



Transfer Action Caucus 21by21

CAUCUS MEMO

IU campuses, via the University Transfer Office in the Office of the Executive Vice President for University Academic Affairs, are engaged in responding to IUs [21 transfer friendly standards](#) in 2021. Your campus representative is actively reporting and responding to these standards alongside a stakeholder workgroup, UIRR, OOE, and USSS.

Your Campus Representative		
ENTER CAMPUS	ENTER YOUR NAME	ENTER TITLE

↓

Consulting WorkGroup Membership		
Admissions & Enrollment	Deans/Chairs/Faculty	Staff & Transfer Personnel

↓

TAC General University Membership								
IUB • Sacha Thieme Arterberry	IUE • TJ Rivard (designate)	IUPUI-C • Scott McIntyre	IUPUI-FW • Dave Chappell	IUPUI • Stephanie Lovett	IUK • Christina Downey	IUNW • Kathy Spicer	IUSE • Donna Dahlgren	IUSB • Raman Adakkalavan

What happened?

Meeting #3 – March 18, 2021

Weekly Theme	Co-Leads
Infrastructure and Handoffs (Physical and Personnel)	Christina Downey & Kathy Spicer

Utilizing the [Strategic Doing Model](#), co-leads Christina Downey and Kathy Spicer provided an overview and lead a discussion on four standards (6, 12, 19, 20) with lowest “met” status across all campuses. The vision for their report-out included utilizing a rating process and center work around impact and ease.

Standard 6: *Back-off transfer systems that support the recording of articulation rules; including coursework, test scores, credit-by-credential, etc.; are as efficient, transparent, and automated as possible.*

- Current campus status:** 44% met, 56% in-progress or unmet
- Goals:** Improve efficiencies, transparency, and automation
- Discussion items:** Campus feedback on systems/policies being used to record rules in an efficient, transparent, and automated way. USSS provided overview of TES and SmartPanda review per the USSS led Transfer Workgroup. Are there policies around re-evaluation of rules (recommended timeline)? Identify discrepancies across IU around courses being brought in undistributed.
- Next steps:** Identify a transfer credit liaison for each unit.

Standard 12: *The campus maintains partnerships and collaborations with institutions, especially 2-year institutions, whose students frequently transfer to IU, to ensure that students intending to transfer have as much information as possible about baccalaureate programs as early as possible, building 2+2s when possible.*

- Current campus status:** 55% met, 45% in-progress or unmet
- Goals:** a) Improve early-career transfer recruitment efforts at feeder institutions, b) improve early advising at feeders, c) increase attainment of the Indiana College Core at feeders.
- Discussion items:** More questions at this time than recommendations. No opportunity for discussion this week.

Standard 19: *Financial aid advising is coordinated with transfer students as early in the process as possible, even before students have committed to transfer when possible and appropriate.*

- Current campus status:** 55% met, 45% in-progress or unmet
- Goals:** a) Improve availability of financial aid information to transfers, b) improve application process for transfer-specific financial aid, c) expand campus-specific financial aid programs such that aid is available to students who have exhausted federal aid (ex. Community College students).
- Discussion items:** Second part of standard may have led campuses to select “un-met.” After performing a search for financial aid information on each campus webpage, many campuses have an informative financial aid site for transfers.
- Next steps:** Improve Google Search results for transfer financial aid.

Standard 20: *Programs and student organizations aimed at transfer students, such as the Tau Sigma National Honor Society, will be prominently displayed in web and printed materials provided to transfer students.*

- Current campus status:** 33% met, 67% in-progress or unmet
- Goals:** All campuses will have one transfer-specific student group (ex. [TSAB](#)) and one transfer-focused program available to students.
- Next steps:** No discussion. Campuses will report back on status during week 7.

What's Next?

Week 4: March 25, 2021

Theme: Policies

Co-leads: Dahlgren, Malott, & Thieme Arterberry

Make it happen steps for leaders:

- At your next leadership meeting, set aside 30 minutes to talk transfer; invite caucus representative.
- Share 21 Transfer Friendly Standards around which the Caucus is working
- Ask Academic units to identify a representative to serve as transfer point of contact, let them email names to caucus rep.
- Keep responding to the leaks in the pipeline. Thank you.