

Retention Committee Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2021 – Tuesday– 1pm

Facilitated by Pat Roper

Attendees: Kristi Aulick, Tina Edwards, Patricia Roper, Rita Lyons, Robin Evans, Tami Alfred, Dr. Loveless, Said Leghlid, Mary Jean McIntos, Purnina Sharma, Shelley DeLuca

Absent: Curt Hippensteel, Kim Patterson

Open discussion on video

- How to make better connections with first year students.
- Issues with first year students – student work ethic, not knowledgeable of campus resources, how to get students more engaged to help one another.
- Action steps – How to videos for completing college level homework and reading a syllabus. And advertise to students via Snapchat regarding ambassador, and work study opportunities. Rita will follow up with Tami.
- Action steps for Derek – ask Dennis Bills to share the template/spreadsheet on how the ASC tracked responses during last phone outreach.

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- No update however, curriculum committee put it on hold until task force can make it a better course.
- Going to suggest a deadline for when the final draft will be completed – May 1st was suggested.
- Task force cannot move forward until a student focus group has assessed the needs for the course.
- Action Step - Dr. Loveless will follow up with Dennis Bills and Regan Blaha for more clarification.

CircleIn

- Update from Tami – positive feedback from last webinar included testimonials from faculty, and students.
- Another institution testimony showed a 15% buy in at the beginning and then by 3rd semester they were at 50-60% of students using it by the end of the trial.
- Students felt connected due to the study aspect and connection abilities during the lockdown.
- This may serve our first-year students as well.
- Cheating concerns were addressed – everything is monitored, and students cannot log in without revealing their identity which lowers the instance of cheating.
- The deadline to join is March 31st.
- Cost calculations: \$3,500 for five months (8/1 to 12/31) – \$8,400 a year.
- Can use CARES funds for cost.

Updates

- Grades were posted in BB. Did not have to have them entered on N.O.W. Just updated within BB.
- Jeremy Doolin suggestion for online training course for adjunct faculty.
- The online training is a 3-week paid training to learn how to teach students online.
- New adjuncts can learn from other instructors, etc.
- Action Step – Pat will reach out to Jeremy Doolin to discuss having a meeting with both Distance Ed and Retention committee members.

Next meeting(s):

- Tuesday, April 6th @1pm
- Agenda: continue discussion on how to help first year students.
- Tuesday, April 20th @1pm
- Agenda: discuss strategic planning goals, etc.