

state's minority populations and lower income groups, two-year colleges are the only portal of entry to the University System of Georgia. Without this access, many Georgia students will be denied a USG education.

3. Low Transference between Community College Systems and Four-Year Institutions:

The Tough Choices or Tough Times committee has not produced evidence demonstrating

5. Expense

Mergers in academe have never been shown to decrease costs. The merging of two institutions with two disparate cultures and missions would increase expenses since an entirely “new” system would have to be created.

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leaves the door open for the wholesale merging of duplicative services across the board between **two disparate institutions**. Once colleges start eliminating classes from one institution and administrators from another, they approach a merger.