Procedure on Transfer Students and Bulletin Eligibility

Current practice allows a student who transfers to Minnesota State University, Mankato from a two-year institution to utilize previous versions of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Bulletin. For example, a student who started at Normandale Community College in 2002, and then transferred to Minnesota State University, Mankato in 2004 could use the 2002 Minnesota State University, Mankato Bulletin. However, this same allowance is not granted to students who transfer from four-year institutions.

The rationale for the practice was that students at two-year schools entered that school planning on transferring, while students at four-year schools were not planning on transferring. No evidence exists, however, to document that students at two-year and four-year schools were advised any differently or were even aware of the availability of previous bulletins. Additionally, allowing two-year school transfer students this option while not allowing this option to four-year school transfer students seems to violate the spirit of MnSCU policy 3.21. Finally, this practice creates more confusion for students and advisors than help for students.

Effective Fall 2004, students transferring to Minnesota State University, Mankato will be held to the requirements of the Bulletin that was used to evaluate their transfer credits at the time they transferred to Minnesota State University, Mankato. Transfer students, as do all students, will still have the option to use newer bulletins.