

Retention Committee Meeting Minutes (09/20/2021)

In attendance: Jill Loveless, Curt Hippensteel, Adriana Wolf, Rana Spurlock, Lisa Soly, Pam Sharma, Shelley Deluca, Tina Edwards, Kristi Aulick, Kim Patterson, Rita Lyons, Patricia Roper. Absent: MJ McIntosh, Tami Alfred

Follow up discussions on topics from last spring:

- CircleIn-Jill read some statistics about usage so far; 150 students have logged in, 299 flash cards have been created. Ask faculty to continue to mention it in class.
- Discussed faculty office hours. One of the videos from All College Week discussed students having no idea what they were. Pat mentioned doing a brief survey of her classes and the majority knew what office hours meant. Also mentioned that at TACTYC virtual conference one member mentioned he puts "Student Hours" instead of "Office Hours".
- ORNT 90-Dennis has revamped the course. Offered as 8 week course, 6 modules emphasizing what students need to know that 1st semester.
- Student Ambassadors-Jill mentioned that we still want to get that going but it has been slowed by the chaos of Student Services relocating.

Kristi gave a report on mental health services. Committee has not yet met this semester but they want to continue to promote Well Connect and would like faculty to promote it as well. Also, they want to look for additional resources and look at what other institutions do.

Report from 3rd quarter showed 32 cases, 8 counseling, and 16 online therapy. The 4th quarter report should be received soon. Data will be sent to committee members.

Kristi mentioned that ORNT 90 also includes a module on Well Connect. RJ discusses how Well Connect works and students are given an assignment. Faculty need to promote Well Connect in all classes (in-seat and online).

Goals of committee for fall semester:

- Five-year academic plan due by mid-October; need five-year retention plan.
- State Legislature will be working on performance funding formula that could include completion as part of it. We need to tie our retention goals to the strategic plan.
- Report at Faculty Assembly about what is discussed at Retention meetings.
- Search is on for committee chair. Jill suggested co-chairs (maybe 1 faculty and 1 staff).

HLC Report, section 1.4

Advising, Retention, Completion

Lisa working on onboarding

Emergency Assistance-use as retention tool. Rana to work on this.

Expand Project Graduation

Work on PLA process

Next meeting Monday, October 4, 2:00 p.m.

