

Retention Committee Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2016

Present: Ken Barr Jr., Bonita Bates, Ezra Bell, Dennis Bertch, Felix Brooks, Steve Cannell, Cathy Colella, Mike Collins, Steve Cook, Laura Cosby, Carol Heeter, Tracey Quada, Carl Ross, Cynthia Schauer, Chris Stroven

Absent: Kelly Digby, Sarah Hubbell, Roger Miller, Robin Murchison-Green, Colleen Olson, LaSonda Wells, Diane Vandenberg

- I. Call to Order
- II. Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2016 were approved pending date change.
- III. Noel Levitz Workshop Follow-up Report – Discussion of previous strategies:
 - a) Previous Strategy 1 – Progress has been made. Faculty buy-in is still a struggle, stability is needed. Discussion to possibility target new faculty on institutional values.
 - b) Previous Strategy 2 – Currently looking to make Guided Pathways part of the FYE program, aligned by major. Current suggestions are to make the course more than 2 credit hours. The goal is to target all FTIAC and undecided students.
 - c) Previous Strategy 3 – Required orientation for all students. Discussion took place on implementing a next term hold for those who do not attend or the possibility of shorter orientations after the semester begins. Using targeted communication with students who did not attend rather than a hold and putting effort into the outreach. Provide a list of required items to faculty to pass on to students. Allow students to self-schedule orientation, a filter can be added to block students without test scores from seeing the link in myValley. The orientation page online still needs to be created/updated.
 - d) Previous Strategy 4 – Advising Strategy is looking to take a guided pathways approach. Counselors are visiting classrooms, distributing caseloads, targeting SRP scores.
 - e) Previous Strategy 5 – Academic Probation policy still in the works. The hope is to have it up and running by the summer semester. Further discussion on this possibility will need to take place.
 - f) Previous Strategy 6 – Summer Bridge Program has been successful in the two courses that have taken place. Further discussion is needed to determine if FYE will replace this program, or if both should continue. Reenrollment, retention, and success of these students has been positive.
- IV. Prioritizing Strategies – Tabled until next meeting.
- V. SSI – Tabled until next meeting.

- VI. SRP – Faculty requested a report of current students who have yet to register for the next semester. Further discussion about making the SRP score available to faculty will take place.

- VII. Other – A soft launch of Degree Works was introduced last week. 150 unique log-ins occurred without an announcement. An announcement will go out to all students soon.

Minutes submitted by: Carey Stolsonburg

Next Meeting: Friday, February 26, 9:30-11:00 AM, Room: TTC 5740