Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting
January 26, 2012
8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present: Harvest Collier, Tyrone Davidson, Cecilia Elmore, Stephanie Fitch, Trish Watson (for Patty Frisbee), Larry Gragg, Deanne Jackson, Katie Jackson, Rance Larsen, Scott Miller, Rachel Morris, Stephen Raper, Kristi Schulte, Carol Smith, Brad Starbuck, Lynn Stichnote, Laura Stoll, Ramya Thiagarajan.

Members Absent: Edna Grover-Bisker, Brooke Durbin, Thulasi Kumar, Will Perkins, Nangai Yang, Summer Young.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The committee members reviewed the minutes from the January 12, 2012 meeting. A motion was made (Larry Gragg) and seconded (Stephanie Fitch) to approve the minutes with several corrections.

I. Old Business
   a. No old business.

II. New Business
   a. A2S Subcommittee presentation
      Brad Starbuck presented on behalf of the A2S subcommittee. A2S is a privately funded grant program with 20 public higher education systems. A2S goals were set 2 years ago. ACT and income are the highest correlation according to Noel Levitz. Lowest EFC (estimated family contribution) correlates to lowest retention rates. Question then is “What are ways we can impact low income minority students?”

      There are four themes:
      1. Early and intrusive intervention
      2. Student engagement and mentoring
      3. Student employment and financial aid
      4. Advising and academics

   b. Administering and Assessing First Year Success Course
      Undergraduate Studies is working to get the “101” introductory course instructors together as well as Student Affairs to talk about things that affect student success. The instructors will meet three times this spring over lunch to plan the first year course information to present to students. Larry Gragg noted the importance of having himself and Scott Miller (both 101 instructors) on the Retention Committee for understanding what the committee is doing and where we are coming from. Laura Stoll suggested that looking at fall 2011 enrollments would give us an idea of how many students that would be in the 101 cohort.

   c. Carol Smith brought up the changes in HGR for summer 2012. Harvest Collier talked about the possibility of the Provost’s office approving university subsidizing of HGR.

   d. Katie Jackson announced the name change of CITF (Critical Incident Task Force) to UCARE (University Committee for Assistance, Response, and Evaluation). ucare@mst.edu is the new email address.

III. Next Meeting: February 9, 2012.

IV. The meeting was adjourned.