

# MINUTES

## Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

8:15-9:15 AM

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

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

**Guests:** Tara Stone (Student Success Center).

### I. Review and Approval of Minutes

The committee members reviewed the minutes from the November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 meeting. A motion was made (Laura Stoll) and seconded (Lynn Stichnote) to approve the minutes with no corrections.

### II. Old Business

- a. None

### III. New Business

- a. Patty Frisbee introduced Tara Stone who is the new Student Success Center Advisor.
- b. Larry Gragg announced that there is an undergraduate group for the Strategic Planning Committee and that the Retention Committee will be involved in the process. More information to come. Larry Gragg, Laura Stoll and/or Klaus Woelk will give updates to the Retention Committee as they become available.
- c. Subcommittee Introductions/Overview for 2012-13
  - Academic Policies-Deanne Jackson, chair  
The subcommittee has committed to meet on the second Tuesday of every month with ideation sessions on Academic Forgiveness, FERPA, summer Honor Roll and Add/Drop Policy.
  - Access to Success (A2S)-Laura Stoll, chair  
The first plan of action was to narrow down the previous year list of items to work on. The subcommittee is focusing on two items.
    1. Low income priority focus
      - Mentor Program
      - Hire student workers
      - Website to hire students
      - Financial Aid literacy
    2. Improve Academic Advising
      - Schedule a telepresence with UDirect.

Larry Gragg asked Tyrone Davidson if the Advising Survey has been completed. Tyrone reported that 957 students and 71 faculty/staff completed the survey. He will compile the data and share with the committee.

- English Performance-Dan Reardon, chair  
There are 4 challenges
  1. Reading comprehension
  2. English 20 AP Clep
  3. Advising awareness regarding English 20 and 60
  4. Writing across the Curriculum
  
- Fit in S&T Environment-Lynn Stichnote, chair  
The subcommittee is looking to get data from the campus climate survey. All that is currently available is a summary. The subcommittee is looking to see if any of the data from that survey would be valuable. Tyrone thought there might be a hard copy of the survey in the library. Lynn asked the group when a good time to schedule the Majors/Minors event in the spring. The group thought the first week of March fit into the schedule.
  
- Math Performance-Leon Hall, chair  
Leon asked is everyone on the subcommittee wanted to take the exam. There was not a full consensus. Leon remembers there was a section in the old course catalog on “The importance of mathematics” that seemed to address the questions we all receive from students about why they have to take the different math courses. He asked the committee if this needed to be readdressed. Patty Frisbee said that she will try and promote the message of the importance of math in the Student Success Center. Klaus Woelk stated that many faculty members don’t have a thorough understanding either.  
Leon asked the committee what the subcommittee should focus on and some ideas were data from Opening Week, data from Transfer Workshop and Stephanie Fitch’s analysis on the math placement exam.
  
- Student Success Courses-Scott Miller, chair  
Student Success “program” should not be just a course.  
Would like for the courses to be for credit  
Substitute of Chem 110?  
The class size needs to be small for student connection.  
A couple of ideas of a midterm start to the class or a course during intersessions were brought up. There is financial aid concern if a class starts midterm.

#### **IV. Announcements**

- a. We will not meet as a committee until classes resume in spring 2013. Please take this opportunity to meet with your subcommittees.

**V. Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 8:15 am.  
The meeting was adjourned.