

**Transfer Services Team
2016-17**

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Purpose:

The Transfer Services Team works collaboratively across campus, disciplines, and divisions to:

- Use current available data to identify transfer student needs - both academically and socially - and where Appalachian is meeting or not meeting those needs.
- Identify units across campus that can provide transfer-student specific programs or integrate transfer students into existing programs, and assist in executing these programs.
- Raise awareness of transfer student issues among faculty and staff.
- Identify faculty in departments across campus to serve as faculty mentors

Accomplishments This Year:

- Proposed the creation of a Transfer Champion Award (presented for the first time this April – the inaugural winner was Kristin Hyle)
- Collaborated with Common Reading/General Education so that the Common Reading book will be provided, starting this summer, to transfer students so they are part of the campus discussion and Black & Gold Convocation
- Hosted Transfer Faculty Mentor Appreciation Social
- Visited academic departments of top transfer majors to inform them of the transfer student profile at Appalachian
- 3 Subgroups worked throughout the year on the following projects:
 - Transfer Student Center: This group researched and developed a proposal, that was originally recommended by the Transfer Services Team in 2013, for a centrally located Transfer Student Center for new/current transfer students that would support their orientation, transition and retention to Appalachian by creating a supportive space for social integration and educational programming. This proposal will be presented to our new Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management later this summer.
 - Early College: This group investigated the wide range of early college structures and how that affects our new students. As a byproduct of this groups work, Student Engagement & Leadership and Transfer Services were awarded a Parents & Family Foundation grant to begin the creation of a supportive community among Early College students. This spring both a dinner and retreat were held which provided vital information and spurred the creation of an Early College Student Association and an Early College residence hall floor. The group has further provided other suggestions that will be presented to our new Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management later this summer.
 - Advising: This group researched how our current advising practices impact both entering and continuing transfer students. They have developed a survey that will be sent to academic department chairs and Associate Deans later this year to gather feedback on the timing of registration for new transfer students, class seat availability, advising, and the current use of a one-year catalog. Based on the results of the survey further proposals may be offered.