

Attendees: Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Mr. Steven Besse, Ms. Dia Carleton, Mr. Charles Colby, Dr. Deborah Erickson, Mr. James Harrington, Dr. Hal Laydon, Mr. Michael Reid, Dr. Robert Timko

Guests: Dr. Adam Brennan, Dr. Scott Davis, Dr. Adrienne McEvoy

Topic	Discussion	Action
Approval of Minutes	The minutes of September 16, 2008 were discussed.	The minutes of September 16, 2008 were approved as written.
Institutional Research Report	<p>Dr. Catherine Renner provided data from US News submissions. Data revealed we are in the bottom half of the third tier. Our average retention for this year will be 70% - up from last year. Dr. Renner presented data that is related to retention.</p> <p>30% of our students that left MU in the 2006 cohort were undecided/undeclared. We can assume that the vast majority of these students attended another four year institution as evidenced by their transcript requests. It is important that we focus efforts on undecided/undeclared students' success.</p> <p>Other options for retaining undecided/undeclared students would be to engage them in classes that are taught in the residence halls or have a resident advisor living in the halls and available.</p> <p>The importance of the 15 hour load for students was discussed. Less than 15 hour loads effect financial aid, graduation rates and University funding.</p> <p>Retention by department will be made available to individual departments.</p> <p>MU performance measure from PASSHE were reviewed and discussed.</p>	<p>Undeclared/undecided students will be connected to faculty who are involved in the University mentoring program.</p>
Commencement	There was a brief discussion regarding the management of commencement.	Dr. Laydon will work with Ms. Stroud and report to Cabinet in the future.
Tabled/Continued Discussion Agenda Items	Discussions noted above or in previous meeting minutes.	<p>-Undeclared/undecided students</p> <p>-Middle States will be discussed at Cabinet with Dean Team once each month</p>

Minutes reviewed and approved by Cabinet: September 30, 2008

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