



# Exploration Meeting

*Wichita State Location in Chihuahua*

February 18, 2020

Meeting facilitate



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## Executive Summary, Themes & Next Steps

In February 2020, representatives of the government and business community of Chihuahua met with faculty, staff members, and administrators of Wichita State University to explore the potential of opening a Wichita State University location in Chihuahua, Mexico. The meeting also constituted the first meeting of Wichita State's presidential task force on New Academic and Institutional Partnerships.

Participants identified barriers that could prohibit or slow progress on this idea. Some of those potential



### Next steps in exploring this opportunity

- ! Couple months needed to work on it before returning to the conversation
- ! Requires teams from both sides to work on it
- ! Ask the industry
- ! Establish legal framework
- ! Exchange and analyze the information
- ! All this will lead to setting the timeframe
- ! Sharing is important
- ! It is big opportunity to do something like this
- ! Many stakeholders will want to know how to contribute on this
- ! We believe in this project
- ! Cre



! A new way to work: Serve industry and work together—expand our competitive advantage  
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- ! Blend and develop systems—how do we engage companies to know what jobs could be—develop future talent.
- ! Bachelors + Masters help with development
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## Culture

*Bolded items were affirmed*



- ! FFE
- ! Building(s)
- ! Mission driven
- ! Administration (faculty governance, staff control)
- ! Tuition reimbursement—from companies
- ! Scholarships
- ! Company pay for graduate program/undergraduate?
- ! Facilities—size and programming and innovation



- ! Locations of campus is important
- ! Residential campus
- ! Faculty collaboration
- ! Entrance requirements
- ! HLC/specialty accreditation
- ! DOE
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**Barriers: People opposed?**

- ! Anti USMCA politicians in both countries; politicians who oppose US-Mexico cooperation
- ! Faculty; students
- ! State of Kansas L

- ! Government Change
- ! Leadership tenure. Make sure the project doesn't die because of change in leaders
- ! Geo political situation
- ! Chihuahua governor will finish term in two years
- ! Legal time frame
- ! Timeline?

**What other programs / offerings could Wichita State provide (when the time is right)?**

- ! Grow opera exchange