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Overview of SUS Transfer Student Data Select Committee on 2+2

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2+2 Admissions Data

Associate of Arts (AA) transfer students are a significant source of SUS enrollments over the past five years.

- AA transfers average more than a quarter of new SUS enrollments
 - 70,235 in Fall 2014
- Percent applied and admitted has remained approx. 84%
- Nine out of ten apply to only one state university.
 - True for both those admitted and those denied.
- More than 1/3 of FCS AA graduates each year do not apply for admission to a state university.

SOURCE: BOG staff analysis, Tables 1 - 3B, 3/10/16. Available at

http://www.flbog.edu/documents_meetings/0199_0978_7295_6.3.2%202+2%2003b_AA%20Transfer%20data%20points_JMI.pdf



2+2 Student Demographics

- Proportion of men (45%) and women (55%) AA transfer students closely mirrors FTIC students in the SUS.
- Hispanic students are a growing percentage of both FTIC (25% in 2015) and AA transfer (33%) students.
- Average age of AA transfer students is almost 26 years old, while average age of FTIC students is 20.

SOURCE: Board of Governors staff analysis, Tables 4 - 6, 3/10/16. Available at:

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2+2 Graduation Data

The SUS graduation rates for AA transfer students have remained fairly constant in recent years.

- AA transfer 2-year graduation rates are significantly lower than the FTIC 4-year graduation rates.
 - 27% vs. 44% most recent calculation
- AA transfer 4-year graduation rates are much closer to the FTIC 6-year graduation rate.
 - 68% vs. 71% most recent calculation

The FTIC graduation rates (4-year and 6-year) have steadily increased 5 to 6% points in the past five years.

SOURCE: Board of Governors staff analysis, Tables 7 - 8. 3/10/2016. Available at:
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Questions Suggested by Data

Why are 1/3 of AA graduates not applying to the SUS?

- Continuing at FCS or transferring into independents, out-of-state?
- Financial aid concerns?
- Decided not to pursue a higher degree?

Is AA transfer becoming more common as an access strategy for minority students?

Does the older age (26) and high percentage (90%) applying to only one university indicate that AA transfers are place-bound?



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