Transferring to SJSU Under Conditions of Impaction

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Access

• CSU cut $585 million this year
• Turn away 40,000 eligible students
• Spaces available depend upon timely completion of students already here
SJSU Impaction

- Culture of FTES Growth
- SJSU highest above target in CSU in 2008-09
- Shed 3000 students this year to get to funded target
- Will shed 2500 more for next year to get to reduced target
- Penalty for going over target
Coping Strategies

• Rationing
• Streamlining
• Tightening
Rationing

• Not time, but units: FTES
• Requirements for Degree
  – Mostly 120 units
  – Some technical degrees up to 135
• Students transfer up to 70 maximum
• At SJSU: typically between 50 and 75
• (4 to 5 semesters at 15 units)
Streamlining

- Review of our own policies and procedures that impede completion
- Waive some pre-requisites (ENGL 1B)
- Change grading basis of some classes from ABC/NC
- Waive some GE sequencing or distribution requirements
- Limit course repeats
Rationing Unit Loads

• Used to be 18 units without permission
• Now restricting to 14 units for until everyone has a chance to register
  – Protect Financial Aid students (12 units)
  – Protect visa students (12 units)
• Graduating Seniors priority up to 18
Tightening

• Tough love
• Strict observance of probation and DQ
• More difficult to return from DQ
  – No program of study option
  – Must return to 2.0 GPA
  – Must apply for readmission in normal cycle
• Zero tolerance on requirements
  – Fee deadlines
  – Orientation attendance
  – Transcript verifications
Tightening Remediation

• Students who fail required remedial course in first or second semester cannot repeat the course here on state support

• Will be looking for your courses to clear remediation
  – Waive local placement tests

• (Not transfer students)
Writing Skills Test (WST)

• State Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)
• After 60 units
• Gateway to required writing course (100W) taught in majors
• Gateway to SJSU Studies (9 units advanced GE)
• Significant (repeat) failure rates
• Put off until end and stall
Tightening Options

• Must declare major by 60 units
• Limits on changing or adding major after 90 units
• Limits on changing or adding minor after 90 units
• Must file for graduation at 90 units
• Limits on course options at 120 units: only allowed to take what’s on approved program
Implications of Tightening

• If student doesn’t make timely progress to graduation
  – Loss of course selection and unit load options
  – May lead to loss or curtailment of Financial Aid
  – May jeopardize visa status (fewer than 12 units)
  – May be required to take one year (max) leave of absence to clear WST requirement
Advising: The Magic Bullet

• Advise students not to get into these dilemmas
• Advise students to take institutional requirements seriously and literally
• Advise students to establish a relationship with an advisor and check in early and often
• Advise students to address writing issues early to avoid later problems
THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO

• If helpful, we’re happy to put a small team together to visit an appropriate meeting on your campus.

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