard error. This is defined as: If x is the average value of the sample
(e.g., the measured avg. importance rating for research for the Newark campus), then there is a 90% chance that the true average will fall between x – SE and x + SE.
Survey question: Importance-How important is it for the university, as a whole, to pursue each of the following goals?
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#### Backup: Performance rating for the university goals

Average delivery rating: (1-not at all, 7-to a large extent) n=90-104		Standard error <sup>1</sup>	Standard dev
		0.40	4.4
A stronger, better-recognized research university	5.0	0.19	1.1
A stronger, better-recognized institution for undergraduate students	4.7	0.21	1.3
A stronger and more recognized athletic program	4.6	0.28	1.7
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(e.g., the measured avg. importance rating for research for the Newark campus), then there is a 90% chance that the true average will fall between x – SE and x + SE. Survey question: To what extent is Rutgers already delivering on these goals?
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