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UMR Retention Committee Meeting

September 20, 2007

8:15-9:15 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harvest Collier, Kim Frazier, Amy Gillman, Jay Goff, Larry Gragg, Mary Ellen Kirgan, C.R. Thulasi Kumar, F. Scott Miller, Stephen Raper, Suzanne Schroer, Kristi Schulte, Laura Stoll, Christa Weisbrook

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brittany Harrington, Sunnie Hughes, Barb Prewett, Lynn Stichnote

AGENDA ITEMS & DISCUSSION:

I. Welcome New Committee Members:

The committee welcomed Suzanne Schroer to the Retention Committee.

II. Review & Approve Minutes (From the 9/06/07 Meeting)

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the 9/6/07 meeting.

III. Old Business:

A. On-Track Update (Kim Frazier, Undergraduate Advising Office)

Kim Frazier provided a brief update on the On-Track program and provided a handout. There are currently 52 students enrolled in the On-Track academic success course.

New Business:

B. Non-Returning First Time College Student (FTC) Survey Results

Jay Goff reported: In 2001, the UMR Retention Committee wanted to know why students were leaving UMR. At the time, the survey results indicated that 1/3 left for personal reasons, 1/3 left for financial reasons and 1/3 left for academic reasons. The original survey only included 10 questions. This new survey instrument includes more detailed questions and is conducted more frequently which allows us the opportunity to collect additional information about student (stop-outs) who do not re-enroll.

Laura Stoll and Amy Cracraft, of the UMR Registrar's Office presented the full **Fall 2007 Retention Report** to the committee. Copies of the data were provided to each committee member.

Jay Goff reported the survey results indicate:

- The number of students with lower GPAs who did not return is higher than the previous survey.

- The number of students with higher GPAs who did not return is lower than the previous survey.
- Students could be leaving for mainly financial reasons. All students who left had below average family incomes. This year, the average student family income is approximately \$76,000. 90% of the students who left UMR came from family incomes of less than \$40,000.
- All but one student who transferred to other institutions went to schools closer their home. (This could be for financial reasons.)

After the presentation, Jay Goff shared copies of the latest retention audit and enrollment data with the committee.

IV. Announcements:

A. The UMR Undergraduate Advising Office web site is now live. Visit <http://advising.umn.edu/index.html>

B. UMR Academic Advising Luncheon Series:

Oct. 1- "Using the CAPS Report & Other On-Line Educational Records"- 12:00 PM

Oct. 15- "The Importance of Prerequisites for Student Success"- 12:00 PM

V. Next Meeting: October 4, 2007, 8:15-9:15 AM, Silver & Gold

The meeting was adjourned.