Retention Council
Minutes
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1. Graduation Partnership Data

Rick Muma reminded the Council how the Graduation Partnership is WSU’s HLC Quality Initiative (as approved by HLC and required for the next accreditation review) and is also the focus of WSU’s retention efforts. Each year the Retention Council reviews the outcome data and provides input. David Wright reviewed the data, which indicated:

- Strong participation in the initiative
- Progress was being made in terms of changing student behavior (at-risk indicators, remedial need, etc.)

However, it was still too early to know whether the initiative was affecting IPEDS freshmen retention rates (one year increase from 70.2% [2011 cohort] to 74.5% [2012 cohort]) or IPEDS freshmen graduation rates (one year increase from 41.2% [2006 cohort] to 46.1% [2007 cohort]). No significant changes to the Partnership were recommended based on the data presented.

2. Orientation - 2014

Kim Sandlin provided progress to date on the number of HS seniors who have signed-up for orientation, finished the pre-advising process, and enrolled in fall classes. Of those expected to attend WSU in the fall, approximately 30% have signed-up for orientation, 20% have completed pre-advising, and 10% have enrolled. Kim briefly discussed the orientation program schedule, which will be a 1.5 day program. She also discussed plans to involve transition mentors and faculty fellows. Wade Robinson discussed the need to include athletes in the orientation program to
assure athletes receive federally mandated programs. Further discussions will be had with Wade and the President’s Executive Team to see how this can be accomplished.

3. **One-Stop**

   Rick Muma circulated a one page flyer describing the plans for the one-stop and that a search was being conducted to fill the one-stop director position

4. **Student Success Collaborative**

   Linnea GlenMaye announced that a pilot of the SSC was ongoing. Plans are still underway to launch the SSC university-wide this fall. Training for advisors will occur summer 2014.

5. **Charge of the Retention Council**

   This agenda item was tabled to a future meeting, as no time was left to discuss.

6. **Other Business**

   None.