

## IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE – NON-IOWA REGENT’S COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY TRANSFER REPORT

### *Overview:*

At the conclusion of fall, spring and summer terms, the Regent’s Universities in Iowa provide transfer data regarding the enrollment status of community college students who have continued their education at Iowa State University, the University of Iowa or the University of Northern Iowa. The transfer report summarizing this data has been completed and previously forwarded to the Cabinet and Instructional Council.

Since many Iowa Western Community College students also transfer to non-Regent’s colleges and universities, a similar report noting key highlights has also been developed. 2004-05 transfer information has been provided by the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Northwest Missouri State University and Buena Vista University. Due to the geographical proximity of these institutions to Area XIII and Iowa Western Community College, the majority of IWCC students who transfer to four-year colleges and universities other than the Regent’s universities select UNO, NMWSU, and BVU.

The National Student Clearinghouse also provides information on the number of IWCC students who have transferred to other colleges and universities. A brief synopsis is included later in this document.

### *Transfer Analysis Information*

The information provided by UNO, NWMSU, and BVU varies depending upon institutional policies. Where available, the summary analysis includes:

- Number of students from Iowa Western Community College who transferred and were enrolled during the academic term/year.
- Average number of credits that were accepted at transfer.
- Grade point average (GPA) of transfer credits.
- Number of students who had earned an associate’s degree before transfer.
- First term number of credit hours attempted at the university.
- First term grade point average (GPA) at the university.
- Current term number of credit hours attempted at the university.
- Current term grade point average (GPA) at the university.
- Cumulative number of credit hours attempted at the university.
- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the university.
- Number of IWCC transfer students who graduated at the conclusion of the term.
- Summary of enrollments by program of study.

### *University of Nebraska at Omaha*

The University of Nebraska at Omaha provides annual transfer data tracking students who were enrolled during fall term. The majority of IWCC students who transfer to non-Regents institutions attend UNO. 496 former IWCC students were enrolled during fall 2004. UNO does not provide comparative data on the performance of other community college transfer students.

- ✓ The most popular programs of study for IWCC transfer students were elementary and secondary education.
- ✓ 31 students were “undeclared” in the University Division, while 24 students were “non-degree” in the College of Continuing Studies.
- ✓ 21.6% earned an associate’s degree prior to transfer.
- ✓ The weighted average GPA at transfer was 2.90.
- ✓ The average GPA after the first term of enrollment was 2.94.
- ✓ The average cumulative GPA earned was 2.99.
- ✓ 107 IWCC transfer students graduated from UNO during 2005.

#### *Northwest Missouri State University*

NWMSU provided performance data for both fall 2004 and spring 2005 terms.

Approximately 50 IWCC transfer students were enrolled at NWMSU each term.

- ✓ Elementary education was the major in which the most IWCC students enrolled. (Nine students were undecided/undeclared regarding their major.)
- ✓ The transfer GPA of IWCC students was comparable to non-IWCC transfer students.
- ✓ The GPA of IWCC students after their first term at NWMSU was lower than that of non-IWCC transfer students.
- ✓ The GPA of IWCC students after the current term was lower than non-IWCC transfer students.
- ✓ The cumulative GPA of IWCC students was lower than non-IWCC transfer students but comparable to non-transfer student performance.
- ✓ Two IWCC students graduated from NWMSU at the conclusion of spring 2005.
- ✓ NWMSU did not report the number of IWCC students who transferred with an associates degree.

#### *Buena Vista University*

The transfer report received from Buena Vista University summarizes IWCC students who were enrolled during the 2004-2005 academic year. Data reflects that 75 IWCC transfer students were enrolled at the Council Bluffs campus; none were enrolled at the main campus in Storm Lake, IA.

- ✓ The majority of students were enrolled as education majors.
- ✓ 90.7% of the IWCC transfer students earned an associates degree prior to enrolling at BVU.
- ✓ The transfer GPA of IWCC students was slightly higher than other Iowa public community college students.
- ✓ The cumulative GPA of IWCC students was lower than that of Iowa public community college students, but comparable to BVU native students.
- ✓ 11 students graduated from BVU during 2004 – 05.

#### *National Student Clearinghouse*

The National Student Clearinghouse provides information on post-secondary student degree and enrollment verification. Their database represents over 91% of the U. S. collegiate enrollment from 2,800 participating colleges and universities.

The following parameter is used in conducting an enrollment search of IWCC transfer students: *any student who attended IWCC at least one term during the previous academic year and earned at least 12 cumulative credits.*

In addition to the Iowa Regents universities, UNO, BVU and NWMSU, the following is a sampling of colleges and universities that reported more than one IWCC transfer student:

- Creighton University
- College of St. Mary
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- Simpson Colleges
- Peru State College
- Nebraska Methodist College
- University of South Dakota
- Wayne State College
- Dana College
- Grace University
- Upper Iowa University
- Midland Lutheran College
- Morningside College
- South Dakota State University
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Central College
- Central Missouri State University
- Kansas State University
- Wartburg College
- Lamar University
- Missouri Western State College
- Northwestern College
- Southwest Minnesota State University
- Arizona State University
- Carson-Newman College
- Emporia State University
- Luther College
- Minnesota State University - Mankato
- Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Southwest Missouri State University
- St. Cloud State University

*Summary:*

Iowa Western Community College students have transferred to a diverse selection of colleges and universities. A significant majority transfer to institutions within close proximity of Area XIII. The educational foundation provided by IWCC has served as a springboard for students who desire to continue their academic studies throughout the nation.