

MINUTES

Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting

October 8, 2009

8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present: Harvest Collier, Larry Gragg, Mary Ellen Kirgan, Rance Larsen, F. Scott Miller, Rachel Morris, Kristi Schulte, Carol Smith, Brad Starbuck, Lynn Stichnote, Laura Stoll, Summer Young

Members Absent: Jay Goff, Sunnie Hughes, C.R. Thulasi Kumar, Lea-Ann Morton, Stephen Raper, Amiel Weerasinghe

Guests: Tyrone Davidson

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting opened with introductions and a request by Chancellor Carney to proceed first with the Retention Committee's annual report in order to accommodate his meeting schedule. Mary Ann Koen (not in attendance due to teaching class) was introduced as the new Advising Office Manager. Tyrone Davidson was introduced as the new Academic Advisor in the Advising Office. Committee members recommended that Mary Ann and Tyrone visit the offices of those represented on the committee in order for them to become acquainted with the people and processes in those offices.

II. Annual Report Review

Harvest Collier provided an overview of the Retention Committee's assessment of the collection of student surveys conducted by the campus on a scheduled basis as the major focus of the committee's work during the past academic year. Please see previously distributed committee annual report.

Harvest Collier presented the proposed action items that have been shared with the Goal 1 strategic planning subcommittee as the Top 5 priority goals of the Retention Committee. These action items resulted from the committee's deliberations on the lessons learned from its assessment of student surveys.

III. Review and Approve Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the 9-24-09 meeting. A motion was made (Larry Gragg) and seconded (Laura Stoll) to approved the minutes as submitted.

IV. New Business

A. Proposed Tactical Planning Action Items

The committee held a discussion on the status of the proposed tactical plan action items relative to the ongoing strategic/tactical planning committee process for adopting this year's tactical plan. With the understanding that the Retention Committee will still to pursue its 5 priority action items, Larry Gragg suggested that it would be appropriate to revisit our priority list after the strategic planning committee had established its tactical plan action items for this year.

It was confirmed that the retention committee's goal 5 work group action item relative to student loans be submitted as a recommended action item for strategic plan goal 2.5.

Action Items/Progress Indicators:

1. Increase student access to \$150,000 more in low-interest university loans by review of and change to University Loan Endowments including but not limited to, an increase in outdated loan limits and changes to restrictive or outdated wording to expand access while respecting donor intent /(**Progress Indicator - Compare AY09, AY10 and AY11 University Loan numbers in student packages**)

V. Next Meeting:

October 22, 2009- 8:15-9:15 AM, Silver & Gold room, Havener Center

The meeting was adjourned.