

MINUTES

WVNCC Retention Committee Minutes

January 24, 2018

In attendance

Hope Coffield, Joyce Britt, Jill Loveless, Kristi Aulick, CJ Farnsworth

New Business

- J. Britt began discussion by sharing challenges communicating with students prior to and during the first week of the semester regarding Blackboard access and expectations and suggested ideas for how we might improve upon clarifying to students that should access Blackboard for online courses and traditional courses from the beginning – email, portal pop-ups, texting were all mentioned
- Discussion of testing capabilities continued-the text system is currently facilitated by VPSS-committee members were not clear on limits or restrictions of texting
- K. Aulick suggested that these expectations might be best established during an orientation required prior to beginning coursework; J. Loveless suggested that a “virtual” orientation might be a good option, YouTube, video based so student could easily access and complete
- C. Farnsworth returned to the list of retention initiatives established at the previous meeting; committee members worked through the list; discussion included the plan to have course schedules preloaded for registration beginning in the fall of 2018 which should ‘lighten the advising load’ and free up advisors for more true advising, rather than registration - so mandatory advising was removed from consideration; Career Counseling is being explored by Cabinet, possibly through Perkins funding, so was also removed from the list at this time; embedded support programs are being explored through the ASC-removed from list...
- A mandatory orientation and academic recovery program were chosen as the initiatives the Retention Committee would like to contribute to the Strategic plan; C. Farnsworth said she would share the proposal previously submitted for an Academic Recovery Plan, as a starting point for planning and discussion
- J. Britt restated her interest in knowing when advisees are AWed from classes; committee members looked at NOW and decided an easy adjustment by faculty, of submitting an Early Alert at the same time as the AW, would help solve this problem; C. Farnsworth will submit the addition of an AW alert code and J. Britt will present the idea to faculty
- C. Farnsworth will send a Doodle poll to reestablish a meeting time for the spring semester

Next Meeting

To be determined via Doodle poll

A new member of the IR team will need to be appointed to the Retention Committee to fill H. Coffield’s vacancy

For discussion: Begin establishing action items/next steps for development of mandatory orientation and academic recovery program

Meeting adjourned 11:21 a.m.