

MINUTES

Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting

May 31st, 2012

8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present: F. Scott Miller, Tyrone Davidson, Patty Frisbee, Larry Gragg, Katie Jackson, Stephen Raper, Kristi Schulte, Brad Starbuck, Lynn Stichnote, Laura Stoll, Summer Young.

Members Absent: Harvest Collier, Edna Grover-Bisker, Brooke Durbin, Cecilia Elmore, Stephanie Fitch, Deanne Jackson, Thulasi Kumar, Rachel Morris, Carol Smith, Ramya Thiagarajan, Nangai Yang.

I. Review and Approval of Minutes

The committee members reviewed the minutes from the May 17th 2012 meeting. A motion was made (Lynn Stichnote) and seconded (Patty Frisbee) to approve the minutes as written.

II. Old Business

- a. Additional math data handout (requested in May 17th meeting)
There was some discussion about the climate in the Math 2 classrooms at Missouri S&T, with students feeling despondent and not supported because they view the course as remedial. Lynn Stichnote related that this brings up two issues: (1) revenue we are losing, and (2) difficulties in the Financial Aid and Registrars offices with registering these students in two different colleges. Larry Gragg recommended that the committee invite Leon Hall to one of our first Fall meetings, to discuss the issues within the Math department and how the Retention committee members and their offices may be able to assist.

III. New Business

- a. Alternate Major subcommittee presentation by Laura Stoll
Laura presented information from the subcommittee's meeting concerning the Challenges, Recommendations and Other Considerations. One of the topics discussed was the creation of the One Stop Shop for academic enhancement, which the committee has discussed in the past. Larry Gragg pointed out that both of the external candidates for the Registrars position talked about such a center in their presentations. Laura Stoll reported that she has discussed this subject with both the Chancellor and Provost, and some progress is underway. There was then some discussion on the subject of career counseling, and if the Counseling Center or COER currently handle this. The current state of resources being widely distributed across the campus, and the difficulties students have in locating the appropriate resource were discussed, as well as the issue of follow-up. Many times when a student is referred to one of these resources, there is not subsequent contact to be sure the problem was addressed adequately. Brad Starbuck noted that this has become a recruiting issue as well, because students and their families on a Mizzou tour are spending the majority of their time in the "Student Success Center", and we have nothing equivalent to show them here, though we have the resources.

A recommendation was made to hold an open house for all majors before preregistration each semester, so students will be aware of the majors and minors available to them, as well as making the process by which a student changes their major more apparent to the students.

IV. Announcements

Lynn reminded the committee that Bridgette Betz should be added to the committee list as interim director of Student Financial Aid.

Final presentations from subcommittees need to be turned in to Rachel as soon as possible.

V. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 14th , 2012 at 8:15 am
The meeting was adjourned.