

Create a Transfer Student Summit to increase transfer student engagement by incorporating what students would normally learn during Dog Days, with an additional component of student success strategies and campus resources.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

More emphasis on transfer student engagement, sense of belonging and academic success. We currently lose 16% of new transfer students after their first year due to academic distress.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

Create a Transfer Student Summit, which would happen over 2 - 3 days. This would be a "boot camp" that can incorporate what students would normally learn during Dog Days and add the additional component of student success strategies and campus resources. Ideally, it would also include an element of major and career development support. The format would be less lecture and more seminar/interactive, which would require smaller groups.

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

We want our transfer students to succeed and do not want to lose them after their first year. Retaining, and more importantly, graduating our transfer students benefit Fresno State. Embracing transfer students in an envelope of "welcome to the Fresno State family" and "we are here for you" will assist these students merge into the Fresno State culture much more seamlessly than current processes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: