**Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 14, 2015**

1. **Call to Order**

The Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE) was called to order on October14, 2015 at

1:00 p.m. by co-chair Kimberlie Moock in the Student Success Center Classroom 1115, at Ninth Street Hall.

**Members present:** Cindy Boyer, Kesha Coker, Mona Davenport, Shelley James, Jeanne Lord, Kimberlie Moock (co-chair), Jennifer Stringfellow, and Christy Turner

**Members absent:** Stephen King, Jody Stone, (Jean Wolski class conflict; Karla Sanders is on sabbatical)

1. **Welcome New Member**

Kimberlie Moock welcomed new member Christy Turner, Planning Budget & Institutional Research, to the committee. Committee members then introduced themselves.

1. **CORE Meeting Canceled**

The CORE meeting scheduled for September 23 was canceled due to low attendance.

1. **Students at EIU**

Departments asked the committee to look into the concerns from students about the state, EIU Budget, and rumors that students are asking questions about and how to handle the questions. Discussion followed. Kimberlie Moock will reach out to the Provost to voice the concern the committee has and provide suggestions for institutional action and offer the committee assistance where appropriate.

1. **Eworxs Update**

Kimberlie Moock reported she shared the predicator data with the EWORX committee. The conversation was well received and she has been asked to attend Deans Council to share the information. The IBHE is looking deeper into underrepresented student populations (first generation, minority and disability). Kimberlie has asked each sub-committee to include special consideration in their discussion to first generation as this population has seen a significant tip in the retention rate.

1. **Financial Items to Consider**

* Financial Aid

Students can apply FAFSA from the previous two years beginning in Fall 2016. This will be a large shift for EIU. The Admissions Office and Financial Aid are determining the affects and developing next steps.

* Perkins Loan

Federal Government did not reissue the Perkins Loan because they are trying to phase out the Perkins Loan. Some students will be grandfathered in but if they change their major in a significant way they will lose the Perkins Loan.

* Map Grant

Have not released any of those funds this year but students will not have holds placed on them for registration. EIU is working in good faith until students receive their Map Grant.

* Effect of Financial Aid Strategy

Josh Norman has produced a data set to analyze the effectiveness of EIU’s financial aid strategy. Both Eworxs and CORE will have the opportunity to provide analyzes as EIU determines future awarding structures.

Kimberlie Moock asked the sub-committees to be prepared to work in their sub-committees at the next meeting. Moock will give additional data to the groups.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next CORE meeting will be on October 28th from 1:00-2:15 pm. in classroom 1115 at Ninth Street Hall.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

*~Minutes submitted by Ms. Kimberly Sweeney, Recording Secretary*