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To: Presidents, State-Operated and Community College Campuses
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Subject: SUNY Transfer Equivalency Platform

Dear Colleagues,

As part of SUNY's ongoing commitment to improving student access to transfer information and improving the transfer process for all students, we are pleased to provide an update on the implementation phase of the SUNY Transfer Equivalency Platform.

The SUNY Transfer Equivalency Platform provides a centralized web-based tool where current and prospective students can look up course-to-course equivalents, without the need for login credentials. In addition, the tool will serve as a central, easy-to-use and access resource for anyone serving our students.

Most importantly, the platform represents a major step in a multi-phase approach to providing the next generation of transfer tools. The platform, while based on Degree Works, is a system neutral approach which is designed to work with multiple information systems and creates a foundation for future technology neutral services.

Campuses that have implemented Degree Works are already aligned with the platform. As part of an upcoming Degree Works upgrade, the functionality for the platform will be a standard feature, which will be able to directly connect to existing transfer equivalencies in Degree Works. While we expect setup and configuration to be minimal for Degree Works campuses, we will be working with cohorts of campuses directly to implement the tool and be assured correct and accurate equivalencies are shown to students. By early 2025, all campuses will be asked to provide initial data for the platform, consisting of major partner school equivalencies.

For campuses that are not yet implemented on Degree Works, or where equivalencies are not stored in Degree Works, we will work directly with you to obtain equivalencies using vendor provided APIs, through data imports or other means. To help develop cohorts and next steps, we have created a campus readiness survey available at sunytransfer.org/survey. Please complete this survey by **August 20**.

Further details and general questions may be addressed in the Frequently Asked Questions document we have attached. In addition, we will be holding an update webinar on **August 12** and **August 15** to answer questions and provide more details. You may sign up for the webinar, access more materials, and review prior recordings at sunytransfer.org/resources.

Thank you for your commitment to improving the transfer experience for our students. As always, please do not hesitate to send questions, comments, or concerns to sunytransfer@suny.edu.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas Hanford".

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