

Retention Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2021 – Tuesday– 1pm

Facilitated by Pat Roper

Attendees: Kristi Aulick, Tina Edwards, Patricia Roper, Shelley DeLuca, Rita Lyons, Robin Evans, Tami Alfred,

Absent: Dr. Loveless, Said Leghlid, MaryJean McIntosh, Curt Hippensteel, Purnina Sharma, Kim Patterson

Discuss Goals/ Strategies

1.4 - Goal: Improve student advising, retention, and completion.

Objective – Implement strategies to improve academic advising for students.

Objective – Implement strategies to increase student retention and persistence rates.

Objective – Implement strategies to improve student completion and transfer rates.

Review Data

Focus - Retention rates dropped significantly for first time/part time degree seeking vs first time degree seeking and first time/full time degree seeking retention rates.

- Last year first time/ part time degree seeking retention rate was 33.3%
- Increase retention rate to 35%.
- First time/full time degree seeking retention rate is 50.8%
- Results from Fall 2019 to Spring 2020 call campaign does not reflect COVID.
- 2019 Graduation rate 24.9% CTCS was 22.2%.
- Increase all first/ time degree seeking or first/ time part time.
- Fall 2020 to Spring 21 data will not be available until mid-March 2021.

Questions:

- What are the strategies to improve academic advising?
- What ways can we improve academic advising?
- How can we improve advising overall?
- Should the idea of a centralized advising center be implemented?

Follow up on CircleIn Presentation:

- Is one semester enough to judge the success of it?
- Should do two semesters – cost?

Next meeting:

- Share ideas with Pat on first time/part time student's retention.
- Meeting times may change due to cabinet meetings.
- Pat will send article(s) that will assist potential action steps.