

MINUTES

UMR Retention Committee Meeting

March 8, 2007

8:15-9:15 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Harvest Collier, Stephanie Fitch, Amy Gillman, Mary Ellen Kirgan, Gearoid MacSithigh, F. Scott Miller, Emily Petersen, Barb Prewett, Stephen Raper, Lynn Stichnote, Laura Stoll, Robert Whites, James Woner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dana Barnard, Meg Brady, Jay Goff, Matt Goodwin, Kristi Schulte, Steve Watkins

I. Approval of Minutes

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the 2-22-07 meeting with two minor corrections to Old Business- Section A.

II. Old Business

Agenda Items

A. Academic Regulations Sub-Committee:

The subcommittee reported that the members collectively agree that it is not necessary to change the academic regulations at this point. Instead, they recommend that faculty begin enforcing the regulations that are already in place.

1. Scholastic Probation Form: Currently many students are not aware that they are on probation. Therefore, the subcommittee recommends implementing a new "Notification of Scholastic Probation" form in support of the current academic regulations. If approved by the Retention Committee, the form could be implemented in May 2007.

Draft copies of the form were distributed to the Retention Committee for review. The subcommittee explained that the Registrar's office will be responsible for completing the top portion of the form; and the academic departments will be responsible for completing sections A & C and sending the form to the students.

The Retention Committee reviewed the draft form and discussed the benefits of using a hard copy versus an electronic process. Retention Committee members decided it is important to use a hard copy

Minor modifications to the form were recommended. A motion was passed to accept the modified form and move to implementing the form. The form will be implemented in May 2007.

2. Add/Drop/Hearer/Pass/Fail/Withdraw Dates: James Woner is currently collecting student opinions about withdraw dates. The next subcommittee meeting is in April and it will be discussed at that time. The subcommittee indicated that a change like this would require academic council approval to improve the policy. Discussion: Faculty are looking for a clearer picture of how students are doing before the early drop date. Suggest changing the dates so students can switch classes within the first week or two instead of waiting until the sixth week.

B. Student Success Program Models:

1. Project Success- Illinois State University

2. Turning Point Retention Program- Bradley University

Amy Gillman distributed information about two model academic success programs for the committee's review. Gillman asked the committee to email specific questions about the programs to her directly so she can collect the information requested.

C. Follow Up Items- Spring 2007 Retention Report: No report.

III. Announcements

A. UMR Outstanding Academic Advising Awards Ceremony & Reception-Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 2:00-4:00 PM- UMR Havener Center. Awards ceremony at 2:00 PM, reception immediately following.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.