

MINUTES

UMR Retention Committee Meeting

May 3, 2007

8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Dana Barnard, Meg Brady, Jay Goff, Matt Goodwin, Kristi Schulte, Lynn Stichnote, Steve Watkins, Robert Whites

- I. Approval of Minutes** from 4-19-07 meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the 4-19-07 meeting, with two minor changes to section II. 2.

II. Academic Alert System-Update

The Office of Undergraduate & Graduate Studies (UGS) reported that the Academic Alert System has been recently updated. UGS provided the committee with a detailed list of modifications. In summary, improvements were made to the reporting system and modifications were made to the email notification process. The new version will be available to the campus on May 15, 2007. UGS will report SP2007 data at the next meeting.

Committee discussion: What is needed to make students respond to the alert? How do we contact these students and get them the assistance they need? The committee discussed the importance of making students aware of personal responsibility, and how the campus can inform students of the expectations, and values early in the semester. It was suggested that peer-led initiatives would be more effective. Dr. Collier recommended the Student Council begin having conversations about values and personal responsibility and discuss how to best remind their peers of these expectations. It was suggested that this issue be discussed by Student Council at the beginning in the fall semester.

III. Retention Committee Annual Report

The committee reviewed an outline of the 2006/07 Annual Report. The draft report will be provided for review at the next meeting.

IV. 2007-08 Retention Committee:

Committee Membership

Priority Issues for Next Year

Dr. Collier asked the committee to share ideas regarding 2007/08 Retention Committee membership and priority issues for next year. James Woner indicated he would ask for the names of two students to replace him on the committee next year.

V. Last Meeting: May 17, 2007, 8:15-9:15 AM, Silver & Gold

Agenda items will include: 1) SP2007 Academic Alert System report, 2) Draft 2006/07 Retention Committee Report, and 3) 2007/08 Retention Committee Membership.