

MINUTES

Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting

May 1, 2008

8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present: Harvest Collier, Kim Frazier, Larry Gragg, Mary Ellen Kirgan, F. Scott Miller, Barb Prewett, Stephen Raper, Suzanne Schroer, Kristi Schulte, Lynn Stichnote, Laura Stoll

Members Absent: Amy Gillman, Jay Goff, Sunnie Hughes, C.R. Thulasi Kumar, Christa Weisbrook

Guests: Rachel Morris and Brad Starbuck, Enrollment Management

Agenda Items:

Dr. Collier requested we add an item to the agenda to address questions from the Parent's Association related to what the University is doing to keep the parents of sophomores and juniors involved. The request was approved.

Review & Approve Minutes (From the 4/17/08 Meeting)

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the 4/17/08 meeting. (Motion to approve by Gragg, second by Stoll, minutes approved unanimously as written.)

I. Old Business

A. Student Satisfaction Survey (Kumar)

Laura Stoll reports that Dr. Kumar sent the Noel Levitz survey to the students. A few students reported received the survey in their junk mail folders; therefore it will be resent to these students. Two reminders will be sent, and the survey will be completed by June 2, 2008.

B. Developing a Post Survey/ Compare with 2002 Entering Student Survey (Miller)

The following revisions (to the 2002 Entering Student Survey) were suggested for the post survey:

1. Remove all references to UMR
2. Add who (or what program) was most helpful
3. Part one B I will complete my degree at S&T in:...
4. Part one C-If yes, did you hold a leadership role

5. While at Missouri S&T, I worked 30+ hours, worked, but less than 30 hrs, wanted to work, but didn't
6. Alumni Assoc. asks what course was most helpful
7. Part Three A, rephrase to say: "When you arrived, how well prepared were you in these areas, and if NOT Prepared, what courses or programs have been most helpful?, Also remove Foreign Language and Fine and performing arts
8. Part Three E. How involved were faculty, and add line to write in Please Describe
9. Q. Why did you choose the major above?

Scott Miller agreed to make the changes and to submit the post survey to the subcommittee for review. Following their review, Scott Miller will send it to Jay Goff for distribution to the graduating seniors.

II. Questions from the Parent's Association related to what the University is doing to keep the parents of sophomores and juniors involved.

There are two groups of parents who want to be involved and who have questions that need to be addressed.

1. The Parent's Association is a group that works with the Student Affairs Office.
2. The Parent's Board is a group that works with Elaine Russell through the Alumni Association.

These groups meet periodically but when they have questions, months may go by before the information gets back to them. It was suggested that perhaps we should send the Retention Committee reports to Elaine before the Parent's Association meetings each year.

Barbie reports that efforts are underway to provide a parents webpage so the parents can be more involved.

III. Announcements:

A. Outstanding Academic Advising Awards (Kim Frazier) Kim Frazier reports the awards ceremony on April 29th went well.

IV. Last Meeting: May 15, 2008: 8:15-9:15 AM, Silver & Gold, Havener Ctr.

The meeting was adjourned.