

Transfer Advising Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 1st, 3:00-4:30

Members Present

Jim Bellis (COA), Ross Hawkins (SDPA), Brian High (CNAS), Jay Howard (COAL), Campbell Keele (COB), Hillary Mayes (CHHS), Mandi Muse (CHPA), Juli Panza (COE) Jaime Ross (Outreach)

Members Absent

Visitors

Luke Thomas (SDPA)

Scholarship for Transfer Students

There have been changes in terms of scholarships offered for transfer students. These changes begin for transfer students admitted in summer 2020 and after.

Transfer Academic Scholarship:

It is automatic now – everyone is automatically entered if they apply before the deadline.

Same value but it now lasts 3 years. (May be renewed twice)

Minimum of 24 hours

Extended deadline to June 1st and December 1st

Transfer Excellence Scholarship:

New Scholarship Offered

It is automatic – everyone is automatically entered if they apply before the deadline.

Lasts 3 years (May be renewed twice)

3.5 GPA and a completed Associates Degree (any associate's degree)

Deadline June 1st and December 1st

PTK Scholarship:

Value is now \$500

Must be an active member of PTK

Advising Students with Transfer Credit Workshop

Ross Hawkins and Mandi Muse co-facilitated the workshop. Bart Tibbs presented on admission updates, including the application fee waiver for all students applying for 2020 admission. Rob Moore provided financial aid updates, including information on the FastTrack program. Heather King provided the updates above regarding transfer scholarships. Two advisors off-campus

participated in the workshop via Zoom (one advisor from MSU-West Plains and the other advisor from Crowder College).

Communication Strategies

Communication strategies within the colleges continued to be discussed. Each representative needs to develop a way to communicate what is happening in our committee to other transfer advisors within the college.

Brian High – Would prefer that for departments without advising centers, transfer students meet with a broad Transfer Advisor for onboarding first. It is challenging for faculty advisors to learn everything necessary to advise incoming transfer students (such as reevaluations and CORE 42) when teaching and research are priorities.

62% of transfer students are advised through a center or by a professional staff advisor.
38% of transfer students rely on faculty or a department head for intake transfer advising appointment.

Transfer VIP Days were discussed. Some strategies that proved to be successful for departments:

- Student Panels
- Tours of Halls
- Lunch with Faculty
- Mini Majors Fair

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Going forward we want to think about how transfer students fit into Strategic Enrollment Management plan.

Ross will invite Rob Hornberger to attend the November committee meeting.

Job Searches

Currently searching for Director, Academic Advisement Center and will soon start search for a new transfer advisor. Please encourage people who are interested to apply for these positions.