

MINUTES

Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting

April 9, 2009

8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present: Harvest Collier, Amy Gillman, Jay Goff, Larry Gragg, Mary Ellen Kirgan, C.R. Thulasi Kumar, Rance Larsen, F. Scott Miller, Rachel Morris, Lynn Stichnote, Laura Stoll

Members Absent: Sunnie Hughes, Barb Prewett, Stephen Raper, Suzanne Schroer, Kristi Schulte, Carol Smith, Brad Starbuck, Summer Young

I. Review and Approve minutes

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the 3-12-09 meeting with the corrections noted below:

- a. Remove bulleted items #3 and #4 from section II.
- b. Include a summary definition of cluster 5 in bullet #8
- c. Make 2 minor grammatical corrections in bullet #10

II. Old Business:

A. Action Items/Committee Recommendations

The committee reviewed the draft recommended actions. Lynn Stichnote suggested revising the wording of item #4 to say "Improve availability of student financial resources". Additionally, Lynn recommended the campus seek ways to provide unrestricted scholarships for incoming freshmen. Jay Goff suggested further revisions and indicated he would provide those revisions at a later date.

III. New Business:

A. Academic Alert System Report

This report will be presented at the next meeting.

B. Retention Statistics/ Missouri S&T Standing

Jay Goff presented the following new retention success benchmarks (1st to 2nd year retention rates). He distributed handouts containing the actual data and rankings.

1. Missouri S&T is ranked among the Top 50 Public Colleges and Universities for highest first-to-second year retention rate (we are in a six-way tie for 49th).
2. At 87%, we can definitely claim to be among the top public universities in the Midwest.
3. Education Trust ranks us 1st among public schools in the "Plains" region. (Plains states include Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska and

South Dakota.)

4. When adjusted for number of STEM graduates, we are number 1.

5. Overall Retention Rates in Missouri 2006-07; Missouri S&T again second to Washington University overall, #1 public.

The meeting was adjourned.