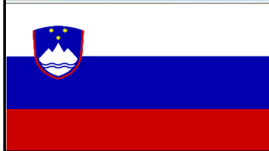


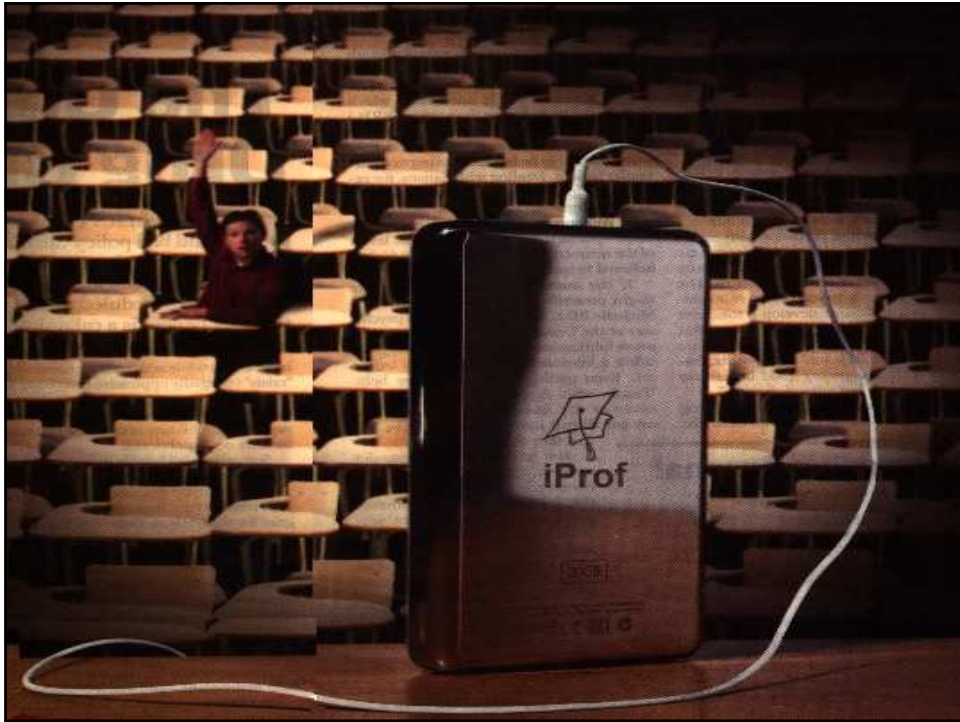
The Growing Accountability Agenda: Progress or Mixed Blessing?

Jamil Salmi
Tertiary Education Coordinator
Ljubljana, 2 February 2010



the future of tertiary education?





outline of the presentation

- the growing accountability agenda
- the accountability crisis
- the benefits of accountability



the growing accountability agenda

- integrity and honesty



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unethical and fraudulent practices

- financial management
- academic management
- information management



the growing accountability agenda

- integrity and honesty
- effective use of resources and quality of results
- adherence to national policy goals



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accountability mechanisms

- legal requirements
 - licensing, accreditation, evaluation, academic audits
- financial incentives
 - linking resources and performance (funding formula, performance contract, demand-side mechanisms)



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accountability mechanisms (II)

- surveys of student engagement
 - US, Canada, Germany, China, Taiwan, Australia, South Africa
- measurement of learning outcomes
 - institutional level (CLA, etc.)
 - national efforts (Brazil, Colombia, Jordan)
 - international approach (AHELO)



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accountability mechanisms (III)

- labor market observatories
- Boards with external representation
- proliferation of rankings
 - press
 - independent bodies
 - government



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ranking systems in 2009

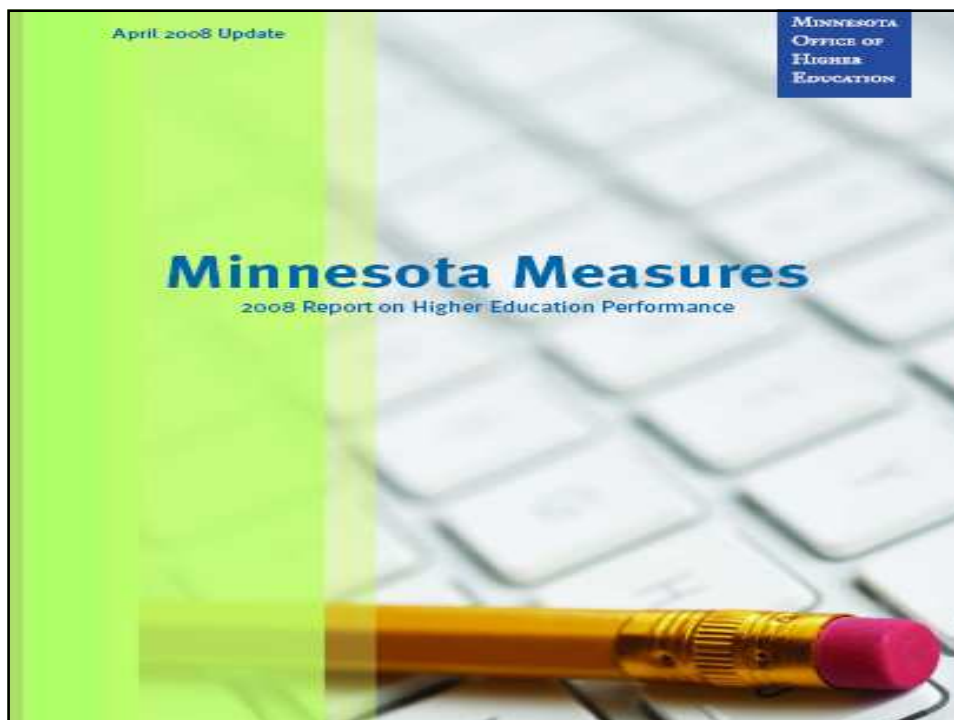
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monitoring and reporting

- increase in number of monitoring agencies
 - Parliament
 - funding body
 - accreditation agency
 - statistics unit
- benchmarking



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clear goals

Building Minnesota's world-leading status in the knowledge economy requires setting goals for HE and measuring results.

Governor Tim Pawlenty

- GOAL ONE** | Improve success of all students, particularly students from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education.
- GOAL TWO** | Create a responsive system that produces graduates at all levels who meet the demands of the economy.
- GOAL THREE** | Increase student learning and improve skill levels of students so they can compete effectively in the global marketplace.
- GOAL FOUR** | Contribute to the development of a state economy that is competitive in the global market through research, workforce training and other appropriate means.
- GOAL FIVE** | Provide access, affordability and choice to all students.



benchmarking

Research Expenditures as a Proportion of Gross Domestic Product by State and Country

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Top 3 States					
New Mexico					8.0%
Maryland					6.3%
Massachusetts					5.2%
Minnesota	2.3%	2.6%	2.6%	2.8%	2.7%
Rank	17	16	14	15	14
National average	2.7%	2.7%	2.5%	2.6%	2.4%
Peer States ⁵	2.7%	2.7%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
OECD Countries Average	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%
Top 3 Countries					
Finland					3.5%
Japan					3.1%
Korea					2.9%

Source: The National Science Foundation (national data), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (international data).
 Note: In order to scale the measure across states, the indicator was divided by gross domestic product by state which is provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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excessive requirements?

- reporting to death
- unfair rankings
- measurement of learning outcomes
 - Spellings Commission, AHELO



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fear of transparency

- complaints: Pakistan
- boycott: US
- legal action: New Zealand
- national audits: Colombia



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“For sale: charming and peaceful residence away from neighbors, with a wonderful view of the sea, a grand period staircase, and lots and lots of light...”



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benefits of accountability

- choice of college
 - surveys of student engagement
 - information about labor market outcomes
- culture of transparency
- setting stretch goals



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accountability is healthy

- ❖ fraud and corruption
- ❖ complacency / mediocre performance
- ❖ accountability for change



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principles for an appropriate accountability system

- ❖ constructive mode

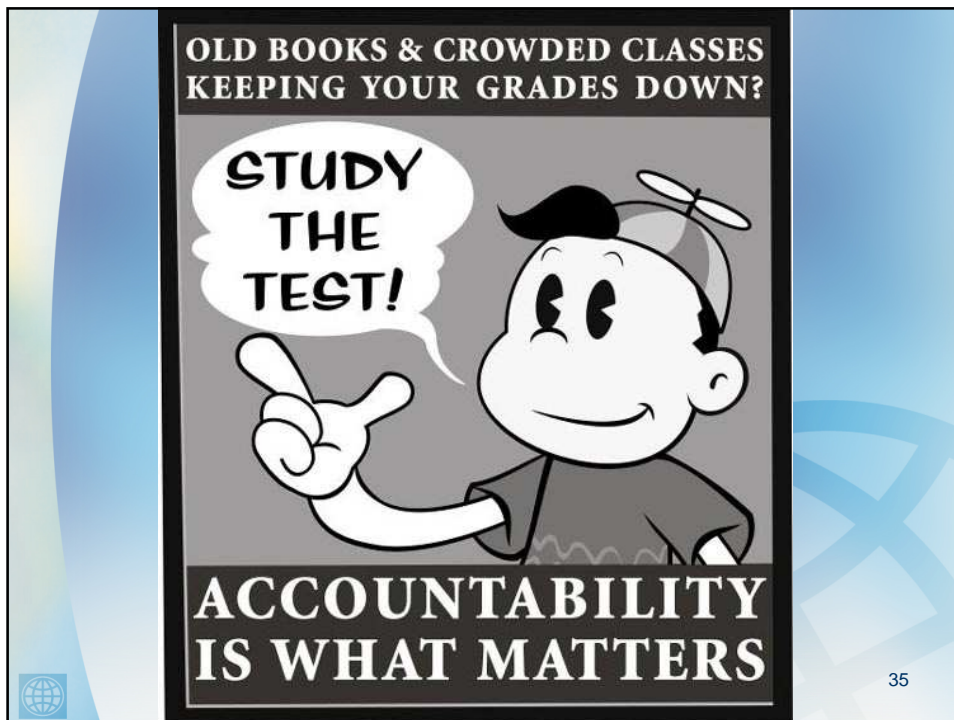


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principles for an appropriate accountability system

- ❖ constructive mode
- ❖ multi-dimensionality



**OLD BOOKS & CROWDED CLASSES
KEEPING YOUR GRADES DOWN?**

**STUDY
THE
TEST!**

**ACCOUNTABILITY
IS WHAT MATTERS**

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principles for an appropriate
accountability system

- ❖ constructive mode
- ❖ multi-dimensionality
- ❖ mutually-agreed or voluntary

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mutually agreed



voluntary initiatives

- Ireland
- US (College Portrait)
- CHE partners



principles for an appropriate accountability system

- ❖ constructive mode
- ❖ multi-dimensionality
- ❖ mutually-agreed or voluntary
- ❖ no accountability without autonomy



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