

# MINUTES

## Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting

November 6, 2008

8:15-9:15 AM

**Members Present:** Harvest Collier, Kim Frazier, Amy Gillman, Jay Goff, C.R. Thulasi Kumar, Rance Larsen, F. Scott Miller, Stephen Raper, Kristi Schulte, Carol Smith, Brad Starbuck, Laura Stoll, Summer Young

**Members Absent:** Larry Gragg, Sunnie Hughes, Mary Ellen Kirgan, Rachel Morris, Barb Prewett, Suzanne Schroer, Lynn Stichnote

**I. Welcome Guest(s):** Jia Ren, Institutional Research and Assessment

**II. Review and Approve Minutes:** The committee reviewed the minutes from the 10/23/08 meeting and approved the minutes as written.

**III. New Business:**

**A. Survey Sample Size & Significance:** Dr. Kumar distributed handouts that demonstrate the importance of sample size in survey results. Dr. Kumar discussed ways to determine how many people you need to survey in order to get the results that reflect the target population as needed. He also provided the committee a sample size calculator tool.

**B. Student Satisfaction Survey Results:** Jia Ren presented the results of the Student Satisfaction Survey. (Survey results attached.)

Dr. Collier asked: What does the survey data tells us relative to student retention? He suggested we look closer at the students who responded to the following questions and see how they responded in other areas.

1. If you had to do it all over again, would you come back?
2. Are you planning to transfer?

Dr. Kumar indicated that he would analyze the data further and present it to the committee at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.