**Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 28, 2015**

1. **Call to Order**

The Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE) was called to order on October 28, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. by co-chair Kimberlie Moock in the Student Success Center Classroom 1115, at Ninth Street Hall.

**Members present:** Kimberlie Moock (co-chair), Cindy Boyer, Kesha Coker, Mona Davenport, Shelley James, Jody Stone, Jeanne Lord, Stephen King, Jennifer Stringfellow, and Christie Turner.

**Members absent:** Jean Wolski (has a class conflict) and Karla Sanders (on sabbatical).

1. **Approve Minutes for September 9, 2015**

Jody Stone motioned to approve the September 9, 2015 minutes with minor changes. Stephen King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

1. **Approve Minutes for October 14, 2015**

Jody Stone motioned to approve the October 14, 2015 minutes with minor changes. Stephen King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

1. **Items from the Committee**

Kimberlie Moock, co-chair, discussed why she is making the *“Items from the Committee”* a permanent item on the agenda. Discussion followed.

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* Jennifer Stringfellow reported that she talked to her RSO’s Student Board and they liked having a way to speak with fellow students.
* Kimberlie Moock reported she talked to Provost Lord on how to address students with concerns and questions about the EIU budget and what kind of language should be used when addressing these issues with students. Provost Lord said it is on his radar and knows about the issue and is working on it. Moock also asked if there is something CORE can do to reach out to everyone about the language to use with students. Provost Lord indicated that President’s Council was discussing the issue and would be in touch if he needed the committee’s assistance. Discussion followed.
* Jennifer Stringfellow also commented that EIU parents and Alumni need to contact their state representatives concerning these issues.
* Jody Stone mentioned that President Glassman went to Springfield on October 20th and on October 22nd students went to Springfield to talk to state representatives about the budget and how it is affecting their financial aid.
* Jeanne Lord announced to the committee that Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Sciences is sponsoring an event *“Making the “****MAJOR****” Decision”* for undecided students to learn about majors, options, and minors in Business, Family and Consumer Sciences, Military Science, and Technology. It will be held on November 4th in the Lumpkin Hall Student Lounge and Klehm Hall Student Lounge from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pizza will be available.
* Jeanne Lord reported that she and Scott Stevens have started a food pantry for hungry students. The Student Accounting Society is the RSO who collected the canned goods and it was a great success. The food pantry is available to all students on campus in need of food. The food pantry will be open two times a month and is located in Lumpkin Hall room 3008.
1. **CORE Newsletter**

Kimberlie Moock announced to the Committee that the CORE Newsletter will be going out electronically to all faculty and staff instead of paper to save the University money on printing. It will be available to everyone on the CORE website.

For the next newsletter Moock would like to make it timely and remind everyone it is about the students, facts updates and then tie it back to the resources in the “*my EIU Retention Tool Box.*” Moock will work with Kimberly Sweeney and Wendy Long about putting it on the CORE website.

1. **Sub-Committees**

Kimberlie Moock outlined to the sub-committees that she would like the sub-committees to discuss and determine data needs, refine objectives, and explore potential interventions. She asked the sub-committees to try and bring it to 1 or 2 objectives and if any needs concern for the 1st generation. What data or extra data do you need? What can we do in the spring? The sub-committee report and strategies is due at the December 9th meeting. The sub-committees then went into their groups to discuss these items.

1. **Adjournment**

The CORE meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. to meet in their sub-committees for the remainder of the meeting.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next CORE meeting will be held on November 11, 2015 in the Student Success classroom 1115 at Ninth Street Hall from 1:00-2:15 p.m.

~Minutes submitted by Ms. Kimberly Sweeney, Recording Secretary