**Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 13, 2017**

1. **Call to Order “The Year of Student Success”**

The Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE) was called to order on September 13, 2017 at

2:00 p.m. in the Student Success Center Classroom 1115 in Ninth Street Hall.

New members were introduced. We are still hoping for a member from COS.

Voted to change time of meeting to 3:00 – 4:00.

**Members present:** Karla Sanders, chair, Gurkan Akalin, Cindy Boyer, Mona Davenport, Julie Dietz, Joe Eichman (recording secretary), Echarial Gaines, Shelley James, Stephen King, Jeanne Lord, and Dawn Zachow

**Members absent:** Josh Norman, Jody Stone, Jean Wolski

1. **Approval of CORE Minutes-August 30**

Amended the minutes to reflect proper attendance. Gurkan Akalin made a motion to approve the August 30, 2017 minutes and Stephen King seconded the motion. The motion was approved with two members abstaining.

1. **NSSE Data Presentation**

Sanders presented on the 2017 NSSE results; the last survey was in 2013. Overall, the results indicate that we have happy, engaged students who love their faculty. Sanders will bring additional data next meeting. The response rate was higher with drawing for Visa gift card. NIU & SIUC did not participate at the same time we did, so we were not compared to them, but the other Illinois public institutions participated.

FR gave somewhat low scores for advising. Mona Davenport said this could be based on students’ perceptions. Julie Dietz said that many students bring in expectations from high school that their advisor will just tell them what to do, and that is not what advising is at Eastern.

Our quantitative reasoning scores were low. We are looking for a QR member on CASL to help address this issue. School of Business has recently added required course in QR and Critical Thinking.

EIU shines with faculty interactions, especially comparted to other IL publics. We are in top 10% nationwide in three areas – will work to get this information to Marketing.

EUI biggest challenges are in time spent reading for class, number of pages written at the senior level, and academic challenge.

1. **Retention Predictor**

This is the second year with new model; Sanders presented the data for this year’s class compared to last year’s.

IRS Verification numbers were high. Dawn Zachow suggested this could be due to IRS website being down for 2.5 months.

The Academic Index is a combination of student ACT and HS GPA.

We are still studying why students from Chicago Public Schools are a retention issue, but most likely, it is a matter of unpreparedness and economic factors, among other social factors.

1. **BRING NSSE DATA SHEETS TO NEXT MEETING.**
2. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

*~Minutes submitted Joe Eichman, Recording Secretary*