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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council of Chancellors
FROM: David Lassner
SUBJECT: Single Transcript Evaluation

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

As you know, our Strategic Directions call for UH to become a High Performance Mission-Drive System. One of the strategies for achieving this is to increase opportunity and success for students and overall cost-effectiveness by leveraging academic resources and capabilities across the system. One tactic for this strategy is to standardize, centralize and collaborate on shared services to improve operating efficiencies and effectiveness in student support areas such as transcript evaluation, financial aid processing, admissions, monitoring of student progress, early alerts and intervention strategies.

At the January 17, 2015 UH Officers retreat, implementation of a single transcript evaluation based on a common transfer database was identified as a goal for 2015. A single transcript evaluation will provide a more efficient use of UH resources and will benefit students who complete courses at multiple UH campuses and/or transfer from other universities/colleges. It will support student success by providing students with full clarity regarding how their transfer credits apply to degree requirements with assurance that there will only be one definitive review of external courses that is accepted by all ten UH campuses.

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs will convene a working group to implement this priority. We will also provide time for discussion at the next Council of Chancellors meeting.

Thanks in advance for your support of our shared efforts to serve students better and more efficiently.