

2022 Virtual Transfer Advising Institute

May 17-18, 2022

Day 1 – Tuesday, May 17

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

Opening Remarks and Context Setting

Dr. Rebecca Karoff, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas System
Dr. Christine Bailie, Director of Institutional Strategy, Texas Success Center at the Texas Association of Community Colleges

12:15 PM - 1:10 PM

Opening Plenary - Actionable Data for Advisors: Supporting a Data Culture Across 2- and 4-Year Transfer Partners

This session will explore data maturity and data agency within the university setting. How can data agency elevate the advising profession to help drive student engagement and success? We will examine various types of quantitative and qualitative data that can be used to create actionable tools and insights beneficial to advisors and those who lead advising units.

Dr. David Troutman, Chief Data Officer and Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research and Analysis, The University of Texas System
Introduction: Dr. Rebecca Karoff, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas System

1:15 PM - 2:05 PM

Concurrent Sessions I

Student Centered Transfer Advising

This session will highlight UTEP's efforts to develop and implement an advising structure that is focused on advising transfer students holistically using an asset-based approach. The framework promotes engagement, a sense of belonging, and helps students acclimate to UTEP and their new college. It includes providing integrated and applied learning experiences, wrap around services, financial and social services to enrich the transfer experience.

Dr. Virginia M. Fraire, Vice Provost for Student Success & Strategic

Promoting College Access and Success Through Innovative Partnerships

Dual credit and the early college movement have fundamentally changed the typical student trajectory into postsecondary education. With more students than ever before participating in such programs across Texas, it is incumbent upon educational leaders to reimagine systems, processes, and partnerships to better support students through the educational pipeline. This session will engage participants in a conversation that focuses on one such example of

Seamless Transfer Pathway - Transfer Advising Guides (TAGs) and the impact on Student Success

This session will highlight the work that Alamo Colleges District have implemented with Seamless Transfer Pathways – Transfer Advising Guides (TAGs) that include the most degree-applicable credit hours, saving students time, money, while minimizing loss of credit hours. The use of TAGs have demonstrated successful outcomes with a decrease in time-to-degree from 4.6 years in 2015 to 3.76 in 2021, and a decrease in average semester credit hours

Texas Transfer Students: The Policy Landscape and Predictors of Vertical Transfer

The cost of inefficient transfer is estimated at \$350 million annually - - \$227 million of which is tuition/fees -- for transfer students earning a bachelor's degree; the costs among non-completers may be even higher. Research points to shortcomings of current transfer policy that both raise the stakes for student advising and can help inform advising content. A survey of students who transferred or changed their minds about transferring for Fall 2020 suggests elements of students' goals, preferences, and economic circumstances that may influence



<p>Initiatives, The University of Texas at El Paso Dr. Heather Smith, Associate Vice President Advising, The University of Texas at El Paso Lucy Zarate, Director of Academic Transfer Pathways & Student Engagement, The University of Texas at El Paso Moderator: Dr. Terry Peterman, Associate Vice Provost for Academic and Workforce Programs, Tyler Junior College</p>	<p>innovative thinking that has positively benefited student success. Michael Aldape, Assistant Provost for Secondary Educational Partnerships, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Jose Arambul, Executive Director of High School Programs and Services, Texas Southmost College Moderator: Jesus Hernandez, Associate Director, Academic Advising Center, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley</p>	<p>for a 60-hour degree from 92 in 2015 to 78.6 for all students, and to 65.1 for native students in 2021. Angela Guadian-Mendez, Director of Student Completion, Alamo Colleges District Barbara Smith, Senior Director, Transfer and Transition Student Success Services, The University of Texas at San Antonio Moderator: Ashley Bill, Executive Director, Department of Academic Success, The University of Texas at Tyler</p>	<p>their decision making around transfer. This session will unpack key aspects of the Texas policy landscape on transfer and share findings from the statewide survey of transfer students. Chris Fernandez, Director of Policy Analysis, Texas Association of Community Colleges Moderator: Joanna Zimmerman, Associate Vice Chancellor Student Services, San Jacinto College</p>
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2:05 PM - 2:20 PM **BREAK**

2:20 PM - 3:20 PM **Transfer Partner Team Time I (By Invitation)**

Colleges join their UT university feeder transfer partner in break-out sessions for the sharing of practices, networking, and collaboration. Participants have been pre-selected by their institution to attend this session.

3:25 PM - 4:15 PM **Concurrent Sessions II**

<p>Creating Seamless Pathways to Improve Post-Secondary Education in East Texas</p> <p>In a region where the poverty rate is high and post-secondary education rates are low, Tyler Junior College and The University of Texas at Tyler have combined forces to make a difference. As part of the Texas Transfer Alliance, Tyler Junior College and The University of Texas at Tyler have spent the last year developing a renewed articulation agreement and numerous 2 + 2 pathways for transfer between the two institutions. Learn how we developed clear pathways alongside faculty and chairs to align programs which help students graduate efficiently and well-prepared to enter the workforce.</p>	<p>Building a Culture Where Transfer Students Shine</p> <p>It is important to recognize the rich and diverse culture transfers students bring to a campus. This session will address the enhanced focus on transfer students pre- and post-admission that UTSA has done to ensure students feel connected and empowered to be successful. Learn how UTSA established a dedicated center to connect with the students and aligning with state initiatives, the manner in which the institution collaborates with their primary 2-year feeder institutions to produce increased enrollment, and the decreased loss of degree applicability.</p>	<p>A Collaborative Approach to Transfer Advising</p> <p>This session will discuss how Dallas College's new student success model is assisting students with quickly transitioning from the community college to a university and into the workforce. Resources and staffing through success coaching, pathway specialists, and career and transfer development specialists have been implemented to make the process smoother. Johnathan Moss, Career and Transfer Skills Development Specialist, Dallas College Tania D. Wittgenfeld, Dean, Pathway Success, Dallas College</p>	<p>A System(ic) Approach to Advising Excellence: Work to Elevate the Advising Profession at Scale Across the UT System</p> <p>For the past five years, the University of Texas System has embraced advising as one of three pillars in its student success framework and has worked to elevate the advising profession and advising excellence more systemically. This session will describe the collaborative efforts of UT academic institutions and the System Administration to implement the 5E Advising Excellence Framework, provide more professional development opportunities to advisors, and fulfill our commitment that all UT students receive the advising they need to help them discover clear pathways to degree completion and</p>
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Sarah Bowdin, Assistant Vice President for Academic Success, The University of Texas at Tyler
C. Jeanie Oxler, Director of School Partnerships, Tyler Junior College
Moderator: Dr. Terry Peterman, Associate Vice Provost for Academic and Workforce Programs, Tyler Junior College

Belinda Harmon, Senior Director, Community Outreach & Transfer Recruitment, The University of Texas at San Antonio
Barbara Smith, Senior Director, Transfer and Transition Student Success Services, The University of Texas at San Antonio
Moderator: Jesus Hernandez, Associate Director, Academic Advising Center, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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beyond. The session will feature both systemwide and institutional strategies and approaches.

Dr. Aaron Brown, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Advising, The University of Texas at Arlington
Dr. Rebecca Karoff, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas System
Dr. Heather Smith, Associate Vice President, Advising & Student Services, The University of Texas at El Paso
Moderator: Ashley Bill, Executive Director, Department of Academic Success, The University of Texas at Tyler

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Day 2 – Wednesday, May 18

9:00 AM - 9:10 AM

Day 2 Opening Remarks

Dr. Archie Holmes, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas System

9:10 AM - 9:55 AM

Plenary Panel - Student Voices: The Transfer Student Experience

Fernando Cordova; Transferred from Northwest Vista College to The University of Texas at San Antonio
Melanie Jones; Transferred from Tarrant Community College to The University of Texas at Arlington
Bel Khuu; Transferred from Dallas College to The University of Texas at Dallas
Jennifer Olivos; Transferred from South Texas College to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Moderator: Tania D. Wittgenfeld, Dean, Pathway Success, Dallas College

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Concurrent Session III

Transfer Practices at Austin Community College

This session will focus on the efforts Austin Community College is making to intentionally support students intending to transfer. Implementation of the guided pathways model has led to many positive changes including an advising model transformation and creation of the Transfer Services department who work in tandem to help transfer intending students meet their educational goals. Attend this session to learn about the work ACC is doing to ensure our students experience a seamless, successful transfer.

Renee Esparza, Transfer Resources Director, Student Experience and Outcomes, Austin Community College
Jana McCarthy, Interim Advising Director, Student Affairs Academic Guidance, Austin Community College

Transfer Pathways: Beginning with the End in Mind

This session will highlight the collaborative efforts between Dallas College and UT Arlington that began through the Texas Transfer Alliance and have subsequently evolved over the last year. Our work has underscored the importance of alignment of our Pathways for Transfer with the bachelor's degree programs at UT Arlington, namely those in the STEM field. This partnership to align coursework for transfer has allowed us to begin with the end in mind, identifying the ways in which our student success teams engage students early on to understand nuances in transfer as well as hidden policies or curriculum that often preclude the ability to move seamlessly from one institution to the next.

UTSA Alamo On-TRAC a Transfer and Transition Program

The UTSA Alamo On-TRAC (Transitioning Roadrunners at Alamo Colleges) program focuses on first-time freshman who do not qualify for guaranteed admission into UTSA. It provides students a pathway to UTSA while improving student success. At the end of this presentation, participants will better understand the imperative role of collaborating with the community college, resources, and advising approaches used when working with transfer students. This program results in students transitioning, persisting, and attaining their bachelor's degree at a similar rate to their peers who started directly at UTSA.

Pamela Jones, Student Success Transfer Advisor, The

Pathways to Transfer Student Success: Outreach and Mentorship Program

Outreach and mentorship play a critical role in the recruiting and retention of transfer students in four-year colleges. The Department of English at the University of Texas at Arlington has recently established a Student Ambassador Program that focuses on the issues of community-building and retention, with a focus on first-semester transfer students. Providing peer mentoring, along with other department and college resources, in their first semester on campus empowers these students to become an involved member of the department and college community.

Dr. Kaci O'Donnell, Lecturer and Undergraduate Advisor, The University of Texas at Arlington
Moderator: Jesus Hernandez, Associate Director, Academic Advising Center, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley



<p>Dr. Tony Wright, Advising Supervisor, Student Affairs Academic Guidance, Austin Community College Moderator: Dr. Terry Peterman, Associate Vice Provost for Academic and Workforce Programs, Tyler Junior College</p>	<p>Amanda Nickerson, Executive Director, Enrollment Management, The University of Texas at Arlington Dr. Catherine Olivarez, Associate Dean, Transfer, Articulation, and Alternative Credit Programs (TAACP), Dallas College Tania D. Wittgenfield, Dean, Pathway Success, Dallas College Moderator: Dr. Aaron Brown, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Advising, The University of Texas at Arlington</p>	<p>University of Texas at San Antonio Sarah Sanchez, Student Success Transfer Advisor, The University of Texas at San Antonio Barbara Smith, Senior Director, Transfer and Transition Student Success Services, The University of Texas at San Antonio Moderator: Ashley Bill, Executive Director, Department of Academic Success, The University of Texas at Tyler</p>	
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<p>11:05 AM - 12:00 PM Transfer Partner Team Time II (By Invitation)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Colleges join their UT university feeder transfer partner in break-out sessions for the sharing of practices, networking, and collaboration. Participants have been pre-selected by their institution to attend this session.</i></p>			
<p>12:10 PM - 12:50 PM Closing Plenary – Advocating for Transfer Student Success: Priorities and Partnerships</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Advisors play a foundational role in transfer student success, which can be both rewarding and daunting. Fortunately, when transfer work is prioritized and carried out in concert with others, everyone wins. Today’s conversation will help you explore your commitment to transfer and develop the network necessary to make your priorities a reality.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Janet L. Marling, Executive Director, National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students Introduction: Ashley Bill, Executive Director, Department of Academic Success, The University of Texas at Tyler</p>			
<p>12:50 PM - 1:00 PM Closing Remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jacob Fraire, President, Texas Association of Community Colleges</p>			