

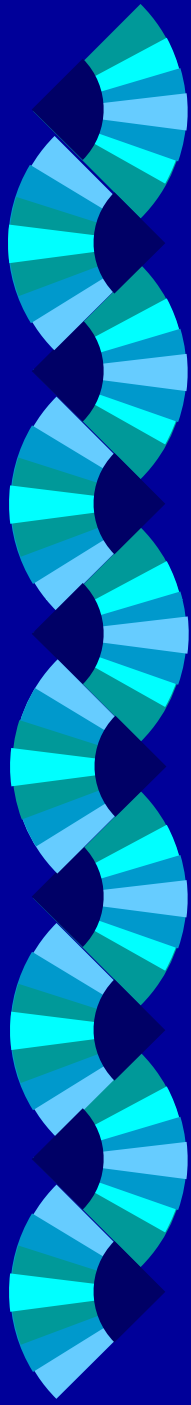
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Board of Trustees  
Academic Affairs Committee  
November 9, 2004



# Purpose of Academic Plan

- ⇒ **Meet the expectations of the students and state for a world-class university**
- ⇒ **Provide an educational experience that is unrivalled in its cost-benefit ratio**
- ⇒ **Accelerate Connecticut's 'Brain Gain'**
- ⇒ **Enhance the quality of the state's workforce**
- ⇒ **Strengthen the scientific/technological infrastructure of Connecticut's economy**

# Purpose of Metrics

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- ⇒ **Ability to compare UConn with peer institutions in a clear and concise fashion**
  - ⇒ **Identification of factors which characterize the University's success in meeting its academic goals**
  - ⇒ **Provides the basis for a consistent resource allocation model**
  - ⇒ **Serves as a guide for reallocation and hiring decisions at all levels**



# Implementation of Focused Metrics

## ⇒ Undergraduate Education

- ↪ Freshmen Average SAT
- ↪ 6 Year Graduation Rate
- ↪ Student/Faculty Ratio

## ⇒ Research & Graduate/Professional Education

- ↪ Doctoral Degrees Awarded
- ↪ Post Doctoral Appointees
- ↪ External Research Expenditures

## ⇒ Diversity

- ↪ Minority 6 Year Graduation Rate
- ↪ Faculty: % Underrepresented

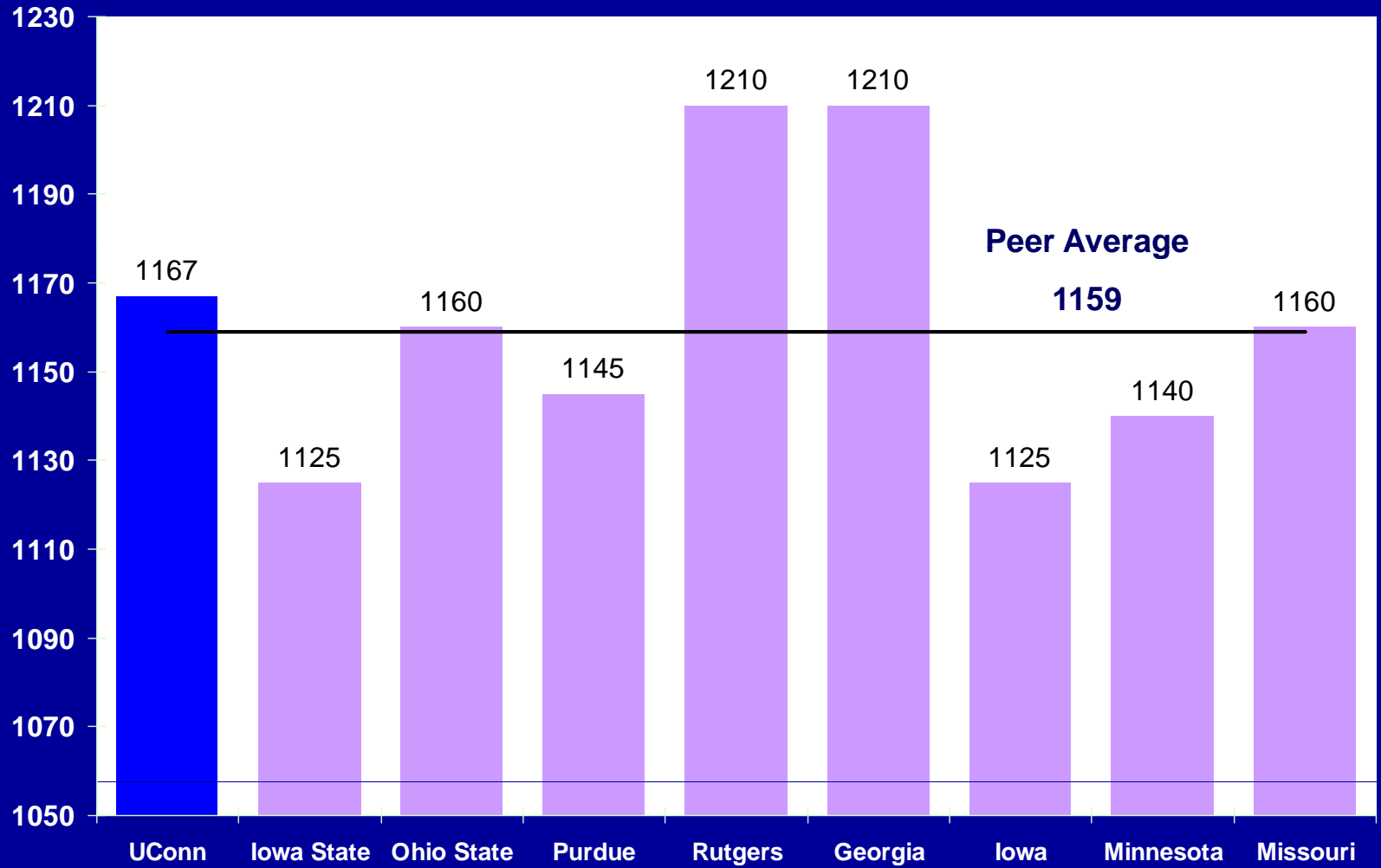
## ⇒ Resources

- ↪ Endowment Assets Market Value
- ↪ Alumni Giving Rate

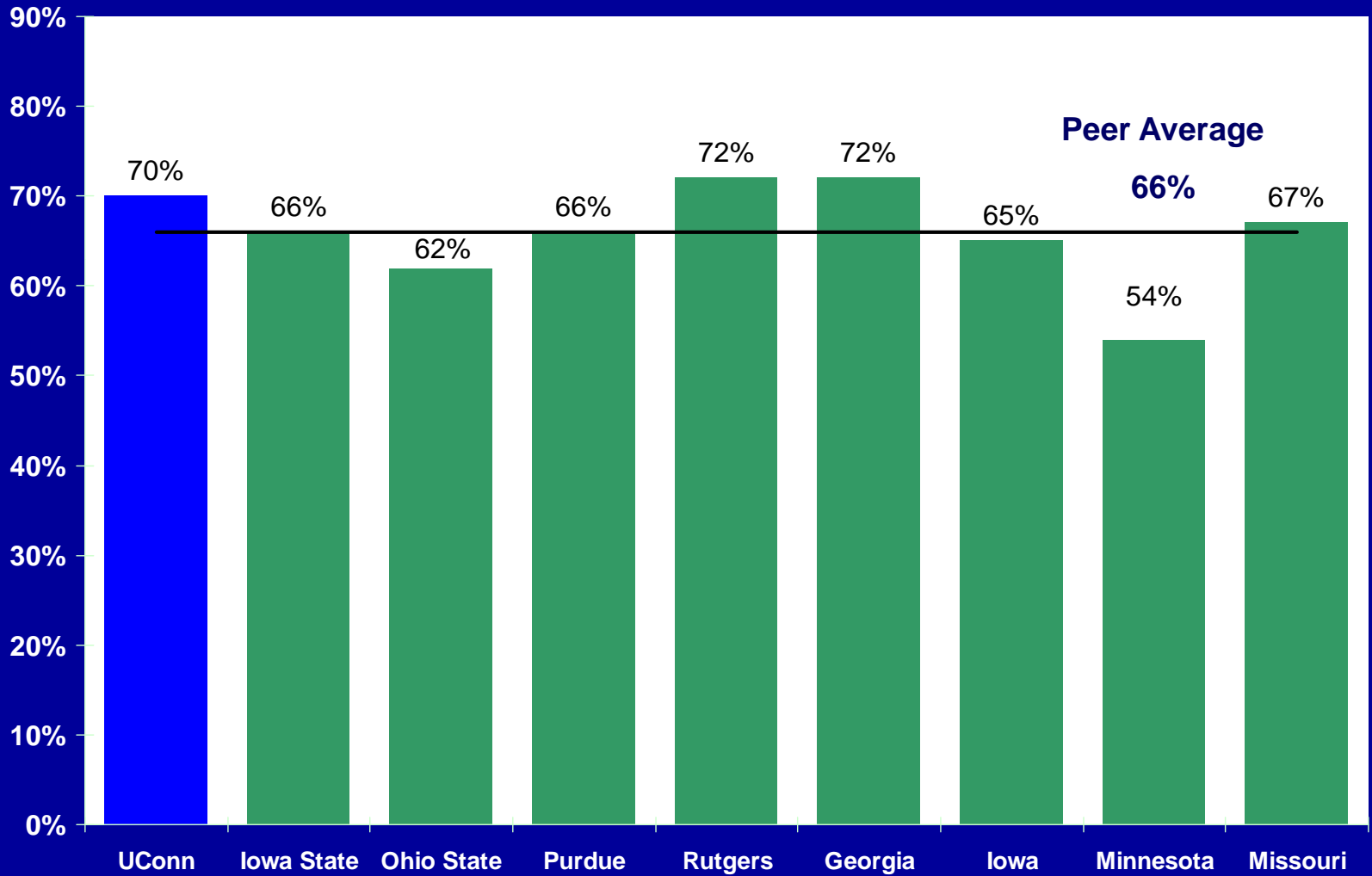
## ⇒ Reputation: Public National University Rank

# Freshmen Average SAT

## Fall 2003 (Storrs)

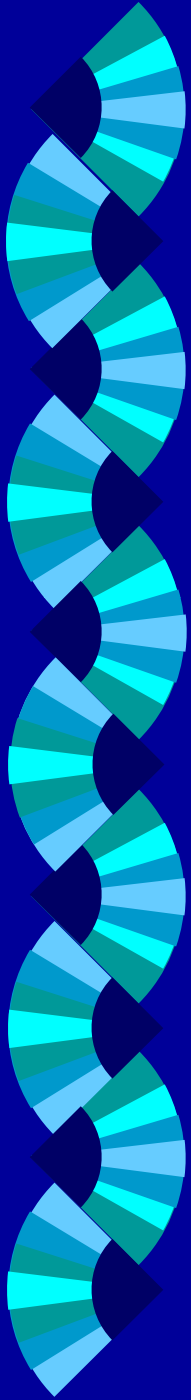
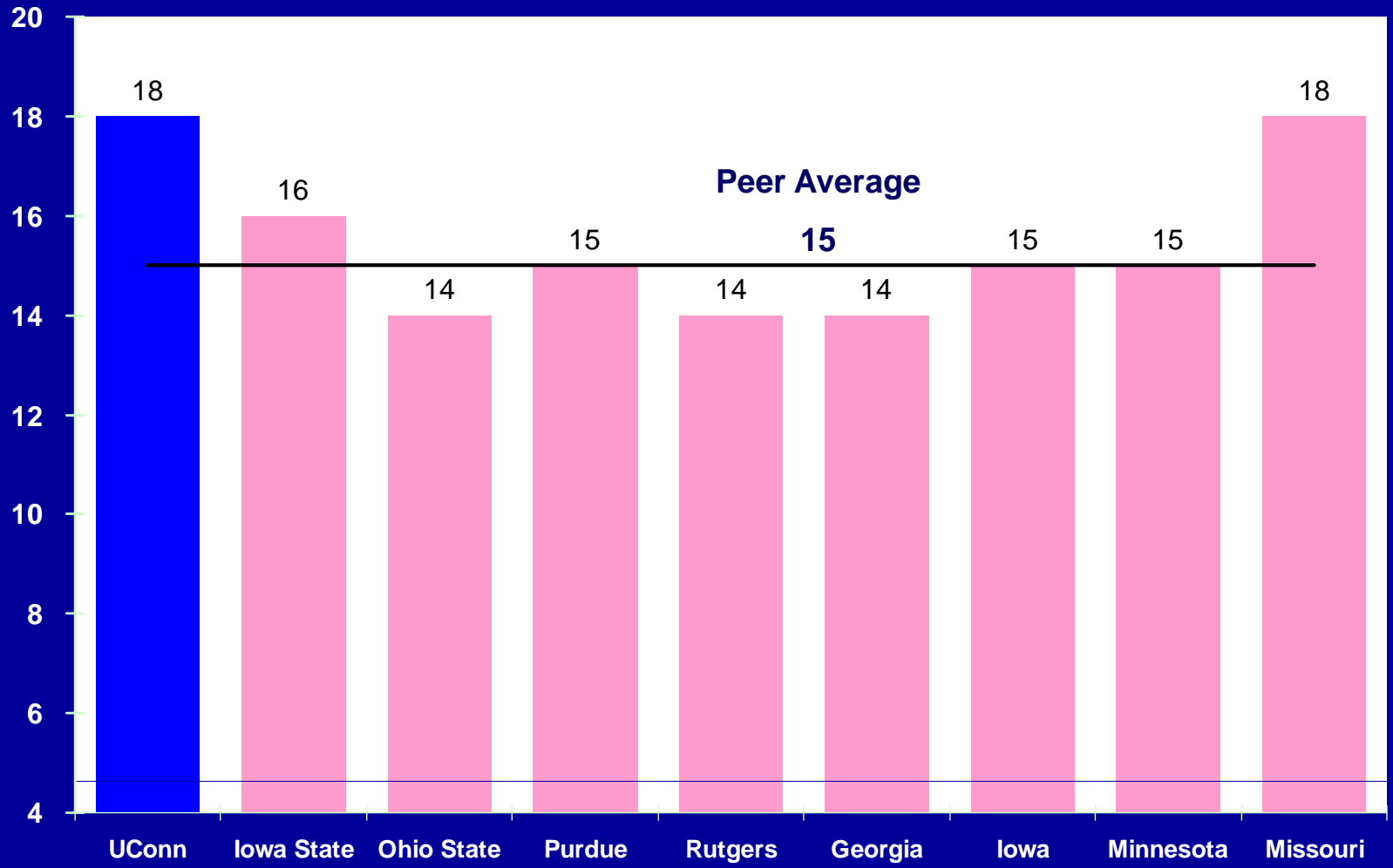


# 6 Year Graduation Rate Fall 2003 (Storrs)

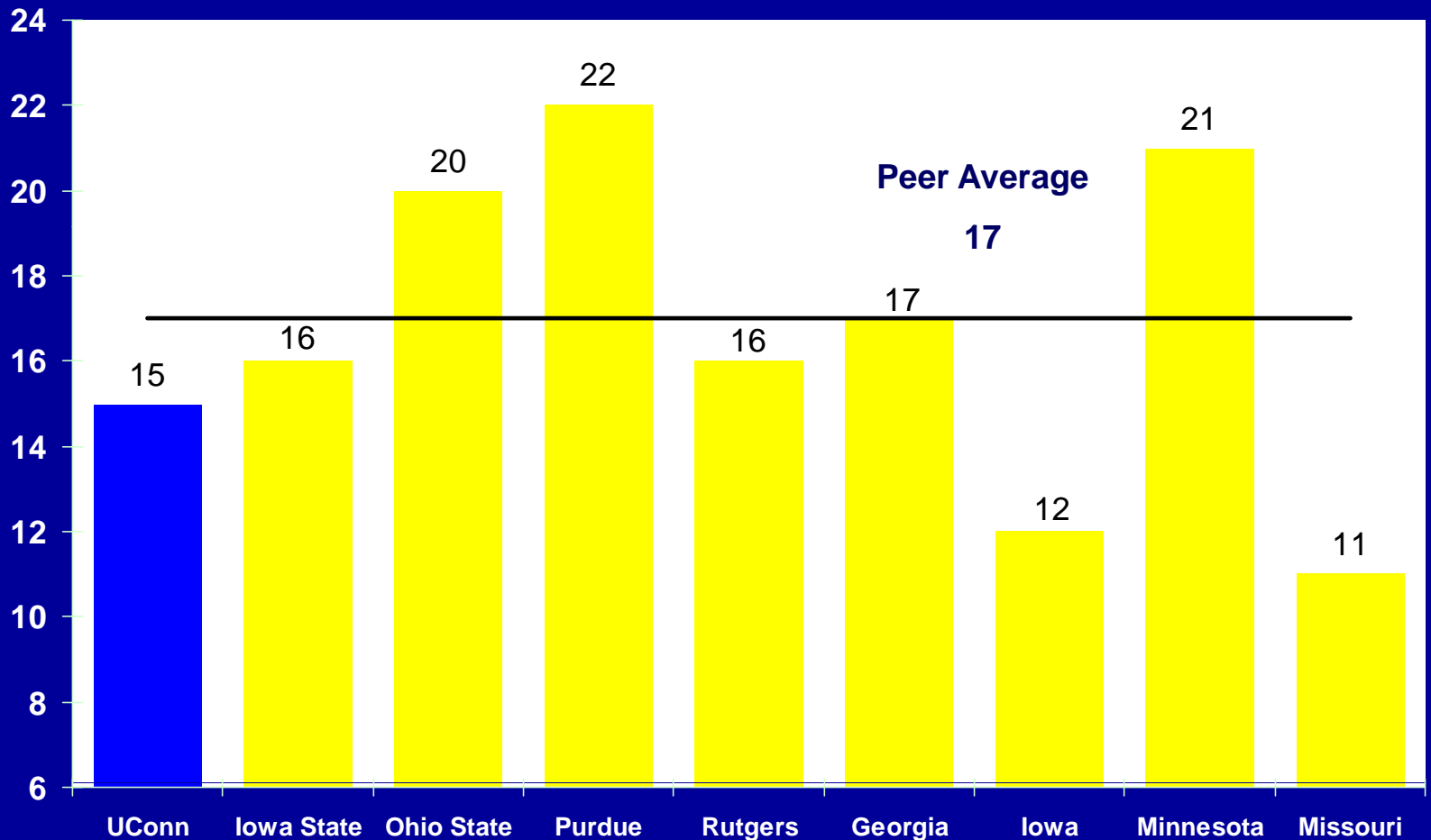


# Student / Faculty Ratio

## Fall 2003



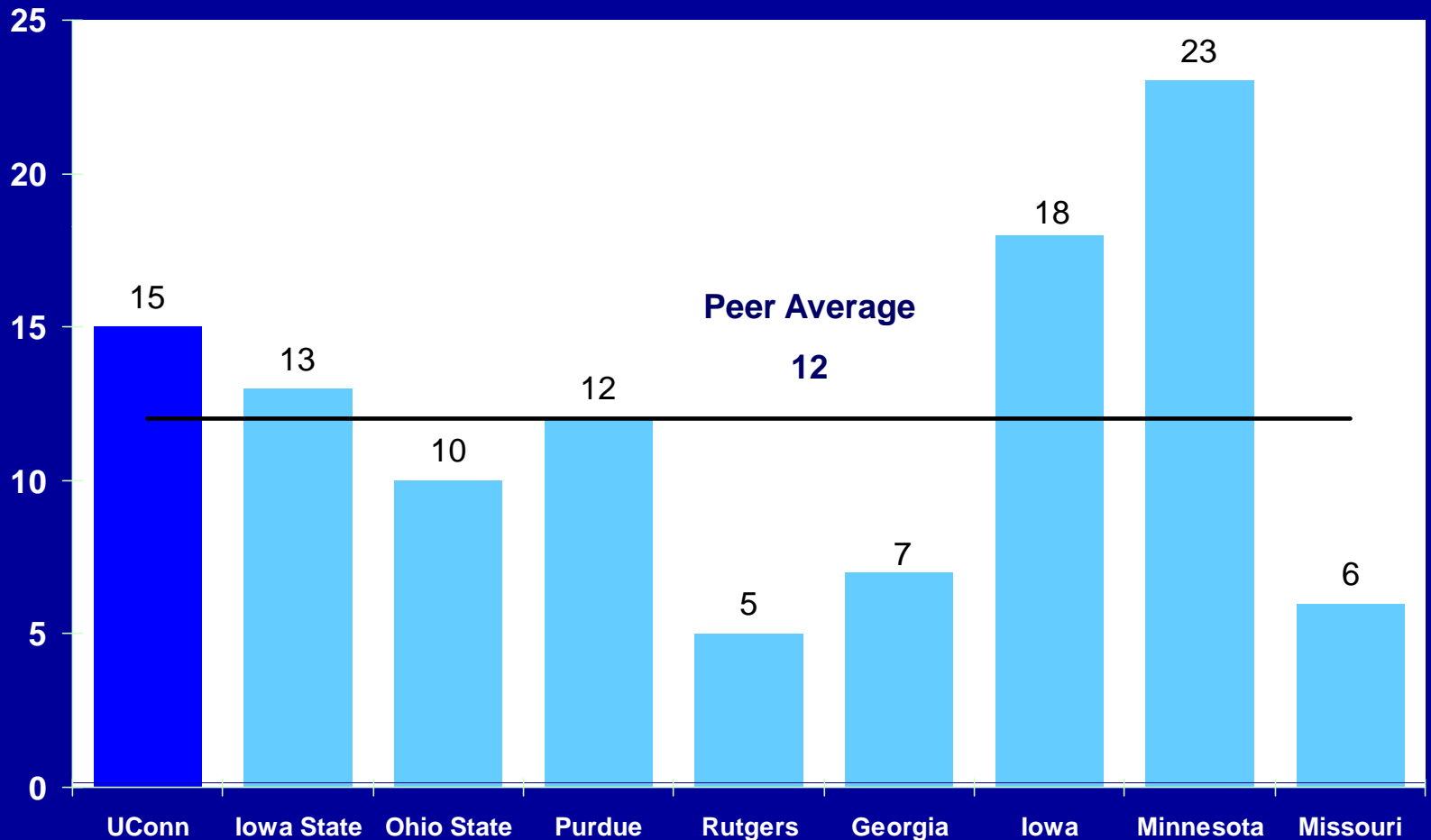
# Doctoral Degrees Awarded FY 2003



Doctoral Degrees Awarded / 100 Faculty

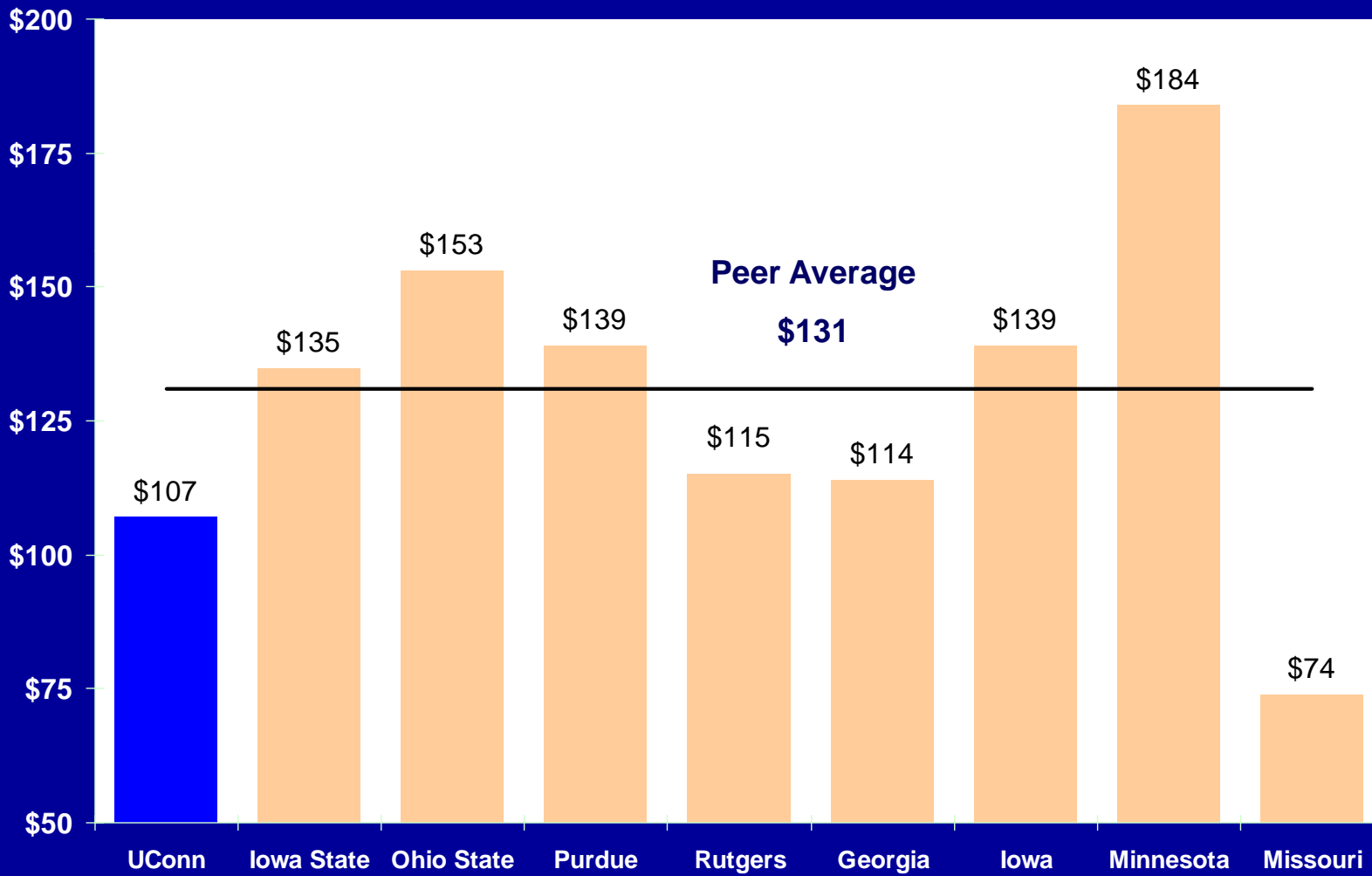


# Post Doctoral Appointees Fall 2001



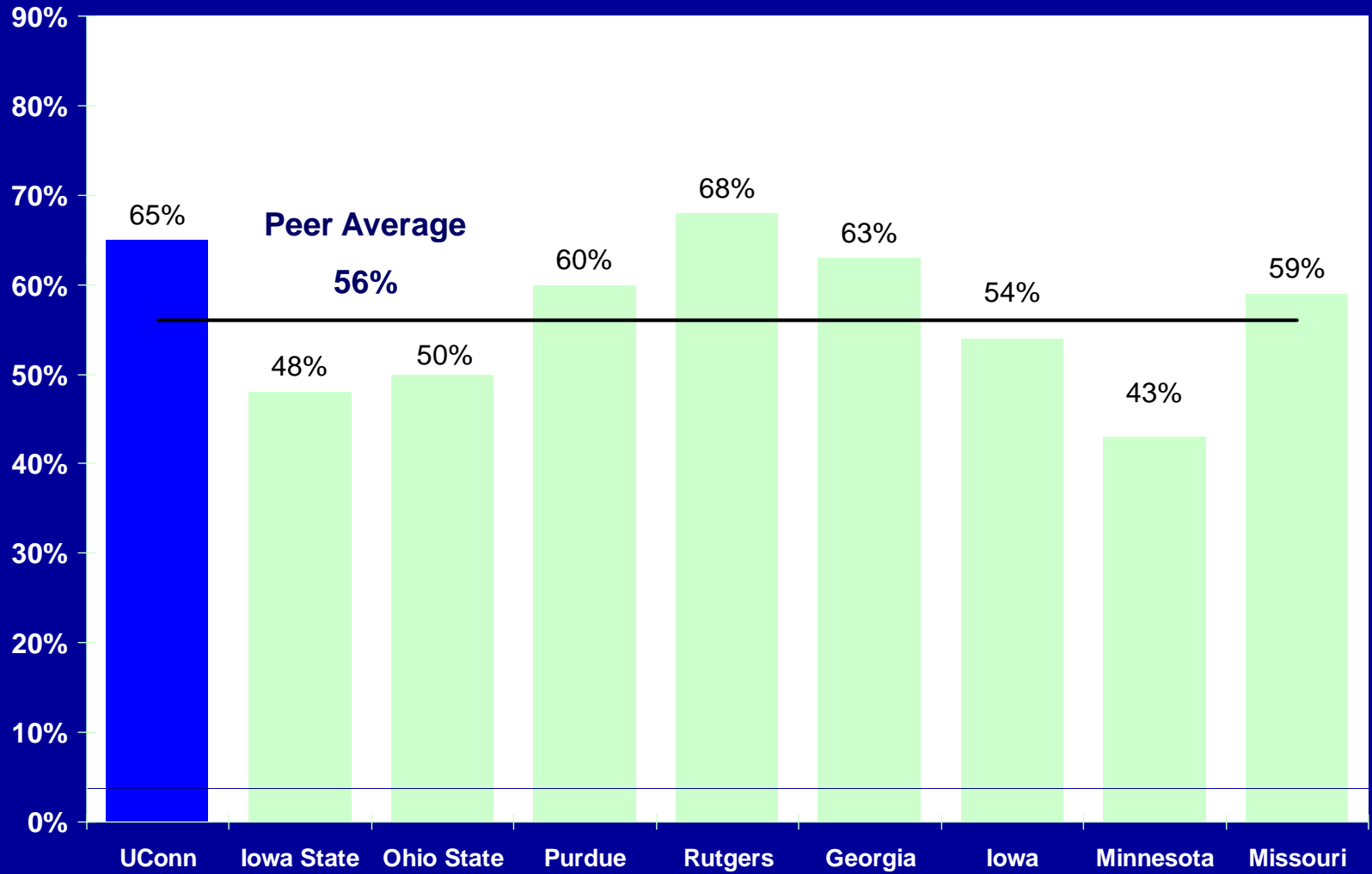
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# External Research Expenditures FY 2002 (\$K)



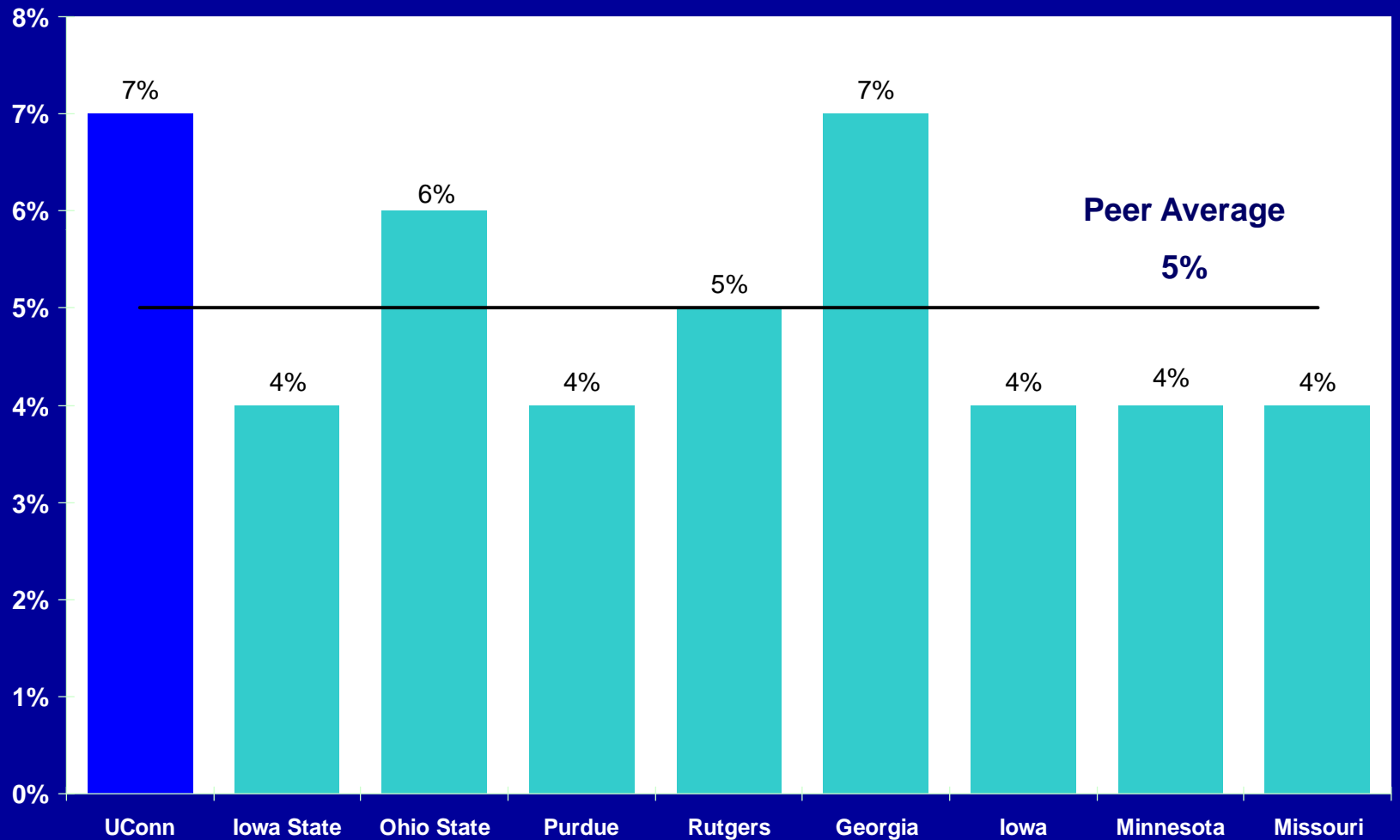
External Research Expenditures / 100 Faculty

# 6 Year Minority Graduation Rate Fall 2002 (Storrs)

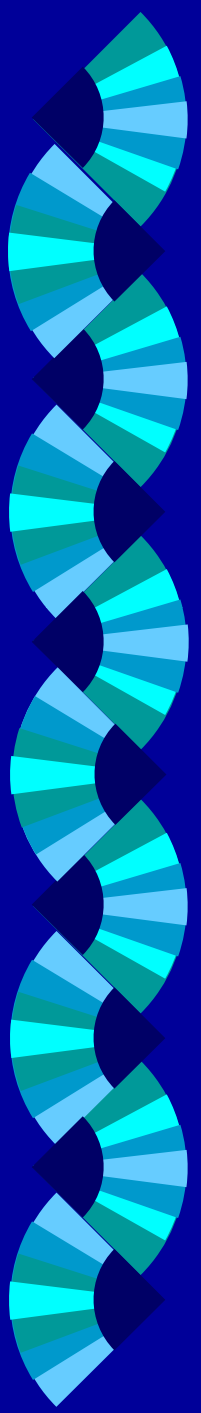
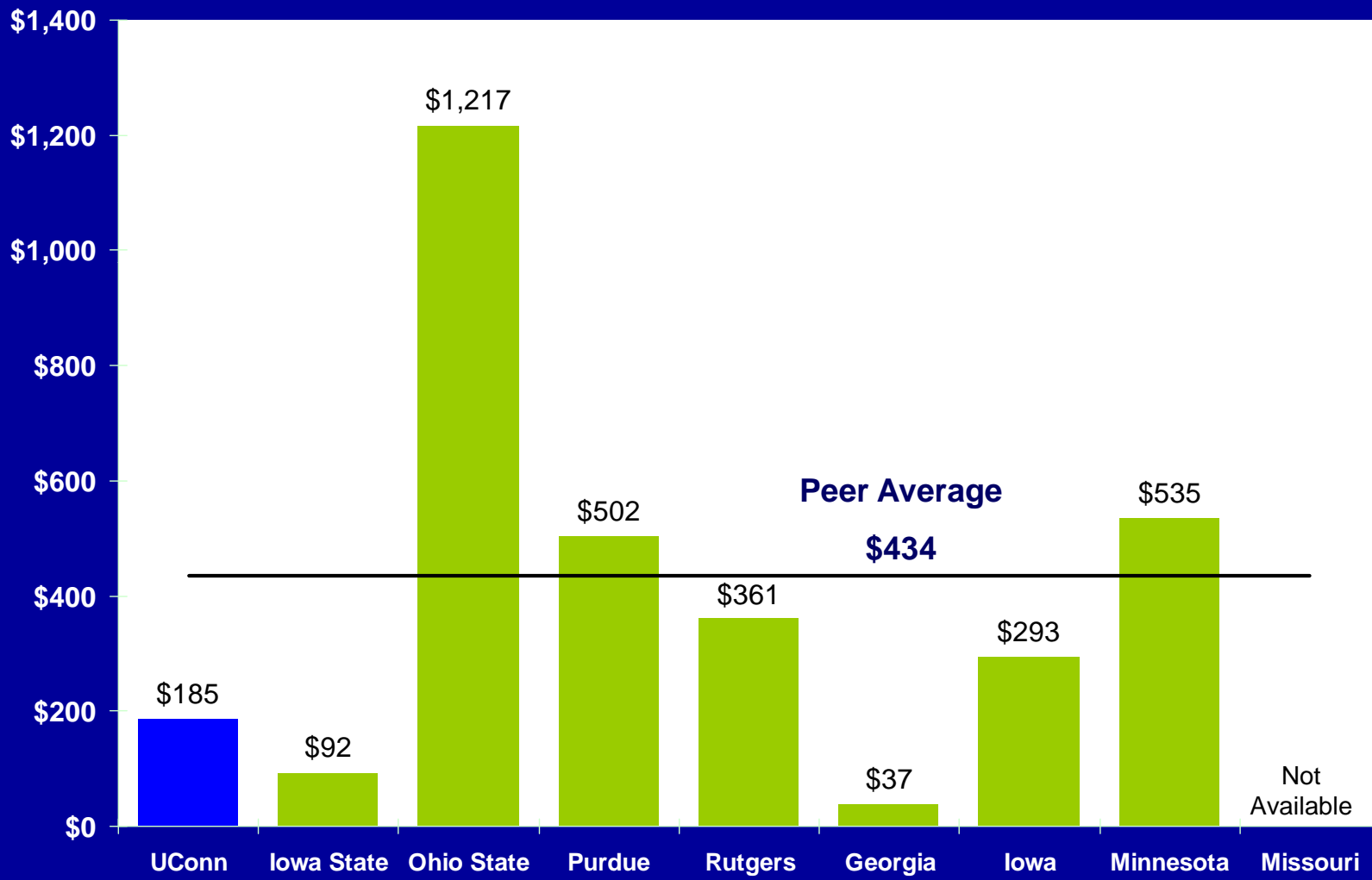


# Faculty: % Underrepresented

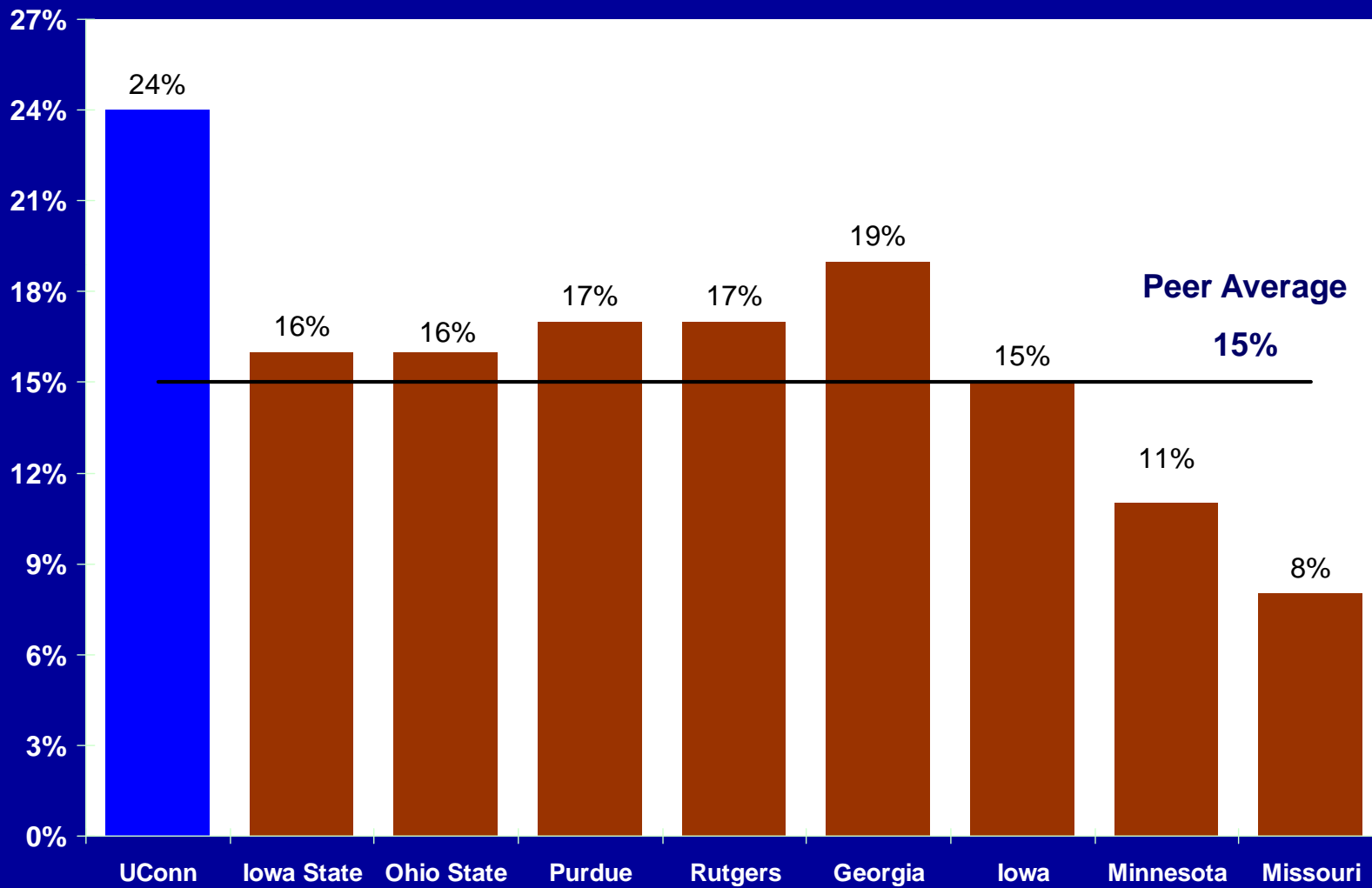
## Fall 2003 (Storrs)



# Endowment Assets Market Value FY 2003 (\$M)

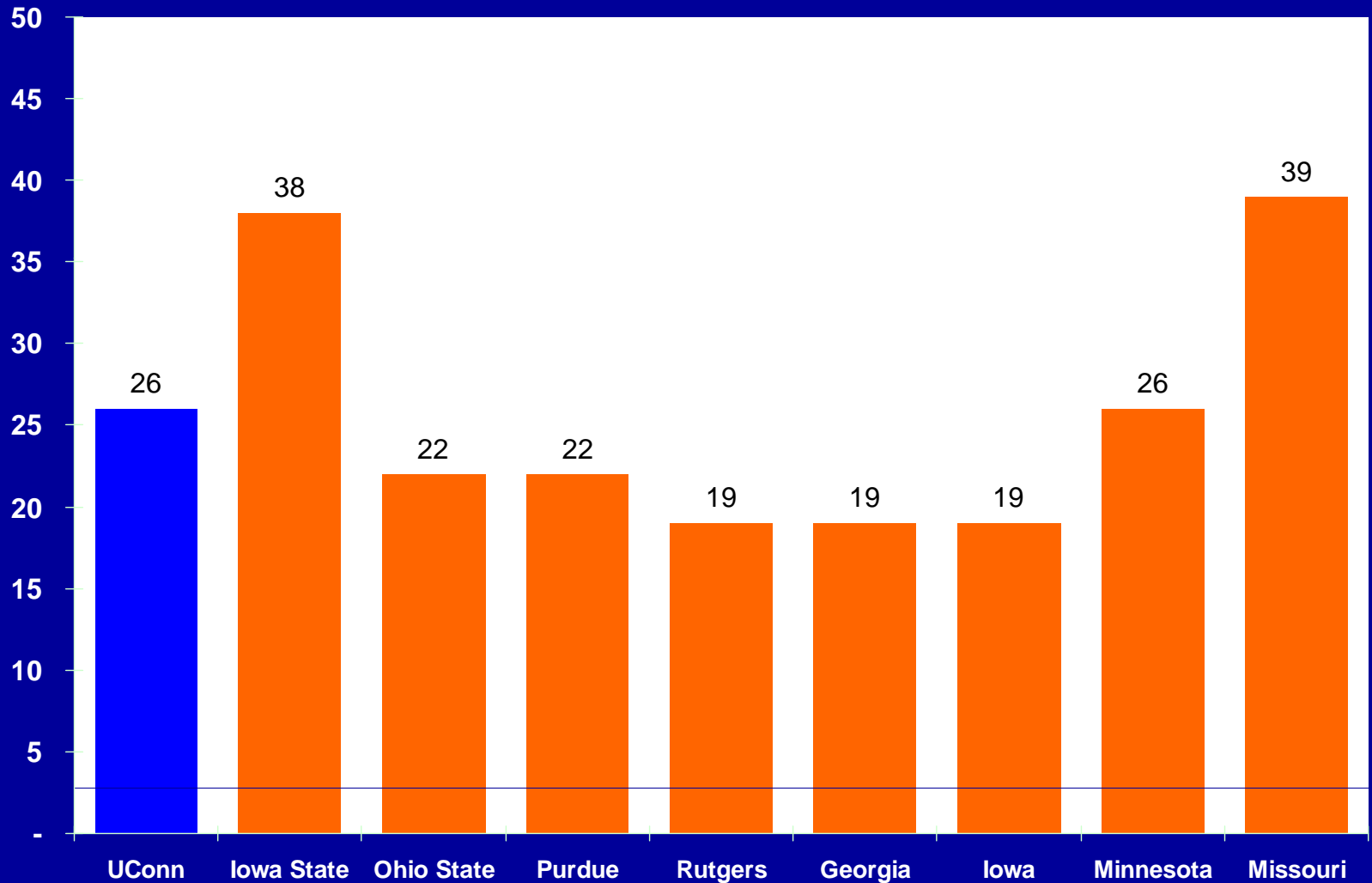


# Alumni Giving Rate FY 2002-2003 (Storrs)



# America's Best Colleges

## Fall 2003 (Storrs)



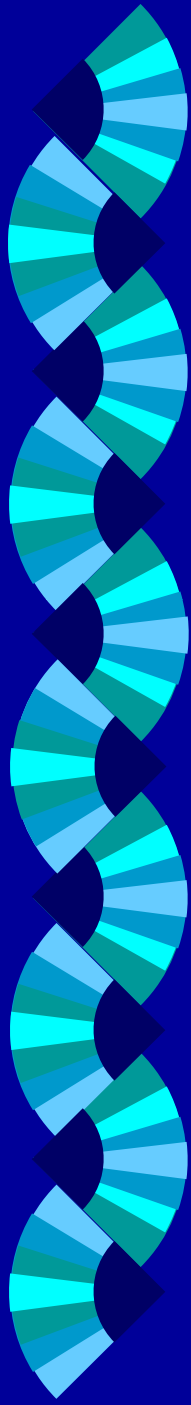
Rank Among Top 50 Public National Universities

# 3 Year Goals

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- ⇒ **Freshmen Average SAT - Rank 3rd**
  - ⇒ **6 Year Grad Rate - Rank 2nd**
  - ⇒ **Doctoral Degrees - @ Peer Average**
  - ⇒ **Post Docs – Rank 2nd**
  - ⇒ **Research Expenditures - @ Peer Average**
  - ⇒ **Minority 6 Year Grad Rate – Rank 1st**
  - ⇒ **% Underrepresented Faculty – Rank 1st**
  - ⇒ **Endowment Assets – 30% Increase**
  - ⇒ **Alumni Giving – Rank 1st**
  - ⇒ **America’s Best College Rank – Top 20**



# 5 Year Goals

- 
- ⇒ **Rank 1st or 2nd in all categories (except Endowment Assets)**
  - ⇒ **Modify peer group**



# Provost's Grant Competition

- ⇒ **48 pre-proposals submitted in short timeframe**
- ⇒ **7 invited to present full proposals**
- ⇒ **Decisions will be announced by November 1, 2004**

*Proposals for Excellence!*

# Provost's Grant Competition

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- ⇒ **Collaboratory for Rehabilitation Research**
  - ⇒ **The Emergence of Humanitarianism: A Program for Research and Teaching**
  - ⇒ **Enhancing the Global Perspectives of Innovative Science and Technology**
  - ⇒ **Creation of CIDRIS - Center for Internet Data and Research Intelligence Services to support Multi-disciplinary Internet Research**
  - ⇒ **A Partnership for Excellence in Structural Biology**
  - ⇒ **Institute for Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology**
  - ⇒ **Forensic-Related Research, Education and Innovation**

# Strategic Focus Areas



⇒ Life Science /  
Technology /  
Environment

- ⇒ College of  
Agriculture &  
Natural Resources
- ⇒ CLAS-Biological  
Sciences
- ⇒ School of  
Engineering
- ⇒ School of Pharmacy
- ⇒ CLAS-Physical  
Sciences
- ⇒ CLAS-Psychology

⇒ Arts & Culture

- ⇒ School of Fine Arts
- ⇒ CLAS-Humanities
- ⇒ School of Law

⇒ Health & Human Services

- ⇒ School of Allied Health
- ⇒ School of Business
- ⇒ College of Continuing  
Studies
- ⇒ Neag School of Education
- ⇒ School of Family Studies
- ⇒ School of Nursing
- ⇒ CLAS-Social Sciences
- ⇒ School of Social Work

# Strategic Focus Areas

**5 Year Hiring Plan: 150 Faculty**



⇒ **Life Science/Technology/Environment: 75**

⇒ **Arts & Culture: 26**

⇒ **Health & Human Services: 49**



# Strategic Focus Areas

## 1st Year Plan: 30 Faculty

- ⇒ **Life Science/Technology/Environment: 17**
  - ↪ Biology (4), Engineering (4), Physical Sciences (4), Psychology (3), Agriculture (1), Pharmaceutical Science (1)
- ⇒ **Arts & Culture: 4**
  - ↪ Fine Arts (1), Humanities (1), Law (1), Avery Point (1)
- ⇒ **Health & Human Services: 9**
  - ↪ Business (2), Education (2), Family Studies (1), Nursing (1), Political Science (1), Stamford (1), Tri-Campus (1)



# Achieving Success in Undergraduate Education

## ⇒ **SAT Scores**

⇒ **Continue market-sensitive recruiting**

⇒ **Enhance Honors program**

⇒ **Build Scholarship Endowment**

⇒ **Increase instructional capacity in  
science/technology to meet needs of  
high profile students**



# Achieving Success in Undergraduate Education

## ⇒ **Graduation Rate**

- ⇒ **Program to increase # of 4 year graduates**
- ⇒ **Keep parents informed/involved**
- ⇒ **Set 4 year graduation as an advising goal**
- ⇒ **Use summer school effectively**
- ⇒ **Change language and culture**





# Research & Graduate Education

⇒ To increase research expenditures, hires should be focused in: **Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering and Psychology**

or

⇒ In other words: **Life Science/Technology/ Environment sections of the Academic Plan**

but

⇒ **“Start ups” will be more costly in lab sciences**

⇒ **Research awards will lag 2-3 years behind hires, especially with assistant professors**



# Neag School of Education Strategic Plan

## ⇒ **Changes 1997 to present**

- ↪ Endowment, annual grant expenditures, annual fund, alumni involvement, ranking and reputation

## ⇒ **Strategic Planning**

### ↪ **Guiding Principles**

- Top twenty schools in the country
- Meet needs of Connecticut and national school reform
- Needs infinite, resources finite
- School-wide focus
- Specific actions with benchmarks

### ↪ **Resource Allocation**

- Strategic investments to increase reputation and resources
- Program changes/closings
- Administrative restructuring
- New revenue streams

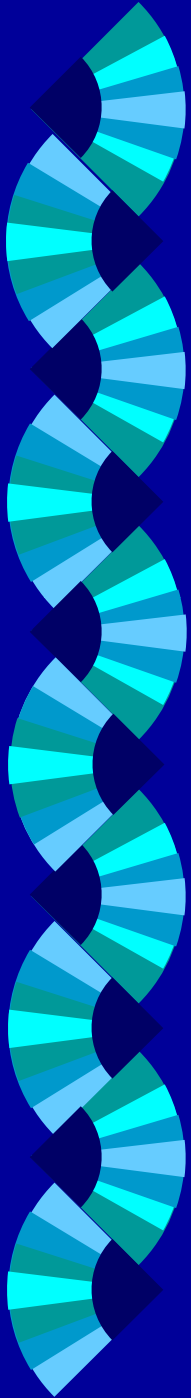
# Program Changes

## ⇒ Strategic Investments

- ↷ Literacy/Reading, Teacher Education
- ↷ Measurement & Assessment, School Counseling, School Psych, Special Ed, Gifted
- ↷ Exercise Science, Athletic Training, Sports Management
- ↷ Educational Policy, Administrator Prep, Adult Education

## ⇒ Closed / Restructured Programs

- ↷ Sports Sociology, Sports Psychology, Therapeutic Recreation, Fitness Management, Tourism
- ↷ Higher Education PhD
- ↷ Counseling Psychology, Bureau of Educational Research



Signature Programs at UCHC

# Achieving Strategic Focus



University of Connecticut  
Health Center

July 2004

# School Statements



⇒ **Mission statements from each Dean are in the handout. Statements provide:**

↳ **Mission**

↳ **Areas of emphasis**

↳ **Priorities**

⇒ **Note that each school / college has a distinct mission and a specific approach to achieving excellence**

⇒ **The underlying theme is improvement of research, teaching and outreach over time**



# Academic Support Services

- ⇒ **Enrollment Management**
- ⇒ **Graduate School**
- ⇒ **Libraries**
- ⇒ **Multicultural & International Affairs**
- ⇒ **Research Administration & Compliance**
- ⇒ **Student Affairs**
- ⇒ **Undergraduate Education & Instruction**



# Metrics for Academic Support Services

- ⇒ **Metrics against which these units will be measured are in the handout**
- ⇒ **The goals of the Academic Support areas vary widely as do the means by which their performance is measured**
  - ↳ **The common factor is continued improvement over time**



# Methodology for Resource Allocation

- ⇒ **The challenge – translate the numbers into a resource allocation plan.**
- ⇒ **We have initiated conversations with Dr. William Massy, President, Jackson Hole Higher Education Group, Inc., Professor Emeritus, and former CFO Stanford University to create a methodology which guides resource allocation**



# Conclusion

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- ⇒ **University must move to the next level to fulfill expectations**
  - ⇒ **Investment in faculty is essential**
  - ⇒ **Hire faculty in areas of highest payoff / greatest demand**
  - ⇒ **Use existing resources wisely**