

MINUTES

Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting

September 6th, 2012

8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present: Scott Miller, Larry Gragg, Bridgette Betz, Cecilia Elmore, Edna Grover-Bisker, Deanne Jackson, Katie Jackson, Rachel Morris, Stephen Raper, Kristi Schulte, Lynn Stichnote, Laura Stoll, Ramya Thiagarajan, Klaus Woelk, Nangai Yang.

Members Absent: Tyrone Davidson, Patty Frisbee, Thulasi Kumar, Daniel Reardon, Brad Starbuck.

Guest: Stephanie Fitch (for Leon Hall).

I. Review and Approval of Minutes

The committee members reviewed the minutes from the August 23rd, 2012 meeting. A motion was made (Stephen Raper) and seconded (Katie Jackson) to approve the minutes with 2 corrections.

II. Old Business

a. Continuation of discussion on Annual Retention Report to Chancellor Schrader

SFA Subcommittee

“The negative impact on unmet financial need on retention”, S&T is implementing (2013 AY) a full need based institutional grant called the Missouri S&T grant.

“Collaborating with other offices on campus for helping high risk students”: Kristi Schulte spoke about the sophomore experience and the reflection paper based on the Financial Aid that students turn in. Larry Gragg brought up the Student Success Center and asked if the students working in the success center will be cross-trained to answer questions to other offices on campus. Yes, they will be cross-trained.

A2S Subcommittee

S&T hit the Pell eligible goal of 30% and an under-represented minority (URM) goal of 11%.

Larry Gragg asked why S&T had a big drop in student diversity numbers in 2008-2009. Laura Stoll said that funding for that group ended, the 2008-2009 cohort was smaller (which leads to a greater percentage drop if you lose a few students) and it was the year after the economic downturn which affected the URM group the most.

Lynn Stichnote stated that we need to have a strong retention plan in place to help the URM population. Klaus Woelk asked if we had data on these cohorts in Missouri. The committee will look into that.

III. New Business

a. Summary of 2 week discussion:

Math: Scott Miller stated that the problem with Math 2 being a pre-requisite for Chemistry I is that there is not enough time to complete the courses for a degree in a reasonable timeframe.

Klaus Woelk said that there are 40-50 Math 2/3 students in the class of 800 Chemistry I are tracking those students and held a help session for those 40-50 and only 3 showed up.

Stichnote suggested a 2 week math enhancement program before the spring semester and Stephanie Fitch said that students won't come and Bridgette Betz said there would be no financial assistance available to them.

Student Persistence: All completed.

Alternate Majors: No changes from previous notes.

Fit in the S&T Environment: Residence Hall recommendation is in progress.

Financial Aid: No change from previous notes.

A2S: Take off "Repeat course policy option"

b. Homework: Larry Gragg and Scott Miller asked the committee to review the recommendations and make a case for the items still needing to be addressed and send the summary to the committee. Also, it was asked if anyone was considering a larger issue that needs to be addressed by the committee not stated in our subcommittees.

IV. Announcements

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V. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 4th, 2012 at 8:15 am.

The meeting was adjourned.