

UMR Retention Committee Meeting

MINUTES

NOV. 3, 2005

8:15 AM

MEETING CALLED BY	Harvest Collier
ATTENDEES	Matt Goodwin, Carl Burns, Amy Gillman, Harvest Collier, Laura Stoll, Emily Petersen, F. Scott Miller, Stephanie Fitch, Kate Drowne, Gearoid MacSithigh, Dana Barnard
MEMBERS NOT PRESENT	Jennifer Bayless, Ron Bieniek, Meg Brady, Jeff Cawfield, Fathi Finaish, Gregory Gelles, Jay Goff, Martina Hahn, Nancy Hubing, Marcus Huggans, Mary Ellen Kirgan, Tammy Pratt, Christopher Ramsay, Stephen Raper, Kristi Schulte, Tina Sheppard, Lynn Stichnote, Steve Watkins, Robert Whites

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the 10-20-05 meeting with minor modifications to four comments made under the "Impact to UMR Drop Policy" section.
- The committee suggested modifying the format to include the identification of those who were not present at the meeting.
- The committee suggested contacting those who are routinely absent from Retention Committee meetings for the purpose of establishing a list of active members.

Agenda Topics

I. UMR Drop Policy Update

Laura Stoll provided the following summaries:

A. Summary of drops and changes to hearer status the two weeks prior to the Oct. 4, 2005 deadline:

- Drop- by student- 349
 - Drop- excessive absence- 10
 - Drop- Unsatisfactory work- 35
 - Drop- both work & absences- 36
 - ENRL- Hearer – 148
- Grand Total = 578

B. Summary of FS 2005 of instructor drops:

- Excessive absences- 102
 - Unsatisfactory work- 37
 - Both work and absences- 42
- Grand Total = 181

Committee comments:

- Are we at a change in policy? Has there been a decision by the administration?
- Can we incorporate On-Course principles into all UMR courses? (Students taking responsibility for their own learning.)
- Suggest incorporating active learning into UMR courses. We can also make it a part of GTA training.
- Suggest offering a "teaching" course and inviting new faculty to take the course prior to

teaching their first semester. What is the best way to develop this resource? The committee suggested beginning with new faculty and GTAs. Suggest support from the Dean's Office to make this happen.

- March 06- On Course conference in St. Louis. Those who attend the conference can possibly serve as a resource for others at UMR.
- CERTI's On-Course User's group has examples of how On-Course principles have been applied in UMR courses.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ask Patti Fleck and Marcie Thomas to attend the next meeting to discuss potential ways to develop and deliver this resource.

II. Academic Pilot Program Update

- The Academic Pilot Program project has been implemented. UGS has met with students each week, and will continue to meet through Nov. 21, 2005.

III. Assessment of Advising Update

- The Advising Assessment subcommittee is continuing to develop the survey questions for next semester.

The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING NOV. 17, 2005, 8:15 AM

The Retention Committee Assessment topic will be discussed at the Nov. 17th meeting.