# Cooperative Programming Between EM & CAS

Creating a Campus Conversation about

Transfer

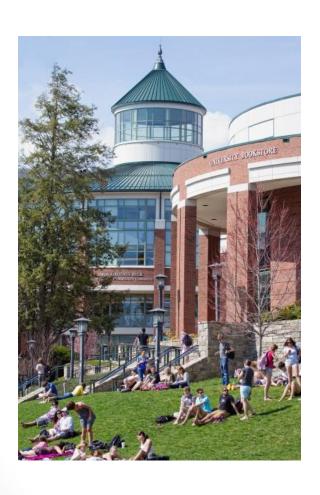
Student Success: The Transfer Symposium

A Case Study

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### **Appalachian State University**



1,360 transfers



3,033 freshmen

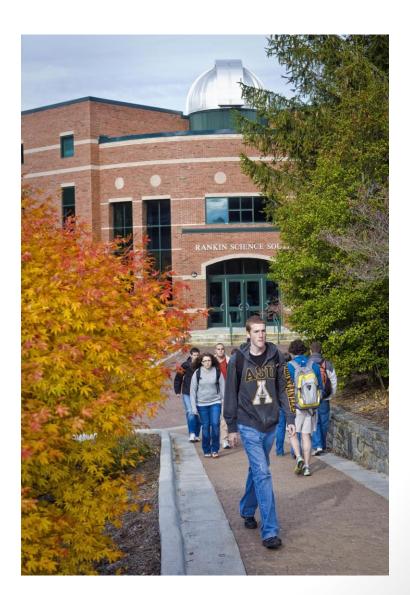


18,026 total



# College of Arts & Sciences

- Largest of 7 colleges
- 16 departments; 3 interdisciplinary programs
- Approximately 6,000 majors.
- About 1/3 (29%) of our current majors entered the university as transfer students.
- Top majors in the college for transfers (Psychology; Biology; and Government & Justice Studies (aka PS/CJ)
- College offers about 80% of the 44 hour General Education curriculum



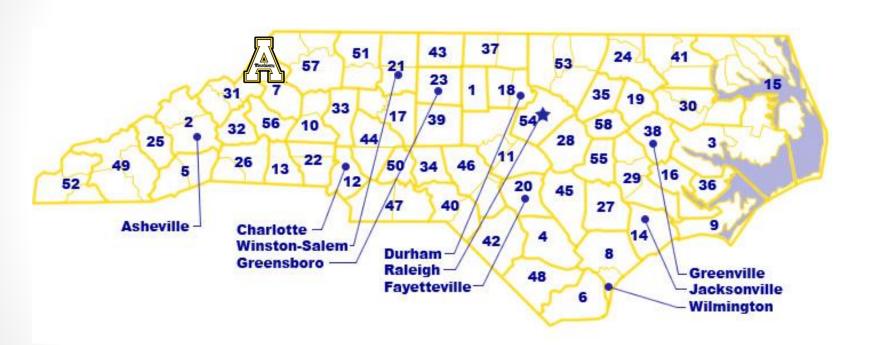
# EM & CAS: A History

- Hired Assoc. VC for EM July 2009
- Established organizational structure including an Assoc. Dean's EM Council to offer insight into the college/academic side of the house
- EM offered much more oversight of scheduling, class seats management, retention, graduation rates than before hire.
- Sometimes lack of understanding about faculty/academic issues.
- CAS saw it as important to be very engaged and involved with Enrollment Management. Involved in a Curriculum Summit to look at curriculum reform holistically across campus. Policy discussions often begin in Associate Deans EM Assoc. Deans Council

### EM, Transfer Students & CAS

- Transfers became a larger piece of the enrollment planning mix.
- College saw this as an opportunity to partner with EM and be involved in the conversation surrounding transfer students
- Learn more about transfers, college faculty/staff become more knowledgeable
- Do a better job serving our students
- Develop practices that improve retention and graduation rates

# Our 58 Community College Partners





#### Who Are We?

# Transfer Enrollment

67%

31%

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2 %

Other



## Who are We?





# Transfer Symposium







http://transfersymposium.appstate.edu/



# Transfer Symposium Survey Responses: Awareness to Action

#### **Developing Awareness**

- "I gathered some great ideas for enhancing and updating Orientation for transfer students."
- "Coordinated, collaborative, transparent advising is a pivotal concern for ASU and the NC Community College System, along with the UNC system schools."
- "Jump start is a great program."
- "That transfer students need love too!"
- "That we need to provide them housing opportunities"
- "The significance of participating with intentionality on this problem/opportunity for us at ASU."



# Transfer Symposium Survey Responses: Awareness to Action

#### **Taking Action**

- "Advocate for a transfer services center"
- "Continue to think about how to ensure the broadest application of transfer credit within our program without requiring individual petitions"
- "Considering ways to make them eligible for departmental honors participation."
- "Meeting with instructors at the major feeder community colleges to align our introductory courses."
- "Exchange data with other areas analyzing pertinent, actionable data"
- "I'm thinking of proposing that we name a transfer coordinator in our department that can go to CCs and talk to"
- "Prospective students and can serve as a contact person for transfers after they come to campus"



#### Plans for the Future

Host a Transfer symposium in October 2014 that focuses on specific Transfer populations

- Analyze gaps to create a seamless transition for transfer students
- Improve communication between Appalachian and the community college partners
- Move from "theory to practice"
- Include faculty/academic advisors from partner community colleges
- Include faculty/professional advisors from Appalachian
- Develop more relationships between academic departments and community college departments
- Develop more awareness of transfer issues for targeted populations (i.e., military, community college transfer, early college)



#### Learn More about EM

- Attended AACRO (American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers) conference on Transfers and Technology this past summer
- Presented with members from Enrollment Management and attended sessions.
- Able to offer faculty/academic administrator perspective
- Not many folks from the academic side of the house attending this conference
- Our session received positive reviews because we presented multiple perspectives

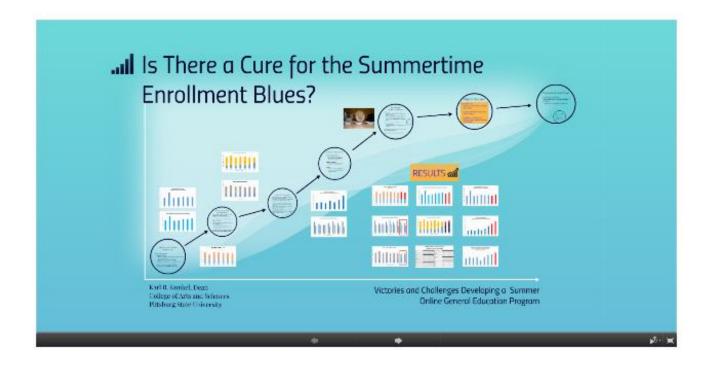




#### **Questions or Comments**

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