

UT System Campus Change Workshop: Spring Meeting

March 23, 2021; 9:00-11:00 AM EST

Admissions & Recruitment Break-out Room Notes

If you could design the perfect campus change experience for students, what would that look like?

- After listening to the panel of students, it would be most helpful for students to not lose credits when moving from one UT school to another, especially in the same program
- We do not seem to be transfer oriented from the beginning, and only seem to be setting students up to graduate from the original UT school
- Should figure out an easy way to share information with each other and change how we look at and feel about transferring to another UT school
- Need to develop a transfer pathway between schools, such as the TTP paths from the community colleges. Universal department code numbers would be helpful

What is the application process on each campus relative to transfer/campus change?

- All schools currently treat Campus Change students the same as all other transfer students.
- It was discussed that one application for all three schools would be difficult to do.
- Another discussion point was around whether the student must be a current UT school student to qualify for Campus Change. It was agreed that everyone thought that was what it meant.
- It was suggested to change the application language to ask if they are “Transferring from a UT school” or “Was your last institution of enrollment a UT School”, instead of asking if they have ever attended a UT school to help identify who is Campus Change easily.

What are the similarities and differences in admissions standards and policies? Do any of these differences negatively impact campus change students?

- UTM and UTC both require a 2.0 college GPA across the board for admission, with exceptions made from time to time.
- UTK requires a 2.0 except in competitive majors and those can vary
- Competitive majors could be negative for Campus Change students wanting to transfer to UTK because if they do not get admitted for the major of their choice, then they are not admitted to the school at all. At UTM and UTC, the students are admitted to the university and then apply for the major after that.

Do we charge campus change student’s application fees? If so, should we waive them? What would be the financial impact at each institution?

- UTM does not charge them a fee
- UTC used to waive it but currently charges it and said he wished they could go back to waiving it
- UTK charges the app fee and also the enrollment deposit

Are there specific dates/timeframes in which students tend to transfer? What is the busiest period for transfer? (Rolling transfer vs. specific deadlines)

- There were no hard deadlines mentioned for transfer students. There are some suggested deadlines.

What is the process for collecting transcripts for campus change students? Should this process be student- or institution-facilitated (i.e., who has ownership of requesting transcripts)? If this process is institution-facilitated, who should be the points of contact at each campus?

- It was not clearly said who should own the transcript requesting process

What is the transcript request fee at each institution? Should we waive this fee? And if so, what is the financial impact?

- UTM - \$5 - \$12.50 depending on the delivery method chosen
- UTC - \$5
- UTK - \$10

What about HS transcripts? Should they be shared or not? And if so, how would that work? (Legislation: If they have an AA/AS degree, can't require HS transcript)?

- Everyone seemed fine with sharing transcripts but noted that we do not all require the same information, so the other school may not always have what you need. There are different requirements at each school regarding the High School transcript, so UTM may require it but UTK did not, so they will not have a copy.
- It was also noted that there may be notes, IDs, etc. written on the transcript if it is shared.

Are there other concerns we need to address as a system with regard to admissions and recruitment that falls within the scope of this project?

- There was some concern between UTK and UTC about how IDs are created and held.
- A uniform grading scale would be nice. Some schools use the + and – of the grades and some do not, which makes GPAs at the schools calculate differently
- It also seemed to be the sentiment of the entire group that this project should possibly focus more on the credit transfer portion and less on the admissions piece. The courses not transferring from one UT school to another, while a Community College course would transfer seemed to bother everyone in the group.