Transfer Transition Program

Center for the First-Year Experience
Division of Student Life
Snapshot of Transfers at UW-Madison

- 22% of our new students
- 64% transfer from WI institutions
- 8% are international
- 2-year and 4-year institutions
- 33% are first generation
- Higher financial need
- 80% live off campus
Snapshot of Transfers at UW-Madison

- Experienced academic success at collegiate level
  - Ave. transfer GPA = 3.4
  - Ave. 1st semester GPA = 2.9
- 90% enrolled the next year
- As seniors, less satisfied with overall student experience
Why Students Transfer

“... I made such a conscious decision...”

Alyssa Mastromonaco ‘98
Transfer Transition Program

Mission

- To understand and improve the transfer student experience at UW-Madison

Goals

1. Ease academic and social transition
2. Increase participation in WI Experience
3. Decrease retention/graduation gap
4. Strengthen life-long connections to UW-Madison
Transfer Transition Diagram

PREPARATION ➔ TRANSITION ➔ GRADUATION

Office of Admissions
Transfer Transition Program
Schools & Colleges
Initial Action Steps

- Review/restructure transfer SOAR
- Wisconsin Welcome
- Resource center (web, email)
- Transfer initiatives grant
- Identify faculty/staff who were transfers
- Assessment Plan
Transfer Transition Program: Future Plans

- Create High Impact Practices (HIPs) targeted for transfer students
- Offer transitional advising for transfer students prior to SOAR
- Develop TRIGs
- Develop scholarship opportunities specifically for transfers
- Improve course access for first-semester transfers
Moving Forward in an Informed Way…

- Literature review
- Student Advisory Board
- STAMP
- Transfer Advisors Working Group (TAWG)
- Campus-wide conversations
- Feeder campus input
Campus Collaborations

- Where do you see potential intersections with your work?
- How can we partner to improve the transfer student experience?