

Retention Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2016

Present: Bonita Bates, Dennis Bertch, Felix Brooks, Cathy Colella, Mike Collins, Steve Cook, Lena Cool, Laura Cosby, Kelly Digby, Sarah Hubbell, Tracey Quada, Cynthia Schauer, Chris Stroven, Diane Vandenberg

Absent: Ken Barr Jr., Ezra Bell, Steve Cannell, Carol Heeter, Roger Miller, Colleen Olson, Carl Ross, LaSonda Wells

- I. Call to Order
- II. Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2016 were approved.
- III. Strategy Committee Updates
 - a) Guided Pathways – Art & New Media, Culinary, and Brewing pathways will roll out in Fall 2016. Looking at mandatory career advising and orientation.
 - b) Withdrawal Process – Delaying this strategy until more data can be gather on the effectiveness of the Early Alert System. There are concerns with if requiring a faculty or advisor signature would add another barrier for students. Additional information is needed on who is currently using the early alert system and to increase use. A list will be supplied at the next meeting on who is currently using the system.
 - c) FYE – During the Fall 2015 semester, 8 sections ran with 115 students. 78 students passed with a 2.0 or higher with a class average 3.1 GPA. 37 students did not complete the course, averaging a 0.62 GPA in the class. It was suggested to study the 37 students. Is there a correlation? Are these students enrolled for Winter 2016? The 78 successful students will be tracked.
 - d) CRM – Demo process has begun.
 - e) Orientation – Updating process for transfer students, adding a parent orientation, building specific tracks for HLC, CNM, and EMC. Online sign up for training/participation available to staff through MyVALLEY. Also looking at having current students help at orientation. The term “mandatory” or “required” was discussed. Discussion about possibly placing a counselor hold on new students, preventing them from moving forward after the initial semester without participating in orientation. What are other institutions doing?
- IV. Other
 - a) SSI – Additional reports have been ordered, results will be available for the next meeting

Minutes submitted by: Carey Stolsonburg

Next Meeting: Friday, April 29, 9:30-10:30 AM, Room: TTC 5740