

ERMC Meeting Notes

MEETING DATE: 5/19/09

MEMBER NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Anderson, Audrea	X	
Brunner, Alice	X	
Byars, Susan	X	
Duck, Monette	X	
Laviolette, Marc	X	
Lopez, Jorge	X	
Ouerson, Marisa	X	
Popovich, CarolAnn	Stacey Parker in her place	
Price Henry, Dr. Donna	X	
Savarese, Dr. Michael		X
Seals-Gonzales, Cheryl	X	
Smith, Casey		X
Vines, Dr. Robert	X	
Yazici, Dr. Hulya	X	
Vazquez, David	X	
Yovanovich, Michelle	X	

Meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

1. Review of minutes from April 6 meeting

Marc advised that all minutes will be posted on ANGEL for comments. You can submit your comments via email. Once minutes have been finalized, they will then be posted on the Provost website.

Marc asked if, perhaps, some of the committees listed in Item 2. Could be consolidated or streamlined. Susan Byars is going to look at some of the committees and advise at the next meeting.

Marc asked if there were any other comments regarding the minutes. All answered no.

2. ANGEL

Marc explained how to log onto ANGEL and explained about the various folders that he has set up within ANGEL for ERMC. Going forward, all documents will be posted here.

3. Five Year Enrollment Projections

Marc handed out a packet of information which included the five year projection figures; new student projections and a list of all the majors with splits (i.e. male/female, full time/part time, and ethnicity); and Undergraduate vs. Graduate. These reports will be posted on ANGEL as well.

The five year projection report is a BOG report that is updated every year. The projections for new students are based on what is attainable and what is needed to meet the five year projections.

Action; All members were asked to review the five year projections and assess impacts to their areas. This will be discussed at the next meeting. As an example, in part to accommodate 2050 FTIC this year, Donna Price-Henry advised that the average class size has increased by one and that her department has hired 14 new faculty members. Alice Brunner indicated that Student Affairs has completed an impact study and will provide that information.

4. Other enrollment/retention reports

Discussion followed on the handout showing all the majors, undergraduate and graduate, and the breakdown for gender, fulltime status and ethnicity. It was questioned if the new Race/Ethnicity question would impact our profile especially since people will be able to pick more than one race category. Bob Vines indicated that we do have a lot of “unreported” since students do not answer the Race question, it is not mandatory. An upcoming gulf-line self service project to resurvey all faculty/staff/students with the new question may help however in all likelihood we will continue to have a large number of “unreported”.

Marc Laviolette will provide the wording of the new question to the committee.

5. Topics for study/review

We reviewed some of the scholarships that are offered at FGCU. A discussion ensued regarding the Val/Sal and Merit scholarships. Marc Laviolette indicated that a good percentage of our VAL/SAL scholarship recipients lose the scholarship due to grades (about 20%). Our one time merit based admissions scholarship was offered to 350 students this year with only 70 accepting. A proposal has been drafted for review by the cabinet to revamp our merit scholarships so that we are more competitive and hopefully attract more top performing students.

There is also another proposal to award full tuition and housing to two students selected from five area high schools. These schools were selected based on their high percentage of underrepresented/underserved students.

In the general discussion that followed Audrea Anderson commented that from her review there not enough scholarship money being awarded to African American students. Additionally, to attract a truly diverse student body we need to not only provide economic support but also work to increase community awareness about the opportunities available to our local students and provide a campus environment where students from all backgrounds feel welcome and comfortable.

Action; Audrea Anderson and Jorge Lopez will provide a report at our next meeting addressing distribution of scholarships. They will look at both foundation scholarships and institutional aid.

There was additional discussion on retention but time was running short. Alice Brunner did say that the latest report on remedial enrolled students was very promising and will provide it to the group.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

Next Meeting will be on July 1, 2009 in AB5-210 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Monette Duck.