



**SEM SUMMIT 2016:**

**Transfer  
Students**

# THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSFER STUDENTS IN SEM

“The foundation of SEM requires us to examine how we support student transition, especially for those students who move in and out of the post-secondary system and among institutions.”

Gaber, Gordon & Jodoin. 2011, *SEM in Canada*.

*The goal of this session is to prompt discussions that will take what we have heard collectively, and will synthesize it into actions that we can begin to implement at our institutions.*

# INTERESTING ISSUES TO CONSIDER

- ❖ How flexible/permeable are your barriers?
- ❖ Intentional Transfer Vs Reactive Transfer
- ❖ Need for a common language amongst institutions?
- ❖ Can we transfer co-curricular activity/recognition?
- ❖ Transfer Shock; how to mitigate?
- ❖ Are Institutional and Provincial transfer solutions required for a national strategy?
- ❖ Is the issue of “quality assurance”/trust a primary barrier to better transfers?
- ❖ The information is available, but it’s not connecting with students. Why?
- ❖ Data gathering and analysis; what to gather and what to do with it?

# TRANSFER SYSTEMS OVERVIEW

## **Unidirectional Transferability**

- Centrally organized, block transferability based on “Letters of Permission” & articulation system
- Quebec CEGEP

## **Multi-Directional Transferability**

- Independent colleges, system-wide course by course articulation system and independent block transfer agreements
- British Columbia (BCCAT) & Ontario (ONCAT)

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Please form groups based on the card you have drawn.

Stay with this group for all three discussion blocks.

Discussion topics:

- ❖ Block 1: Local/institutional strategy (15 mins)
- ❖ Block 2: Provincial strategy (10 mins)
- ❖ Block 3: National strategy (10 mins)

3-5 minute reporting after each block

But wait, there's more...

# TWEET WALL



## #SEMSUM16



JOANNA H [@VIUJoanna](#)

Interesting message from the student panel: "there's a need for greater compassion when life happens" #SEMSum16



JODY GORDON [@jodyloveshockey](#)

"@TheSEMDocor: At the SEM Summit in Toronto with my Canadian colleagues! @AACRAO #SEMSUM16" @BaillieKM @RayDarling1 @CapURegistrar



JENNIFER COGLIN [@jennifercoghlin](#)

The #SEMSum16 has begun! Hoping for more great stuff to bring back to @BresciaUC



JASON HUNTER [@deanoffutbal](#)

32 unis and 15 colleges from across Canada discuss transfer student mobility. ONCAT and BCCAT leaders share their thoughts. #SEMSUM16



KYLE BAILLIE [@BaillieKM](#)

#semsum16 transfer students perform as well as direct entry students!

# TWEET WALL CONTEST!

Best tweet of each discussion block will be rewarded!

Tweets can be from groups *or* individuals

Must contain #SEMSUM16

Bonus points for:

- ❖ Proper APA Formatting
- ❖ Inspiring, original ideas
- ❖ Shameless, obviously stolen ideas

# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: LOCAL/INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGY

1. How would you begin developing a more effective transfer student SEM strategy for **your** institution?

- ❖ Who are your target students? How are you determining their needs?
- ❖ Which institutional partners would need to be involved in the discussion?
- ❖ What resources will be needed?
- ❖ From the student perspective, how do you communicate/facilitate a smooth transition in/out of your institution?
- ❖ What academic tactics are you using to target transfer students?



# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: PROVINCIAL STRATEGY

1. What would an effective provincial framework look like in your province?

- ❖ Updated institutional roles/goals/values?
- ❖ Multi-institutional partnerships?
- ❖ Government partnerships?
- ❖ Block vs Course based Model?

2. What would it require?

3. What are the barriers?

# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: NATIONAL STRATEGY

1. What would a national mobility system look like?

2. What would it require?

❖ Common language?

❖ PEN?

❖ Financial Aid?

❖ Documentation?

3. What are the barriers?

# NATIONAL TRANSFER DAY?



**National Cat Day**

[www.NationalDayCalendar.com](http://www.NationalDayCalendar.com)

**October 29**

# CLOSING QUESTIONS & REMARKS

Final thoughts and questions?

Thank you for your great participation!

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