**Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 20, 2013**

1. **Call to Order**

The Committee on Retention Efforts (CORE) was called to order on September 20, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. by co-chairperson Karla Sanders, in the Student Success Center Classroom 1117, at Ninth Street Hall.

**Members present:** Karla Sanders, co-chair, Thomas Canam, Kesha Coker, Mona Davenport, Jerry Donna, Lyndsay Jenkins, Amber Osborne, Jody Stone, Jennifer Stringfellow, Jean Wolski, and Monica Zeigler

**Members absent:** Cindy Boyer, Mary Herrington-Perry, and Kimberlie Moock, co-chair

1. **Welcome New Members**

Karla Sanders welcomed the following new members to CORE: Thomas Canam, Biological Sciences; Kesha Coker, Lumpkin School of Business; Lyndsay Jenkins, Psychology; and Monica Zeigler, Center for Academic Advising.

1. **Approval of September 6, 2013 Minutes**

Mona Davenport made a motion to approve the September 6, 2013 minutes as written. Jean Wolski moved to approve. The September 6, 2013 minutes were approved with eight members abstaining.

1. **Noel Levitz Predicator Update and New Retention Numbers**

Karla Sanders reported that retention is at 77% which has gone down 2% from last year but that EIU is still 6% above the national benchmark. She also reported the findings on the 2010-2012 information that was submitted for analysis to the Noel Levitz Predicator. Discussion followed.

1. **CORE Fall Newsletter**

Karla Sanders reported information for the fall newsletter is to be submitted to her by October 25th. It is to be in mailboxes by November 4th. Karla Sanders and Kimberlie Moock will do a story on the Noel-Levitz Predicator; Jean Wolski and Monica Zeigler will do a piece on resources to help students, and Kesha Coker will do the spotlight piece on the Lumpkin School of Business College to Career Program.

1. **Planning for FA14**

Karla Sanders asked members to be on one of two retention sub-committees. The *“Now”*

sub-committee members will work on strategies for using the Predicator information this year. The “Now” sub-committee members are Karla Sanders, Cindy Boyer, Jerry Donna, Mona Davenport, Jennifer Stringfellow, and Monica Zeigler. The *“Then”* sub-committee members will develop ideas for next year’s entering class. The *“Then”* sub-committee members are Tom Canam, Kesha Coker, Lyndsay Jenkins, Amber Osborne, Jody Stone, and Jean Wolski. Kimberlie Moock will be floating between the two sub-committees. Sanders would like the sub-committees to meet before the next CORE meeting on October 4th. Discussion followed.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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