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**The President should comment on what efforts are being taken to increase the enrollment of transfer students. (Comment requested on page 6)**

*CSU Response:*

Coppin State University has initiated the following measures to increase the enrollment of transfer students:

- Transfer Thursday – Extended evening hours, offered on the last Thursday of each month, and directed towards students interested in transferring to Coppin State University;
- Provide scholarship funds to eligible transfer students;
- Participate in transfer days at each community college in Maryland in order to recruit transfer students to attend Coppin State University;
- Partner with BridgEdu/CCBC to increase student access to Coppin State University; and,
- Advertising campaign in April and May, 2017, directed at the five community colleges with the largest number of transfer students at Coppin State University.

**The President should comment on whether CSU follows up with students who leave to determine reasons why they stopped – or dropped-out, and what can be done to encourage them to earn a degree. (Comment on pages 10-11)**

*CSU Response:*

- (a) Coppin State University does follow-up with students who depart prior to earning a degree.
- (b) Coppin is analyzing the data to help it understand the reasons why students have departed prior to earning a degree.

**The President should comment on factors contributing to the decline in the pass rate and actions being taken to improve the rate. The President should also address if there are concerns about the first-time passage rate on the nursing licensure exam being below 80% and the potential impact this may have on the program's accreditation. (Comment on page 21)**

**CSU Response:**

The nursing program is not in jeopardy of losing accreditation. The decline in the pass rate is attributable to changes in leadership. Leadership has now been stabilized, the improvement in the pass rate is a reflection of this dynamic.

**The President should comment on why spending on need-based aid decreases in fiscal 2017, even though it was stated an additional \$400,000 was added to the need-based aid budget. The President should also comment on why spending on scholarships increases 83.6%, or \$0.7 million, in fiscal 2017 while spending on need-based aid declines. (Comment on page 24)**

**CSU Response:**

Need-based aid did not decrease in 2017. A significant portion of scholarship dollars (labeled merit) are actually need-based dollars.

**The President should comment on if providing higher awards to fewer students is a shift in financial aid practice in order to increase the retention of students. (Comment on page 24)**

**CSU Response:**

Yes, this practice contributes to retention by reducing students overall loan debt.

**The President should comment on why CSU has not submitted data to the CDS since the 2010-2011 academic year. (Comment on page 26)**

**CSU Response:**

Participation in the Common Data Set (CDS) is voluntary. Coppin State University is currently revisiting our position with regard to participation in the CDS.