**Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 9, 2015**

1. **Call to Order**

The Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE) was called to order on September 9, 2015 at

1:00 p.m. by co-chair Kimberlie Moock in the Student Success Center Classroom 1115, at Ninth Street Hall.

**Members present:** Cindy Boyer, Kesha Coker, Shelley James, Jody Stone, Jeanne Lord, Kimberlie Moock (co-chair), Stephen King, Jennifer Stringfellow

**Members absent:** Mona Davenport, (Jean Wolski has a class conflict; Karla Sanders is on sabbatical)

1. **Approve Minutes for April 8, 2015**

Kesha Coker motioned to approve the April 8, 2015 minutes and Jeanne Lord seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with Jennifer Stringfellow and Jody Stone abstaining.

1. **Retention**

Kimberlie Moock disseminated the *FA13-FA14 Freshmen Retention ratings* and the FA15 *Freshmen Predictor data* and gave an overview of the documents. She reported the retention rate at 10 day count was 75 % and the average is going to show EIU dropped by 1% because of rounding down instead of rounding up. Discussion followed.

Cindy Boyer reported the *Summer Institute for Higher Learning* program will not be a mandatory program and will be open to anyone and will not be limited to special population groups or group of special admissions to try EIU this summer.

The committee discussed all the variables for retention factors and how to help and improve the retention factors. Moock reported that EWORX reported the effect of the merit based scholarships did not have the desired yield for recruitment. CORE will need to look at the retention effect of the scholarships. In particular if CORE should provide recommendations that would positively affect retention Following the Spring 2016 10 day count, Karla and Kimberlie will work with Josh Norman to develop a new predictive model. The committee discussed that there are many layers underneath the numbers and they need to be looked at.

1. **Entering 2015 Cohort Make-up**

Moock reported that we saw a drop for a third year in the number of undeclared student enrollment. Discussion on ways to provide pathways for exploration were discussed. Additional items of interest included: a second year of reduction of the percentage of students in the Financial Aid Gap category, an increase in the percentage of Hispanic students, increase in the percentage of the class with <20 ACT, decrease in commuting students, and for the third year more than 50% of the class is in an at-risk major.

1. **Focus for 2015-2016**

Moock reported the following goals need to be looked at for the AY2015-2016:

* Special Admission Students with At-Risk Majors
* Financial Aid and Scholarship Effect
* Undeclared Student Pathways (Curriculum and Exploration)

To obtain these goals the committee divided into three sub-committee groups:

**Special Admission:** Jennifer Stringfellow-chair, Cindy Boyer, Mona Davenport, and Stephen King

**Undecided:** Jody Stone-chair, Shelley James, Kesha Coker, and Jeanne Lord.

**Scholarship:** Kimberlie Moock-chair, and Christy Turner, and Jean Wolski.

1. **Next Meeting**

The three subcommittees will meet during the next committee meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23 from 1:00-2:15 pm. in classroom 1115 at Ninth Street Hall.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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