**Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 28, 2016**

1. **Call to Order**

The Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE) was called to order on September 28, 2016 at

2:00 p.m. by co-chair Kimberlie Moock in the Student Success Center Classroom 1115, at Ninth Street Hall.

**Members present:** Kimberlie Moock and Karla Sanders, co-chair, Cindy Boyer, Kelsey Cripe, Mona Davenport, Thalia Fredricks, Shelley James, Stephen King, Jeanne Lord, Gopal Periyannan, Jennifer Stringfellow, and Jean Wolski

**Members absent:** Jody Stone

1. **Approval of CORE Minutes**

Jean Wolski made a motion to approve the September 14, 2016 minutes and Jennifer Stringfellow seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with Mona Davenport, Thalia Fredricks, and Jeanne Lord abstaining.

1. **Follow-Up to Fall 2016 & Fall 2015 Predictors**

Karla Sanders disseminated the last six semesters of 1000 and 2000 level courses on the high D,F,W list. Data from the Early Alert System and Midterm Grades were added to the spreadsheets.

Sanders asked the members to review the data and be able to talk about it at the next meeting.

1. **NSSE SP17**

Sanders disseminated the *NSSE Topical Module: First-Year Experiences and Senior Transitions.* The survey will be administered in Spring 2017. The data won’t be available from the survey until FA2017. The survey was last administered in Spring 2013.

1. **Discuss What to Work on This Year and Assign Sub-Committees**
2. New FASA enrollment date

Mona Davenport and Kimberlie Moock discussed the *Prior, Prior* year in regards to the date students can file for the FASA which is now October 1 instead of January 1. This year the students will use their 2015 tax information for Fall 2017. Tuition hikes won’t come out until spring so the new students won’t know the cost increase, and the earlier deadline will hurt students who don’t file early. Discussion followed.

1. Working Groups for the year

CORE members decided on the following three working groups for the year:

1. Minority and First Generation Students

This group will look at the predictor and retention data for minority and first generation students and develop strategies to try to improve retention and graduation rates for students in these groups. The members of this sub-committee are: Kimberlie Moock (convener), Mona Davenport, Jeanne Lord, and Jean Wolski.

1. Financial Strategies

This group will look at strategies for helping students with our 3 financial risk factors. The members on this sub-committee are: Shelley James (convener), Kelsey Cripe, Jennifer Stringfellow, and Jody Stone.

1. Academic Strategies

This group will examine the data related to the academic factors and the high DFW lists and determine strategies for improving student success related to these data and issues. The members of this sub-committee are: Karla Sanders (convener), Cindy Boyer, Stephen King, and Gopal Periyannan.

1. **Newsletter Ideas**

Karla Sanders asked the members for ideas for the October newsletter. Discussion followed.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next CORE meeting will be on October12 from 2:00-3:15 pm. in classroom 1115 at Ninth Street Hall.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

*~Minutes submitted by Ms. Kimberly Sweeney, Recording Secretary*