

Meeting Minutes

Enrollment Management Committee

Wednesday November 17, 2010

4:00 P.M. -5:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Nikki Neal, Mark Moore, Sandi Delabar, Christie Taylor, Ashley Childers, Kim Patton, Brenda Haas, Bob Trusz, Keenan Perry, Bethany Heidenreich, Ann Marie Short, Jim McPherson

New Business:

1. Congratulations to Bob Trusz and the Admissions staff for successfully increasing enrollment once again.
2. Copies of Last Year's survey were distributed to each member of the committee for review. Committee members were asked to report back at the next meeting to respond to charge 1.
Charge 1: Review and recommend all current retention strategies and recommend appropriate revisions and additions to those strategies, including required resources.
3. Copies of the Ohio Board of Regents Report, Complete College America; Ohio College Completion Self Assessment dated August 20, 2010 were distributed to each committee member for review to respond to charge 2.
Charge 2: Review our current methods for measuring retention and recommend additional methods.
4. Copies of the syllabus for University 1101 were distributed to committee members for review.
Charge 3: A committee member had requested the syllabus be reviewed to determine if the focus of the course is consistent with the earlier recommendations of the committee in response to charge 1.

Discussion:

- University 1101 is currently a safety net course, recommended for students that have received low marks during a previous semester
- Committee members were asked to look at the current course to see if there are any improvements that can be made.
 - Does it actually help the students?
 - The idea of a survey was brought up to ask past and current students how effective the course was.
 - It was also mentioned that the academic information of the past and current students should be evaluated to determine if their grades improved and whether or not they returned to Shawnee.
- Another topic discussed was the idea to create another course similar to University 1101, which would be a more formal first year experience course.

- It would be a new course with a different course number and code
- It would probably be 1 credit hour for 8 weeks
- Concerns were brought up addressing the fact that since there is such a wide range of student abilities this course may not apply to everyone.
- A common opinion that was expressed by some committee members was that students should not have to take the course if they don't need it.
- Committee members were asked to consider this idea for a new course and look at the pros and cons to discuss further at the next meeting.
- Ideas to improve retention were also discussed.
 - It was mentioned that last year some students were looking into doing a survey to find out what keeps students at Shawnee. Nothing was heard from it.
 - A major topic that was brought up was the improvement of the University Center
 - Is it possible to put computer kiosk for students in the lobbies?
 - Is it possible to extend the hours earlier and later? Like 6 am to 12am or 1am
 - It was stated that to be a university where people stay rather than travel back and forth, it is very important for the university center to be open later and on weekends.