Faculty Colleagues:

The Semester is already speeding by and I want to share two important spring 2018 announcements.

First of all, it has come to the attention of both my office and the GE Implementation Group that there was confusion among our faculty advisors in regard to transfer to better guide individual advising, a character scenarios has been provided along with supporting documentation from the State System. Please note that the State System has in the past two years passed new policies on General Education and Transfer emphasizing a growing state/national trend to be more "transfer friendly" to our older students seeking baccalaureate completion. Our transfer population is increasingly more important to us as a four-year institution which is facing, as our other sister colleges, the declining pool of high school graduates. In addition, our transfer folks in Enrollment Management have also kept abreast of State System Policies and are ready to assist our faculty with transfer issues. We will also be posting these materials on the General Education website under Faculty Resources shortly, as well as some specific FAQs on specific questions that have arisen in the course of advisement. Both Kizzy Morris and Jeff Weber are available for specific questions as they will transfer such questions and answers to FAQs for the entire community. FAQs will also be posted on the GE Website shortly although the attached materials include three examples based on current questions regarding transfer and general education.

Second, I am also pleased to share with you two additional documents regarding the <u>tutoring opportunities</u> available through DAEL and coordinated by our faculty colleague, Dr. Kelly McKenzie. Attached for your referral of students are two document; a) the <u>drop in tutoring schedule</u>; and b) <u>individual tutoring sessions</u>. The tutoring folks plan to send out tutoring schedules to faculty at the end of the third or beginning of fourth week each semester for both spring and fall. In addition, DAEL hopes to soon have a sign-in tutoring webpage so that students can make an appointment for the individual sessions. Details regarding the availability of the web-based sign-in to come shortly. If you should have questions regarding tutoring, please contact DAEL staff, including Kelly McKenzie, at kmckenzie@esu.edu.

Wishing you a successful spring semester.

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