Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting
October 18th, 2012
8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present: Larry Gragg, Scott Miller, Bridgette Betz, Tyrone Davidson, Patty Frisbee, Leon Hall, Deanne Jackson, Katie Jackson, Rachel Morris, Stephen Raper, Daniel Reardon, Laura Stoll, Klaus Woelk, Nangai Yang.


I. Review and Approval of Minutes

The committee members reviewed the minutes from the September 20th, 2012 meeting. A motion was made (Tyrone Davidson) and seconded (Bridgette Betz) to approve the minutes with one correction.

II. Old Business

a. None

III. New Business

a. English Diagnostics presentation by Dan Reardon
   • From the Missouri S&T Assessment report of 2010, it was found that students need help in reading, writing and math.
   • Dan found that the S&T English reading comprehension diagnostic test is a much better predictor than the ACT English test.
   • The purpose of the diagnostic test is to test students' reading and analytical abilities.
   • Depth of knowledge (DOK) standards are widely used by K-12 and college assessment programs.
     ➢ Level One: Recall
     ➢ Level Two: Skill or Concept
     ➢ Levels Three (Strategic Thinking) and Four (Extended Thinking) are not tested.
   • There are 1076 students (since summer 2010) that have taken the S&T English diagnostic test.
     ➢ Average reading level was what a mid-level high school junior should be able to comprehend.
     ➢ 20-25% of first year students currently enrolled in English 20 may be unable to accomplish the simplest of reading comprehension tasks.
     ➢ The results here at S&T are consistent with national averages
• 20% of college freshmen may need remedial instruction or other intervention in reading skills.
• 60% of S&T students enroll in English 20 (the other 40% receive AP, transfer, or CLEP credit).

- After the presentation, Dan requested a motion to add a subcommittee for the 2012-13 year focused on English. The motion was passed unanimously.

b. Subcommittee assignments.

IV. Announcements

a. None.

V. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 1st, 2012 at 8:15 am.
The meeting was adjourned.