MINUTES

UMR Retention Committee Meeting September 21, 2006 8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present

Dana Barnard, Harvest Collier, Stephanie Fitch, Amy Gillman, Matt Goodwin, Mary Ellen Kirgan, Gearoid MacSithigh, F. Scott Miller, Stephen Raper, Kristi Schulte, Laura Stoll, Robert Whites

Members Not Present

Meg Brady, Carl Burns, Wes Chappell, David Coe, Gregory Gelles, Jay Goff, Emily Petersen, Lynn Stichnote, Steve Watkins

Guests Present

Eddie Grover-Bisker, Angela Perkins

Welcome

New Members:

Wes Chappell and David Coe, UMR Student Council

Approval of Minutes

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from 9-7-06 meeting with the correction of one minor typographical error.

Old Business

A. Academic Dishonesty- Guidance for faculty and students:

Dr. Collier discussed the formal process UMR has in place to deal with issues of academic dishonesty and the guidelines that are offered for faculty and departments regarding informal dispositions of these issues.

Dr. Collier distributed a memo dated September 1, 2006. Retention Committee members provided comments and suggested revisions. General discussion topics included:

The importance of documentation.

- What is UMR's procedure for controlling these types of records? How well is this process understood by the faculty?
- What is the procedure for handling issues of academic dishonesty in the research lab?

New Business

- A. Information was shared from the 'Second-Year-Experience' Web-cast:
 - Transitional issues are key
 - Many components already in place. Focus on Academic Advising, Res. College, Undergraduate Research, Service Learning, Career Opportunities.
 - Sophomores deal with identity issues: Who am I? Where am I going?
 - Consider summer activities focused on sophomores- include transfer students.
 - Consider a letter to welcome sophomores back to campus.
 - Consider asking academic departments to offer a formal welcome for new majors, etc.
- B. Academic Advising- What are the specific needs for campus-wide coordination of advising?
 Due to time constraints, this topic was not discussed. It will be addressed at the next meeting.

<u>Announcements</u>

- A. UMR Academic Advising Conference: Oct. 3, 2006- Advising 101-The Basics, 1:00-2:30 PM, Carver-Turner Room, Havener Center
- B. HLC Re-Accreditation Self Study- Data Collection Plan
- C. October Meetings- CANCELLED. Next meeting is November 2, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned.