

**AGENDA ITEM B3: ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER**

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**TRANSFER AMOUNTS AND RATES COMPARED TO COMPARABLE INSTITUTIONS**

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**Presentation of Data**

The University System of Ohio encourages students who enter into higher education through community colleges to complete two-year degree programs and then to transfer to one of Ohio's thirteen universities to pursue four-year degrees. Transfer students are tracked through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system and numbers of students transferring among Ohio institutions are reported on the Ohio Board of Regents' (OBR's) website. Transfer amounts for six academic years, 2006/2007 through 2011/2012, are presented in tables and charts in this report. Table 1 shows the number of students from each of the 23 community colleges who transferred to other Ohio community colleges. Table 2 shows the number of students who transferred from Ohio community colleges to Ohio public four-year institutions. Data regarding students who transferred to private four-year or out-of-state four-year institutions are not included in this report.

Table 1, *Transfer amounts from Ohio CCs to other CCs in Ohio*, shows the numbers of community college students who have transferred from each of Ohio's 23 community colleges to another of Ohio's community colleges. Table 2 displays the numbers of students who transferred from Ohio community colleges to one of Ohio's four-year public institutions during six academic years: 2006/2007 through 2011/2012.

*Table 1, Transfer amounts from Ohio CCs to other CCs in Ohio*

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	6-year total
Belmont	41	39	32	38	36	56	242
Clark State	136	132	152	199	267	273	1,159
Cincinnati State	71	99	267	98	111	150	796
Central Ohio Technical	162	135	126	179	268	296	1,166
Columbus State	450	442	532	645	715	773	3,557
Cuyahoga County Community	535	498	499	640	898	737	3,807
Edison State	106	121	106	134	113	109	689
Hocking Technical	188	198	218	304	294	301	1,503
Eastern Gateway	27	30	33	43	77	85	295
Lorain County	191	212	222	248	280	384	1,537
Lakeland Community	270	294	341	382	401	377	2,065
James A. Rhodes	85	81	88	110	130	121	615
Zane State	66	62	63	91	105	98	485
Marion Technical	44	53	82	107	88	114	488
North Central State	58	71	83	106	82	77	477
Northwest State	260	189	94	102	120	144	909
Owens County	390	348	342	971	973	420	3,444
Rio Grande Community	40	55	78	54	84	83	394
Sinclair Community	324	329	375	435	563	694	2,720
Southern State	49	64	45	78	101	71	408
Stark State	95	91	88	130	137	189	730
Terra State	104	93	83	97	114	104	595
Washington State	46	35	54	36	45	57	273



### **Data Highlights**

1. Over the six-year tracking period, transfers from Belmont to other Ohio community colleges have increased from 41 in 2006/2007 to 56 in 2011/2012. These data are shown in Table 1. This represents a 36.5% increase in two-year to two-year transfers.
2. The data in Table 2 show increases over the six-year period for 16 of the 23 Ohio community colleges in the number of two-year to four-year institution transfers. The number of Belmont students who transferred to Ohio public four-year institutions rose from 58 in 2006/2007 to 85 in 2011/2012. This represents an increase of 46.5%.
3. The third table shows greater detail for the Belmont student transfers to Ohio public four-year institutions. The number of transfers to branch campuses and main campuses are combined in this table. There are eight Ohio public four-year institutions to which Belmont students have transferred during the six-year period. Of the 411 transfers represented in this table, 294 have been transfers to Ohio University main and branch campuses. Overall, 71.5% of Belmont students have transferred to OU campuses.
4. The University System of Ohio's (USO) current funding formula awards success points to two-year institutions for students who transfer from the two-year institution and subsequently complete 15 credit hours at an Ohio public four-year institution. Over the 6-year time period, Belmont has been awarded 393 success points for transfers to 4-year Ohio public institutions. Over this period of time Belmont's number of success points for transfer students who successfully completed fifteen credit hours at a four-year institution increased 69%.

### **Recommendations and Targets for Improvement**

1. When information becomes available, find out why students transfer to other community colleges. Is it related to the availability of desired programs and services or is it because students have relocated and are more mobile today? It would also be helpful to know to which institutions they are transferring. In this way we would know if they are transferring early (before associate degree completion) to the four-year institutions or if they are opting for other two-year colleges instead of Belmont.
2. Augment the number of students transferring to four-year institutions by continuing to enhance 2 + 2 articulation and transfer pathways, and by expanding the transfer advising function/services at Belmont College.