

Retention Committee: Co-chairs - Barb Putman, Phil Weast

The college is actively engaging in efforts to improve student retention. This committee, a cross-functional group of faculty and staff, will monitor retention data to identify trends or issues of concern. As necessary, strategies would be developed to effect positive change.

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New Student Orientation

On campus/online

Assessment (processes and student learning outcomes)

Subcommittee

Members (PW will call mtg and report @ next full comm. mtg in April)

Elizabeth Haynes, Thom Brooks, Phil Weast, Fairley Pollock, Dominique Benson, Barb Putman, Cheryl Contino Conner, Mary Bradley

Issues to address for both online and f2f ornt:

Assessment—identify SLOs, design and implement assessments—and adjustments based on assessment outcomes

Online

Wordiness of online orientation

Too easy to speed thru online –balance a robust orntn with stopping pts (adaptive release?) with a student-friendly, effective orntn

What are they really getting out of it now?

Consider a Top 10(ish) and then an FAQ

F2F

Too much talking at the Ss, fire hydrant effect

Reconsider the main pts that Ss really need to know
Tour effectiveness/accuracy—maintain small size, faculty
& ambassador tg partnerships
Keep stu/faculty panel

Extended orientation/first semester support

Retention and the economy

Strategies in place to support student retention in tough
economic times

Ideas for additional/expanded student support strategies
Update and disseminate info RE community services—ex food,
transit, unemployment (links to state resources)

Books and publisher web access

ISBNs

Communic RE all the resources needed for a class

Enc. faculty to consider the necessity of the supplemental
resources—in some classes they're vital to stu success, in others
they're supplements. Can fac share ISBNs earlier?

Could we add “materials needed” to online course schedule—
make it available around Aug 1? *A link to a page on college web
site that has the current info. Could College bkstr have prices online
sooner?

Some pubs have online previews of first chapters...could help Ss get
thru the first weeks

Janet Burnette researching small college bookstores—esp those with
history of effective management, meeting college needs, strong
customer service, etc.

***Committee members should send Janet list of problems Ss/faculty have had recently, especially trends and possible alternatives**

*Cost of attendance “workshop,” info... consider adding to orientation and add catalog, handbook, welcome/acceptance letter statements RE planning for costs of course mat’ls. Projected costs for courses/programs on program web pages

Terminal services should help Ss in web dev’t, account, etc, classes—saving costs and possibly able to register for add’l classes.

PW will send stu em RE reduced price MS Office for our Ss

***Web page RE Staying in school in tough econ times.
Barb Putman, Dominique Benson, Patty Kirkley, Susie Gregory**

Tuition defmt. plans? Should we reconsider 1-time def policy?

Phil Weast will look at FA disbmt date—could it be pushed up? (This spring it’s Feb 18.)

Next meeting, Friday April 3, 9:30, Oaks 102

Retention data review

Future retention initiatives related to possible Title III grant award