Showcasing Graduate Education at Local, State, and National Levels: Lessons Learned
Local Initiatives

- Graduate Research at Eastern
  - Capitol Rotunda Springfield

- Graduate Study & Research at Eastern
  - Illinois State Fair

- Graduate Research Video Showcase
  - Campus, Local Legislators, Partners, YouTube

- Journal of Achievement & Alumni Awards
  - Copies to legislators

The Graduate School
Eastern Illinois University
Showcasing Student Research and Creative Activity
Showcasing Alumni Achievement
Lessons Learned

- Print Showcase Documents
  - Share during hill visits

- Video Showcases
  - Preserved and shared
  - Available around the world
  - Can be easily shared with legislators and partners
  - Compelling to “meet” the researcher
State & National Initiatives

- Illinois Association of Graduate Schools
- Traditions
  - Annual Fall Conference
  - State Legislative Panels
  - National Legislative Panels
  - Campus Locations
Illinois Summit: The Path Forward

- Introduction: James Wimbush
- The Path Forward Video
- Legislative Panel
- Business & Industry Panel
- University Leaders Panel
- Concluding Remarks
- Videotaped
Legislative Lessons Learned

- Supported the PF Recommendations
  - Funding for new initiatives
  - Funding for existing programs
  - Improvements/changes in visa process

- Willingness to Promote Support for Areas Outlined in the Report

- Willingness to work on the Hill for Support

- Identification of Past Support
Business/Industry Lessons Learned

- Supported the PF Recommendations
  - Partnerships for financial support
  - Partnerships for underrepresented participation
  - Skills for future jobs

- Affirmed Importance of
  - Current commitments to graduate education
  - Strengthening university collaborations
  - An educated workforce
  - Fine arts & humanities
University Panel Lessons Learned

- Affirmed Support for PF Recommendations
  - Completion rates
  - Master’s rigor
  - Non-academic pathways

- Shared These Issues
  - Impressive degree completion programs
  - Resistance of faculty to non-academic pathways
  - Critical importance of rigor
Actions Post Summit

- Hill visits
- Electronic letters with links to Print Showcase and Video Showcase
- Letters highlighting constituent achievements
- Fall 2011 Follow-up Summit
Value to Graduate Study at EIU

- Contributions of graduate study to local and state economy
- President/Provost promote the graduate enterprise as essential to EIU
- College deans see Graduate Dean as a conduit for securing resources in their colleges
Value to the Graduate Dean

- The Graduate School
  - A tool for local, state and national recognition
  - A pathway for increasing access to quality
  - An asset for acquiring resources
  - A repository of expertise for addressing challenges