

Pie Council Minutes  
January 15, 2010  
1:30pm  
Welty Board Room

Members Present: Brandon Newsom, Marty Hatton, Shaochen Yang, James Ward, Sheila Adams, Mark Bean, Twila Alpe, Dave Haffly, Sirena Parker, Cassie Derden, John Davis, Barbara Garrett, Carla Lowery, Eric Daffron (Chair)

Members Absent: Brianna Brown, Rusty King, Vicki Leach, Randy Stewart, Bobby Fuggitt, Larry Jones, Perry Sansing, Nora Miller, Gary Bouse, Carmen Osburn, Jo Beth Hamlett

The minutes from the November meeting were approved by the committee.

Eric Daffron presented the next item on the agenda which was five (5) recommendations from the November 20<sup>th</sup> PIE meeting for Student Engagement and Retention. Each recommendation had University bodies assigned. These bodies will be responsible for developing strategies and steps to implement these strategies to improve the results from the five recommendations.. The five recommendations are: Consider strategies to recruit students with stronger credentials who are more likely to be retained; Consider strategies to improve writing skills by requiring more writing at the freshman level and by reconsidering the English Composition sequence; Implement strategies to encourage students to engage in more extra and co-curricular activities; Disseminate results more widely among faculty and staff. Follow up future presentations with workshops n engagement-related topics; and Schedule advising workshops on topics about student engagement. Four of the recommendations had additional University bodies assigned to them. Eric will inform each of the responsible University bodies of their involvement in this.

The ACTION Review Process was presented next. ACTION forms are to be submitted by Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Review questions were reviewed and suggestions were made for revisions that Eric Daffron will make. Under the area of feedback, Eric Daffron will send a memo to the cabinet member. Action Review Groups have been assigned. It will be up to the chair of the group to set the meeting for their group.

The meeting was adjourned until February.