

# Retention Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 7/2-3 p.m.

Present: Pat Roper, Kristi Aulick, Pam Sharma, Jill Loveless, Rana Spurlock, Joyce Britt, CJ Farnsworth, Isabella Mitchell (student rep), Tami Becker (phone), Mary Jean Mcintosh (WRT by phone)

Absent: Tina Edwards, Kim Patterson, Debbie Fitzgerald

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 7 / 2-3 p.m. / TBD

### 1. Old Business

Revisited Comprehensive Retention Plan; discussed status of major initiative including, Academic Recovery Program, registration tickets

### 2. New Business

Discussion of an efficient method to collect data for registration ticket initiative, P. Sharma suggested a structured project for data gathering is necessary

C. Farnsworth and K. Aulick shared early efforts with Academic Recovery Program

C. Farnsworth shared some data on non-returning students fall 2018-spring 2019 and current academic alert efforts - discussion followed

P.Sharma discussed the importance of capturing all of this data

J. Loveless stated the Advising Task Force is pursuing a new initiative – the designation of “advising days” as suggested by faculty member C. Hippensteel, days, during the semester, “set-aside” for advising only, faculty advising

J. Britt inquired about Bb and whether student success is being hindered by a lack of information about Bb, or a lack of consistency from one course to another; consideration was given to a “Day 1” classroom strategy used collectively in all courses

P. Roper suggested that the increasing use of Bb in traditional classes might be a disservice to students who want the “traditional” class experience

Discussion continued about pros and cons of Bb, and alternatives that can meet the needs of all students

J. Loveless suggested inviting the new Recruiter R. Blaha and the new Special Populations Counselor to the next meeting to gain insight into some of the retention initiatives in the Service Center

C. Farnsworth inquired about the maintenance of the Comprehensive Retention Plan, P. Sharma advised the retention plan, in concert with the EM plan, and academic plans will be revised/updated annually as goals/benchmarks are continually assessed to inform retention initiatives

The Comprehensive Retention Plan goals will drive the major initiatives led and supported by the Retention Committee, including academic recovery program, registration tickets, advising days, optimization of academic alert program, enhanced data collection processes

### **3. Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.