

Admission and First-Year Student (Freshman and Transfer) Subcommittee

Description and Guiding Questions: The first year at USF for both freshmen and transfer students is a time of enormous transition. What are the challenges unique to both student populations? Helping students to understand the university, how it functions, and mechanisms of support are crucial to not only retaining students, but helping them succeed. The charge of this committee is to:

- Analyze MapWorks data to inform committee about needs of incoming freshmen. Determine methods for distribution to different audiences (students, staff, faculty, administration).
- Examine first year seminar structure in Arts & Sciences, Management, and Nursing. Make recommendations for supplemental materials to be shared with these faculty.
- Explore ways to extend orientation related activities into the first semester/year. i.e., one-unit seminar class for all new students.
- Assess process for communicating degree plans to transfer students.
- Make recommendations for building programs of support for students that are admitted. Close the loop with admissions about persistence and success of the incoming class.