TRANSFER INITIATIVE

In the spring of 2016 the University of Washington formed two task forces to evaluate the transfer student engagement experience. The Transfer Student Engagement Council has deeply investigated the experience of community college transfer students from application through enrollment. The Faculty Task Force on Enrollment Management evaluated admission processes and criteria for all incoming students.

New initiatives, programs, and services have been developed over the past year aimed at assisting our transfer students in their transition into and journey while at the UW. The conversations with students and academic and student services staff have resulted in several new adjustments and projects, including departmental sessions during Transfer Advising & Orientation, assigned advisers for pre-major transfer students, designated campus spaces, and enhanced peer-to-peer outreach.

AREAS OF FOCUS

Below is an outline of the various expanded resources and efforts taking place on the UW Seattle campus and the upcoming areas of focus.

Prospective Student Planning
- Enhanced communication and coordinated outreach - transfer.uw.edu
- Alignment of academic planning tools

Admissions and Orientation
- Earlier UW transfer admission timeline
- Alignment of department transfer admission timelines
- New programming during the “decision period”
- Earlier transfer orientation programming

Transfer Student Engagement and Success
- Create a campus culture that values the success and contributions of transfer students and provides concrete ways for them to become part of the UW community
- Explore the development of a research roadmap to understand and articulate transfer student success at UW
TRANSFER SPECIFIC RESOURCES

Career & Internship Center (CIC)
- Tailored website information, workshops, and created new marketing messages specific for transfer students
Disability Resources for Students (DRS)
- Implemented a transfer student checklist identifying unique needs of transfer students
First Year Programs (FYP)
- Intensified information for transfer students in University 101 (pre-orientation modules) and the Advising & Orientation (A&O) publications (Husky Guide)
- Distributed over 500 Transfer Advocate postcards to UW/Community College Advising Conference attendees and across the UW Seattle campus
Undergraduate Academic Affairs Advising (UAAA)
- In process of revising Transfer Thursday program, with a focus on coordinated communication and online resources

TRANSFERS IN THE CLASSROOM

Arts and Sciences
- ARTSCI 310 - Transfer Student Career Accelerator Lab
Center for Experiential Learning & Diversity (EXPD)
- GEN_ST 391 - Undergraduate Research Intensive for Community College Transfer Students
Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)
- CSE 390 T – Covers the differences between UW CSE and other schools based on previous transfer students’ experiences
First Year Programs (FYP)
- GEN_ST 199 – Transfer First-year Interest Groups (FIGs)

1450*
Total Fall 2017 Transfer Students

Transfer students who received earlier acceptance offers.

600+
*Fall Projections