TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)
SUBJECT: 15-16 CIC 18: Sankofa Scholars Program
PURPOSE: As information to the Academic Senate
ACTION REQUESTED: That the Senate be informed about the Sankofa Scholars Program, preferably by hearing from participating faculty members and/or administrators at the Senate meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
At CIC’s November 16, 2015 meeting, the Committee discussed the Sankofa Scholars Program. The program is intended to build community and provide additional advising for transfer students, particularly, though not exclusively, African-American students. The goal of this program is to increase retention and improve graduation rates amongst participating students. This program is similar to the GANAS program and welcomed its inaugural cohort this year. The Committee wants the faculty to be knowledgeable about this program so that prospective students may be advised about it and additional faculty members participate in it.