Creating an Innovation Economy

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Outline

- Our Perspectives on the Innovation Economy
- The Global Knowledge Economy
  - Are Traditional Strategies Still Effective?
  - Or, Why Are We So Challenged?
- Creating an Innovation Economy
  - Five Success Factors
- Conclusions
Our Perspectives on the Innovation Economy

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Eva Klein & Associates: Strategies for the Global Knowledge Economy

- Higher Education Strategy
  - Strategic planning
  - Capital planning
  - Finance
  - Governance & management

- Pioneering in engagement of universities in knowledge-based economic development
  - Research parks
  - Incubation and commercialization
  - Regional strategies and alliances
  - Higher education policy

What do the People of North Carolina need from their University, to be successful in the 21st century?

Part 1: Define North Carolina’s Education Goals
Part 2: Design Strategies to Achieve the State’s Education Goals
Part 3: Propose Enterprise Changes within UNC to meet 21st Century Needs of the State
Part 4: Conclude Implications for UNC Missions and Programs
IDEA Partnerships: New Communities in the Knowledge Economy

• Real estate development services
  - At risk or fee-based
  - In partnership with institutions and public sector agencies

• Strategic Business Plans
  - Research parks
  - Mixed-use campus sites
  - Comprehensive regional strategies
Two Questions Posed for Today

- Are traditional strategies to support education, research, and economic development still effective for building prosperity in the new Global Knowledge Economy?

- What collaborative new approaches can government, universities, and their private sector partners adopt to assure long-term success in creation of an Innovation Economy?
The Global Knowledge Economy

Are Traditional Strategies Working?
or
Why Are We So Challenged?
Human Economies and Societies: 3 Major Transformations in 8,000 Years

Pre-Agrarian
- Pre-history to 8,000 BC
  • Hunting/Gathering
  • Nomadic Cultures
  • Emergence of Tools

Agrarian
- Since 8,000 BC
  • Agricultural Cultivation
  • Formation of Communities
  • Laws for Land Ownership

Industrial
- Since @ 1800
  • Machines/Production Process
  • Literacy/Public Schools
  • Business Organizations & Law

Knowledge
- Since last few decades
  • Innovation & Technology
  • Knowledge Work Force
  • Globalization, Alliances, Regionalism, Networks
Economic Transformation: What’s Different? (Everything)

- **Time**
  - Rapid velocity of change
- **Communications**
  - Instant and constant
- **Economic Performance**
  - Regionalization
- **Markets/Trade**
  - Transnational
- **Business Firms**
  - Agility
- **Work Force**
  - High-skilled and mobile
- **Industry Clusters**
  - Visible scale & critical mass
- **Economic Strategy**
  - Larger regional scale
- **Key Strategic Assets**
  - Human capital
  - Knowledge institutions
Wealth Creation:
The Inputs Are Different

- **Agricultural Economy**
  - Land + Labor

- **Industrial Economy**
  - Capital + Labor
  - With more forms of capital

- **Knowledge Economy**
  - Innovation + Capital
  - Knowledge (human capital) accounts for increasing percentage of the value of business enterprises
How We Accomplish Things:
Big Change from Sectors to Functions

**Industrial Economy**
Functions organized within sectors

- Academic
- Public
- Private

**Knowledge Economy**
Functions organized across sectors

- Create Knowledge
- Innovation System
- Provide Support
- Invest Capital
Industrial Economy Jobs: Goods vs. Services, US, 1970 to 2004


Source: BLS Current Employment Statistics, prepared by ACCRA/CREC
Advanced Manufacturing: Effects of Innovation

Manufacturing employment declines. Wages and output are up. The structure of manufacturing is changing.

Source: Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness, from BLS data
Industrial Economy Jobs: Why is Canada’s Performance Different?


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Current Manufacturing Challenge: Make it Smart or Make it Cheap

Public policy should not provide incentives to take production jobs elsewhere.

COMMUNITY RESPONSES:

- TALENT
- QUALITY OF PLACE
- HIGH-VALUE SITES
- TRANSPORTATION

VALUE-DRIVEN

GLOBAL COMPETITION

COMMODITY-DRIVEN

TRADITIONAL MANUFACTURER

The value of goods is no longer in the processing and manufacture of raw materials.

Source: Adapted from Jon Roberts, TIP
In the Flat World: Asia on the Rise

- Asia (nations other than Japan)
  - South Korea and Taiwan were already well established in particular markets
  - Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and others boosted their market strength and showed potential for further increases in competitiveness.

- China has become the world’s third-largest R&D performer
  - According to data compiled by OECD, Chinese R&D spending reached $84.6 BB in 2003, up from $12.4 BB in 1991.

Source: Science and Engineering Indicators 2006, NSF

Source: Prof. SHIH Choon Fong, Singapore University
In the Flat World: 
But, EU Also on the Rise

The Lisbon Strategy

New objectives of making the EU, by 2010,

“the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion”.

Source: Lisbon European Council, 2000
The Knowledge Economy: A Definition

- Captures and commercializes innovation
- Advances competitiveness of traditional industries
- Grows visible, globally-competitive clusters in new knowledge enterprises
- Creates and sustains a highly-skilled work force

Source: Eva Klein, 1985
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5 Success Factors
Creating an Innovation Economy:
5 Success Factors

- Niches of competence
- Infrastructure for innovation
- Human capital
- Smart community “places”
- Regional leadership and strategy
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Niches of Competence
Niches of Competence:
4 Mega-Industry Clusters

- **Information and Telecommunications**
  - Hardware
  - Software
  - Telecommunications and Internet services

- **Life Sciences**
  - Genomics-human, plant, animal
  - Biomedical diagnostics, treatments, biomaterials, bioengineering
  - Food supply

- **Advanced Manufacturing**
  - New Materials, e.g. nano-materials
  - New Processes, e.g., nano-manufacturing
  - Customization; identification; compatibility

- **Energy and Environment**
  - Alternative/clean energy
  - Protection and remediation of water, air, earth—and SECURITY
  - Sustainability

Source: Eva Klein, 1985
• Groups of businesses that form a value or supply chain and that interact by...
  - Buying from and selling to one another
  - Using the same physical infrastructure
  - Relying on the same institutions
  - Both competing and collaborating
  - Sharing workforce pools

• Clusters build on some form of competitive advantage, usually intertwined factors:
  - Infrastructure investments
  - Business climate
  - Presence of entrepreneurs
  - Emergence of a new technology
  - Niche expertise of a university

Old Cluster Examples:
Holland Bulbs
London Finance
Antwerp Diamonds
Hollywood Cinema
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Niches of Competence

Infrastructure for Innovation
New Models for Multidisciplinary, “Problem-Focused” R&D Are Emerging:
Not Yet Perfected
Technology Transfer: A Paradigm Lost?

• New art form for university and government science since 1981 (in US)
  - Disclosures, patents, licensing, options, royalties
  - Some flashy big winners, like Gatorade, Taxol

• Threats to the paradigm—It’s a tool of the Industrial Economy:
  - Software piracy
  - Patents under review and patent infringements
  - Costly litigation
  - Velocity of information & capital = faster than rule of law
  - Emerging economies play by different rules
Technology Development: The Newer Game

• Technology Development or Knowledge Management:
  - Company and product formation and growth strategies

- Focus on:
  • Supporting entrepreneurs
  • Pairing researchers with entrepreneurs
  • Using technology locally or regionally

- New kinds of long-term collaborative R&D relationships with shared intellectual property and “collaborative patents”
Entrepreneurial, Engaged University: A New Invention

• Kauffman Foundation just-published study
• 25 years of university entrepreneurship research; 173 articles
• Found four streams of research:
  - Entrepreneurial research university
  - Productivity of technology transfer offices
  - New firm creation
  - Environmental context including networks of innovation

Source: Rothaermel, Agung, and Jiang, Georgia Institute of Technology, Kauffman Foundation, 2007
An Innovation Enterprise Life Cycle: Implant, Capture, Grow, Re-Seed

- Basic Science/Research Support
- Pre-Commercial Applications
- Commercialization/Company Formation
- Early-Stage Growth Companies & Products
- Growth Companies Maturing Markets
- Mature Companies and their Spin-Offs

Reinvestments in Research
A Regional Innovation System: It’s Messy and Still Being Defined

**SEEDS**

- University Research Niches
- Collaborations Ways to Enhance
- Corporate R&D Policy Incentives

**CULTIVATION**

- IP Policies—New focus on development
- Risk Capital Gaps—$ for Concept, Pre-Seed, Seed Investments
- Business Development—Many forms of support
- Knowledge Work Force—New Education & Training Solutions
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Niches of Competence
Infrastructure for Innovation
Human Capital
Human Capital: Population Matters

- Opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship increase with population size

- Great portion of innovation is concentrated in large MSAs:
  - Large companies
  - Many young companies
  - Major universities
  - “Thick markets”
  - “Knowledge spillover”

In the US, the top 10 states account for almost two-thirds of R&D expenditures (NSF) and 50% of R&D is in 7 states.
US “Megapolitans:”
10 Areas of 10 Million+ by 2040

Canada, like the US, has population concentrations—where the action will be.

Source: Lang and Dhavale, Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech University, 2005
Global Competition May Turn On: Education Results Above All

High School & College Graduates in the US & China, 2000-2010

China rapidly overtaking the US in sheer numbers of educated people. Are comparisons for Canada similar?
The Trend is Clear: More Education Attainment Required

### USA Projected Employment By Education Level

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Source: Forecasts from Regional Dynamics, calculated by Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness
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Niches of Competence
Infrastructure for Innovation
Human Capital

Smart Communities
In the Internet Age…
Why Does Place Matter?

- Because Innovation and Innovations Systems are local

- “Knowledge transfers between universities and their partners are highly personalized and, as a consequence, often highly localized. This underscores the significance of geographical proximity for the process of knowledgeable transfer and innovation.”

- “Proximity effect of knowledge transfer provides a strong clue as to why universities are increasingly seen as an essential element in the process of local and regional economic development, especially in knowledge-intensive industries, such as ICT and Biotech.”

Source: David Wolfe, Ph.D, U of T

- “In the modern economies locational advantage in the capacity to innovate is ever more dependent on the agglomerations of specialized skills, knowledge, institutions, and resources that make up the underlying technological infrastructure.”

Source: Feldman & Florida 1994 – The Geography of Innovation
New Idea of “Place:”
Research Parks are Old News

Evolution from industrial park subdivisions into research parks…

Now influenced by concepts of university campus and urban places.

Source: Eva Klein & Associates
New Places: Integrated Knowledge Communities

- Urbanism
- Mixed uses
- Sustainability
- Connection of university campuses with associated business sites and neighborhoods
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- Niches of Competence
- Infrastructure for Innovation
- Human Capital
- Smart Communities
- Regional Leadership & Strategy
Regions: Hard to Define

NC Workforce Development Board Regions

NC Census-Designated MSAs

NC Economic Devpt Partnership Regions

NC Councils of Government Regions

Plus, North Carolina has 100 counties; 59 community colleges/service areas; and 16 public universities—several of which are “regional.”
Regions: Toward Pragmatic Definitions

- A region **IS** defined by:
  - Natural economic dynamics in an age of high-speed travel and communications
    - Commuting distances
    - Media markets
    - Major industry concentrations

- A region is an area, including rural areas, roughly bounded along an axis of urban center(s) and major knowledge institution(s)

- If all other definitions fail... A region is:
  ...an area safely larger than the last one to whose problems we found no solution (Jacobs)

- In reality, *any* definition of economic region will have “fuzzy boundaries”
Our Greatest Challenge: New Forms of Alliance Organizations

- **Alliances**
  - Multi-institutional
  - Academic-public-private sectors
  - **EFFECTIVE** Multiple stakeholder organizations

- **Networks**
  - Research
  - Commercialization and entrepreneurship
  - Data and computing

- **Globalization vs Regionalism**
  - Strategy occurs on local/regional level
  - National and provincial governments playing key policy and investment roles
  - Find a solution to the problem of **TOO MANY LAYERS**
Creating an Innovation Economy: Needs Comprehensive Strategy

The Site (The Place)

- Business Capital
- Business Incentives
- Entrepreneurial Environment
- Research & Tech Transfer
- Internet Connectivity
- Quality Education - All Levels
- Work Force Strategies
- Incubator & Home Grown Strategy

Source: Eva Klein & Associates
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Conclusions
Economic Development:
Industrial Economy

Manufacturing

Business Recruitment and Incentives

Jobs

Sites
Measuring Outcomes: Familiar Industrial Economy Metrics

- **# of Jobs “Created”**
  - Even if only moved; not really “new”

- **Growth in Ratables (Revenues)**
  - Very important to local government

- **$ Levels of Capital Investment**
  - Usually not reported as “net” of incentives provided

- **SF of Space Leased or Occupied**
  - Can be short-lived accomplishment—companies do not always stay
Economic Development: Innovation Economy

Innovation & Intellectual Capital

Quality of Place

Energizing Innovation and Building Knowledge Assets

Knowledge Work Force
Measuring Outcomes: New Innovation Economy Metrics

- Human Capital
  - Population size
  - Skills levels
  - Youth

- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
  - New company formations and growth
  - Systems in place to nurture innovation

- Regional Competence
  - Focused R&D investment strategy—clusters
  - Overall growth in knowledge asset base
  - World-class competitiveness in something

- Leadership
  - Vision
  - Willingness to invent and take/manage risks
  - Sharing credit for success
At the Heart of the Transformation: The 21st Century Research University

- More niche-building and world-class programs
- New integrated models in research
- Restructuring of degree & non-degree programs
- Explicit variation in delivery modes & locations
- True accommodation of varied learner constituents, especially adults
- Enlarged roles of faculty as professional problem-solvers
- More open and mixed-use campus environments
- Different & business-friendly academic culture
Thus, it is conceivable that the economic advantage of particular places is in turn dependent on the networks and capacities that build up between knowledge producers and knowledge users in particular localities. These capacities do not just have a territorial significance, but they help to position each sector better within its own global networks; thus by undertaking regional engagement work, universities receive more core funding which can be invested in improving their own international reputation and esteem. Likewise, by working with regional-engaged universities, businesses are able to innovate more effectively, learn more quickly, and help produce better and more competitive products improving their own competitive strength.

Source: Understanding the Regional Contribution of Higher Education Institutions: A Literature Review, OECD, p. 48
At the Heart of the Transformation: Universities as Regional Stewards

Source: American Association of State Colleges and Universities
And One Last Word: There are No Cookbooks (Yet)

Take the transformation challenge seriously.
AND—Recognize the need to invent and test new solutions.

- When hunters/gatherers took up farming, we invented:
  - Land ownership laws
  - Communities (and government)
  - Agricultural tools and processes

- When farmers took up manufacturing, we invented:
  - Assembly line
  - Public education
  - Labor and business law

- As we take up innovation, what will we invent?
  - New solutions to world problems
  - New sources of wealth and prosperity
  - New forms of social, political, economic, & education institutions
Je vous remercie de m’avoir invitée à cette réunion.

Je vous souhaite un avenir de réussites et de prospérité.