

NACADA BOARD REPORT

March 2001

SUB-UNIT: Advising Transfer Students Commission (ATS) SUBMITTED BY: Kristin Ferguson

VISION STATEMENT: NACADA will be the acknowledged leader within the global education community for the theory, delivery, application and advancement of academic advising to enhance student development.

MISSION STATEMENTS:

1. Champion the educational role of academic advisors to enhance student learning and development in a diverse world.
2. Affirm the role of academic advising in student success and persistence, thereby supporting institutional mission and vitality.
3. Anticipate the academic advising needs of twenty-first century students, advisors, and institutions.
4. Advance the body of knowledge on academic advising.
5. Foster the talents and contributions of all members and promote the involvement of diverse populations.

SUB-UNIT GOALS:

1. Identify key issues in advising and retention of transfer students.
2. Advance the body of knowledge on advising transfer students.
3. Identify innovative and effective methods used in advising transfer students.
4. Increase the level of involvement of Commission members.

I. Objectives to address Goals:

- A. Recruit and promote membership in ATS
- B. Regional liaisons will present at their regional conferences
- C. Encourage more research on transfer issues
- D. Create means of increasing communication between commission members
- E. Increase the amount of members involved as leaders in the Commission

I. Actions taken towards Objectives:

- A. Participated in Commission Fair
- B. Visibility at the regional conferences: Regions 1, 2, 5, 8, 9 will have Commission-related activities.
- C. Web page created, many transfer links added by listserv members
- D. Listserv created and discussions stimulated
- E. More volunteers recruited at Orlando conference
- F. Survey project undertaken by new volunteers, and coordinated through listserv.

II. Strategies for addressing Strategic Plan

- A. The Unit's goals and objectives above are designed to support the Strategic Plan.
- B. Advance the body of knowledge through publishing a monograph on Advising Transfer Issues.
- C. Advance the body of knowledge through research.
- D. Promote involvement of all members.

II. Actions taken on Strategies:

- A. Actions listed above are designed to support the Strategic Plan.
- B. Monograph proposal being finalized for submission at Mid-Year Board Meeting.
- C. Commission Chair writing one chapter and co-authoring another chapter in monograph.
- D. "Transfer Services" survey being distributed this spring and presented at Ottawa Conference.
- E. Listserv open to all members of NACADA

III. Action Items from last Board Meeting:

- A. None

III. Actions taken on Assigned Items:

- A. N/A

IV. Members serving your sub-unit (committee members, liaisons, etc.)

- Transfer Services Survey being coordinated by:
Olga Nelson, Miami University
Christina Duncan, Austin Community College
- Advising Transfer Issues Monograph Editors
Peggy King, Schenectady Community College
Tom Kerr, Farleigh-Dickenson

- Commission Liaisons to Regions:
 - Region 1: Mark Broadbent, Holyoke Community College
 - Region 2: Bonnie Battle, University of Pittsburgh
 - Region 3: vacant, looking for replacement via listserv
 - Region 4: Kristin Ferguson, University of North Florida
 - Region 5: Larry Ottinger, Ball State University
 - Region 6: Dayle Nickerson, Iowa State University
 - Region 7: Caron Daugherty, Southwest Missouri State University
 - Region 8: Chris Brown, Washington State University
 - Region 9: Donna Ziel, San Jose State University
 - Region 10: Lori Gomez, Arizona State University West

V. Future Activities Planned by Sub-unit

- Resume Commission Updates via email to all Commission members
- Conduct Transfer Services survey via the web (Julia Wolf, EO support)
- Summarize survey data for presentation in Ottawa
- Evaluate web page
- Increase listserv participation
- Continue to rethink structure of the Commission to see if any new ideas are submitted by Commission members
- Attend national conference in Ottawa and participate in Commission Fair

VI. Issues of Concern to the Board

- Monograph proposal being submitted by Tom Kerr and Peggy King

VII. Items Being Presented for Board Action

No items are presented at this time.

Reports are due by March 15. Items requesting board action may not be considered at this meeting if the full report, recommendation, or proposal is not received by March 15 so that it may be reviewed by all Board Members prior to the meeting.