

**Council on Retention and Graduation Steering Committee**  
**February 17, 2011**  
**UC 3171**  
**Presiding: Rick Ward**

**Present:** Enrica Ardemagni, Julie Elkins, Mary Fisher, John Gosney, Steve Graunke, Michele Hansen, Kathy Johnson, Susan Kahn, Sarah Lang, Howard Mzumara, Gary Pike, Becky Porter, Khalilah Shabazz, Rick Ward, Gayle Williams

**Regrets:** Sarah Baker, Cathy Buyarski, and David Sabol

**Guest:** Ken Wendeln (Kelley School of Business)

1. Ward opened the meeting. The committee welcomed Kahn (a new member) and Wendeln. Introductions were made.
2. Wendeln Presentation:
  - Wendeln distributed four handouts. He explained that his goal was not to present a lot of data, but to generate discussion and action. His information is a snapshot of where IUPUI is today. He reviewed information from his PowerPoint, including DFW trends, how the DFW rates correlate with retention, gateway first-year initiatives, fall-to-fall retention rates for all students (not just cohort), initiatives that help retain students, gateway trends for all students, retention versus DFW grades, DFW rates for first-time full-time students, and fall-to-spring DFW rates.
  - Wendeln reviewed his handout of DFW rates for gateway courses. The committee discussed the need for departments to do this type of analysis. Fisher said deans need this information. Porter believes the campus needs to determine what is an acceptable DFW rate for this institution (or what is unacceptable).
  - Wendeln reviewed his methodology for his next data set. He reviewed Lumina Foundation's Goal 2025 and data from the College Board. Indiana is an exporter of education. He discussed projected statistics for higher education in Indiana. He reviewed the doubling initiative, how our campus has done so far toward those goals, degrees granted from this campus, and transfer students. We need to start two undergraduate students today to get one to graduate.
  - Wendeln discussed the pipeline, the 2005 cohort, data about peer institutions, and IPEDS data. The committee discussed this information. Porter believes this would make an excellent topic for future discussion. For example, what are the factors that influence students graduating? Can we influence any of those factors? What is the cost for those factors? After Wendeln talked about NCES sample data, the committee discussed capacity issues as retention increases.
  - Wendeln talked about the cost per credential/degree. He gave similar information for IUPUI's peer institutions. He reviewed data from College Measures. The committee discussed this information as well as the cost of attrition. The committee thanked Wendeln.

3. Spring Summit:

- Ward reviewed the spring summit agenda. He discussed the Roadmap and explained what it is. Our campus needs to report to IUB to explain how we want the Roadmap configured. He explained how IUPUI can be a part of the process.
- At Fisher's suggestion, Ward said he would invite someone from IUB to attend the conference to hear the suggestions and feedback. There was discussion about this.
- Porter suggested having someone give an update on the early warning system.
- Ward asked committee members to give any additional feedback about the summit agenda to him or Snyder.

4. Fall Summit Progress Report:

- Time was short, but the committee discussed the first item (summer programs). Ward stressed the importance of not losing momentum from the fall summit and keeping the good ideas that came out of it. The idea from the summit has led to discussions on campus about using summers to shorten time to degree and to relieve pressure on resources for the rest of the year.
- Fisher told about a report that Dean Sukhatme is working on for summer initiatives to encourage undergraduates to take more summer courses. A poster will be released by the end of the week addressed to students about this issue. The poster will include a URL for students to find links and resources. For example, housing will have special summer rates. Dean Sukhatme is also starting a new initiative to create summer jobs on campus for students. The jobs are expected to pay \$10 per hour with Academic Affairs reimbursing departments for half of the wages. Students who participate in this initiative must be enrolled in six credit hours. The committee discussed this.

5. Other Business:

- Lang reminded the committee about the Edward C. Moore Symposium on February 25 in CE 450.
- Ward reminded the committee about the Student Access and Success Conference on March 11 in the University Place Conference Center.

6. The meeting was adjourned.

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