Missouri S&T Retention Committee Meeting
September 24, 2009
8:15-9:15 AM

Members Present: Harvest Collier, Amy Gillman, Larry Gragg, Sunnie Hughes, Mary Ellen Kirgan, Rance Larsen, F. Scott Miller, Rachel Morris, Stephen Raper, Kristi Schulte, Brad Starbuck, Lynn Stichnote, Laura Stoll, Summer Young

Members Absent: Jay Goff, C.R. Thulasi Kumar, Lea-Ann Morton, Carol Smith, Amiel Weerasinghe

I. Review and Approve Minutes
   The committee reviewed the minutes from the 9-10-09 meeting. A motion was approved to accept the minutes as written with a minor change from Lynn Stichnote.

II. New Business

A. Proposed Tactical Planning Action Items- Dr. Collier presented the proposed action items that have been presented to the Goal 1 strategic planning subcommittee. The committee discussed each action item and commented on the following:

   Dr. Collier has encountered difficulty in identifying a department to champion the effort to establish a parent advocate point of contact and parent communication plan for the campus. Lynn Stichnote suggested diverting some funds to New Student Programs and assigning 0.25 or partial FTE position (temporarily) to the existing 0.75 FTE existing position to get it going. The University could supplement the funds to support the effort with money raised by the Alumni Association’s fundraising activities. Dr. Collier asked the subcommittee to consider other ideas for implementation and to send the information via email.
Dr. Collier described the Chem I pilot project and the committee discussed student retention, and the reasons why students leave the university. Students have indicated the mentoring approach works. Many departments use peer mentors including Undergraduate Advising, Admissions and Student Diversity Programs.

**B. Work Group Reports** Dr. Collier asked the subcommittees for additional recommendations and ideas. Due to time constraints, he asked the subcommittees to send the information via email

**III. Next Meeting:**
October 8, 2009 - 8:15-9:15 AM, Silver & Gold room, Havener Center (The Chancellor visits from 8:15-8:45 AM)

The meeting was adjourned.