

MINUTES

Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting

August 23rd, 2012

8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present: Scott Miller, Larry Gragg, Bridgette Betz, Tyrone Davidson, Cecilia Elmore, Patty Frisbee, Leon Hall, Deanne Jackson, Katie Jackson, Rachel Morris, Daniel Reardon, Kristi Schulte, Brad Starbuck, Lynn Stichnote, Laura Stoll, Klaus Woelk, Nangai Yang.

Members Absent: Edna Grover-Bisker, Thulasi Kumar, Stephen Raper, Ramya Thiagarajan.

Guest: Harvest Collier, Adrienne Neckermann (For Edna Grover-Bisker).

I. Welcome

- a. Introductions around the table
- b. Dr. Collier announced the loss of the 1st and 2nd year positions in the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

- a. There were no minutes to approve from the June 28th meeting.

III. Old Business

- a. Review notes from Chancellor Schrader's visit on June 28th.
 - **Math Subcommittee**
Concerning Chem I and Math 2 as pre-requisites: Dr. Hall said that not having Math 4 listed as a pre-req poses a problem since at the end of both courses (Math 2 and Math 4), students should have the same knowledge.
 - **Student Persistence**
"Develop a more organized mentoring program, including students, staff, and faculty as mentors. They should meet with their students two to three times a semester." That is complete. The New Student Programs and Undergraduate Studies have teamed up to create a program called Reconnection that will reconnect the new freshmen with their Opening Week mentors two times during the fall semester and provide resources for those new students.

"Endorse the recommendation of the Financial Assistance Sub-Committee to funding for need-based aid and student employment opportunities on campus." All employment information is being posted in a central location called "Miner Jobs".

based aid has been approved for FS13. There are 147 work study jobs on campus but need to have an estimated family contribution (EFC) equal to 0.

“Support the campus’s developing “1st Year Success Course” project and the establishment of a Success Center.” There will be a “soft” launch of a student success center this fall. This will be open to all students and in a central location on campus.

- **Alternate Majors**

“Campus resource fair (open house) to publicize diversity of majors, how to change majors, and where to obtain career testing information and/or counseling.” On October 10th, from 11:30-1:30, there will be a Majors & Minors event that will be similar to Open House, but geared toward currently enrolled students.

“As part of 101 course, instruct students about changing majors, information that is available, alternatives to consider.” Dr. Collier suggested a Plan B for the committee to perform an assessment. Lynn asked Deanne if we could track changes in majors.

- **Fit in the S&T Environment**

Under Career Exploration, it was discussed that we need to do a better job at promoting this and the Student Success Center will be a good place for that.

Peer mentoring is completed with the Reconnect program.

Under Residence Halls, the discussion revolved around LEAD sessions being available to students (specifically Chemistry and Math courses). There needs to be a seamless environment for students from campus to residence halls.

IV. New Business

- a. None

V. Announcements

- a. Discussion on Financial Aid and A2S will commence at the September 6th meeting.

VI. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 5th, 2012 at 8:15 am.
The meeting was adjourned.