**Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 8, 2017**

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

The Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE) was called to order on November 8, 2017 at

3:00 p.m. in the Student Success Center Classroom 1115 in Ninth Street Hall.

**Members present:** Gurkan Akalin, Karla Sanders, chair, Cindy Boyer, Kelsey Cripe, Mona Davenport, Julie Dietz, Joe Eichman (recording secretary), Stephen King, Jeanne Lord, Jody Stone, Jean Wolski, and Dawn Zachow.

**Members absent:** Echarial Gaines, Shelley James, Josh Norman, and Jie Zou.

1. **Approval of CORE Minutes-October 25**

Julie Dietz moved to approve the October 25 minutes. Mona Davenport seconded the motion, which was then approved with three abstentions.

1. **FA17 Midterm Report**

Karla Sanders presented the FA17 Midterm Report data.

1. **FA17 Newsletter**

Karla Sanders is working on three stories for this semester’s newsletter:

1. NSSE Data
2. First-Generation Students
   1. Julie Dietz suggested an example of explaining what Office Hours are. Or what a syllabus is. She has an infographic prepared to share.
   2. Karla Sanders would like to include a Best Practices for 1st Generation Students section that her graduate assistant is working on.
   3. Sanders has a call out for more information on the listserv.
3. FA16-FA17 Retention Data
4. **Standard Admits <2.5 HS GPA**

Karla Sanders offered amended data. The original data had an incorrect figure. The total number of FA16 freshmen with a High School GPA less than 2.5 was 22, not 87.

1. **First-Generation Students Discussion**

Mona Davenport discussed the work currently being done for First-Generation College Students – They receive monthly updates (email reminders, information). This goes to Students in Taylor and to Minority Students. Graduate students perform outreach for students with low GPA’s. They are looking for a new way to reach out to both First-Generation and Transfer students without duplicating work currently being done.

Julie Dietz asked about creating a more coordinated communication system, and Mona Davenport suggested we can create a Panther Life app Group. She also suggested we get this information out to faculty. (A suggestion by Gurkan Akalin was to ask faculty to have more group projects, but to select the groups with diversity of opinions and experiences in mind.) Jody Stone suggested we add First-Generation programming to PROWL.

Karla Sanders would like to create some student focus groups in the Spring to ask students what they would find useful, what sort of programming or outreach would be helpful.

Jody Stone also suggested that we add some questions directed to First-Generation students in the UF evaluations. It is too late for FA17 unless instructors handed out something extra on Evaluation Day.

1. **Adjourn**

The next meeting will be on December 13. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

*~Minutes submitted Joe Eichman, Recording Secretary*