

PIE Council Minutes  
November 19, 2010  
1:30pm  
Welty Board Room

Members Present: Brandon Newsome, Dionne Fortenberry, Michael Longton, Rusty King, Kimberly Dorsey, Cathy Young, Twila Alpe, Larry Jones, Sirena Parker, Nora Miller, Gary Bouse, John Davis, Martha Jo Mims, Carla Lowery, Jim Roth, Marty Hatton (Chair)

Members Absent: Carlos Williams, Jr., Alisa Holen, Sheila Adams, Vicki Leach, Mark Bean, Dave Haffly, Cassie Derden, Perry Sansing, Allegra Brigham, Jo Beth Hamlett

Marty Hatton opened the meeting by asking for approval of the minutes from the November 2010 meeting. These were approved.

The next item of business was consideration of proposed changes in PIE operations policy, PS 3538. Three key amendments to the policy were proposed: 1). PIE will meet regularly rather than monthly, 2) Use of the term School of Professional Studies rather than College of Business and Culinary Arts Institute, 3) Create a roll for AVPAA. A motion was made to accept the proposed amendments and they were approved.

Carla Lowery presented retention and graduation data reports. She discussed graduation rates for students seeking bachelor degrees. She also reviewed six year graduation rates for first/full time students receiving bachelor degrees and first/full time transfer cohort students. She noted a large loss of freshmen from Fall 2008 and Fall 2009 and the data available to provide reasons.

Marty Hatton gave an overview of the Retention Task Force. The Retention Task Force is potentially focusing on transfer students. Dr. Hatton briefly discussed how advising can affect retention noting that UN 101 has been a good tool but might want to revisit how the course works. Advising needs should be looked at on a larger scale and it is critical to rethink meeting students where they are.

He then discussed the ACTION assessment process. There was a discussion of timing and it was agreed that January 14, 2011 would be the date for units to submit their 2010 reports. He also discussed proposed changes and revisions to the ACTION form. Dr. Hatton will review the new form and send out to the council for approval. There was a motion to accept this proposal and the motion was approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2011. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.