**Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 24, 2018**

1. **Call to Order**

The Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE) was called to order on October 24, 2018 at

3:05 p.m. in the Student Success Center Classroom 1115 in Ninth Street Hall.

**Members present:** Gurkan Akalin, Cindy Boyer, Mona Davenport, Joe Eichman (recording secretary), Shelley James, Josh Norman, Karla Sanders, chair, Jody Stone, Ed Treadwell, and Tanya Willard.

**Members absent:** Austin Cheney, Julie Dietz, Alexis Jones, Katie Lewandowski, Vicki Phillips, and Jie Zou.

1. **Approval of CORE Minutes-October 10, 2018**

Karla Sanders motioned to approve the minutes with Gurkan Akalin offering a second. The minutes were approved, with Shelley James, Ed Treadwell, and Tanya Willard abstaining.

1. **Member Updates**

Karla Sanders asked CORE Members to give brief updates on retention-adjacent activities in their departments.

Mona Davenport: The Office of Inclusion and Academic Engagement is conducting outreach to students of color, especially those with a GPA <2.0 and those on the D,F, W List, teaching many of these students how to study.

Josh Norman gave a report on the IBHE Meeting. EIU has asked for a 10% increase in appropriated funds to address curriculum development, scholarships, student success initiatives, technology upgrades and repairs.

Jody Stone reports that Housing has been focusing on community development and outreach to students who received Early Alerts. They will also be participating in 1st Generation Day on November 8.

Cindy Boyer: Student Success will offer a workshop series in the spring ‘New Year, New Day, New You” to motivate students toward more personal responsibility in their success.

Shelley James: Advising has been reaching out to students who received Early Alerts.

Tanya Willard: NSFP is working on tightening the structure of Transfer Day, especially to be more proactive to ensure these students have registered for classes before leaving campus. The online orientations is receiving a revamp. They have also created an assessment of Transfer Day. On Oct. 24, they are holding a Focus Group of Transfer students in Stevenson Hall to look for other ways to improve Transfer Day.

1. **AY19 Priorities**

The Committee organized its priorities for the year, based on Josh Norman’s Action Plan:

* 1. Increase Supplemental Instruction pilot in Spanish and Algebra courses, as well as possibly Sociology.
  2. Continue integrating individual financial literacy counseling. Advising is working on this.
  3. 1st Generation initiative. Buttons, Door Hangers are being printed. Videos with President and Provost will be made. Working with MEI as well.
  4. Explore EIU-funded work study options for at-risk students.
  5. Continue pursuing department-based work on Living-Learning Communities. Perhaps Biology or Criminology.

1. **Newsletter**

The FA18 newsletter is nearly complete. Karla Sanders asked members to begin thinking of campus-wide initiatives on retention for the SP19 newsletter.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

*~Minutes submitted Joe Eichman, Recording Secretary*