

Council on Retention and Graduation Steering Committee
September 16, 2010
UC 3171
Presiding: Rick Ward

Present: Bob Bringle, Cathy Buyarski, Scott Evenbeck, John Gosney, Michele Hansen, Sarah Lang, Howard Mzumara, Becky Porter, Rick Ward, Gayle Williams, and Marianne Wokeck

Regrets: Sarah Baker, Mary Fisher, Steve Graunke, Kathy Johnson, Susan Montgomery, Gary Pike, and David Sabol

Guests: Laurie Gavrin (State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana)

1. Ward welcomed committee members. He introduced Gavrin, and other introductions were made.
2. Update on SSACI Awards:
 - Gavrin, who works for the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI), told about a study that was conducted over the summer. Gavrin gave a link to the executive summary (http://www.in.gov/che/files/Financial_Aid_Study_-_Executive_Summary.pdf).
 - Gavrin explained how the Frank O'Bannon program had less money this year because the funds had to be used to support Twenty-first Century Scholars. Since the Twenty-first Century Scholarship is a supplement to the Frank O'Bannon program, if the O'Bannon caps drop, more money is needed to cover the Twenty-first Century entitlement. The data shows a tremendous number of adult students.
 - Gavrin discussed how the recession affects utilization rates. Since many students do not have support, they drop to part-time status or drop out completely. IUPUI gets many of those part-time dollars. As long as the campus financial aid office continues to package the money and get it out there, the campus will be in a good position.
 - Gavrin reviewed the executive summary of "The Funding of Indiana's College Scholarship Programs: A Study Conducted Jointly by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana."
 - Gavrin asked the committee for feedback on ways they can implement changes that would affect the programs in a positive way. She will be asked in the fall and spring to give input on the fiscal impact of potential legislation. She talked about adult students and the importance of understanding nontraditional students in Indiana.
 - The committee and Gavrin discussed recommendations in the report.
 - Gavrin said she welcomes questions and feedback; committee members can e-mail her directly.
3. Summer Success Academy Data Report:
 - Hansen used a PowerPoint to give a concise version of her AIR presentation and to share new data.

- The official retention rate for Indianapolis only is 75%. This is an upward trend, but the campus is still behind urban peers. The retention rate for conditional admits is 69% (for Indianapolis only).
- Hansen told how she was involved in evaluating the Summer Success Academy. They looked at the goals of the program and learning outcomes. Hansen gave a brief overview of the Summer Success Academy and discussed 2010 program participation.
- Hansen said Dean Sukhatme wanted to know how the optional group did (or those who participated in the program, but were not required to do so). Hansen reviewed this information. There were trivial differences between the optional group and other students, except for the retention rates.
- Hansen shared highlights of the program's writing task and reviewed student suggestions for program improvement. Students seem to be developing social connections in the program.
- Hansen discussed differences between the sections in the program.

4. Adjournment.

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