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University of Minnesota, Morris
Scholastic Committee
Minutes #11, 2/2/2009

The Scholastic Committee met on 2/2/2009, in IH 217.

Members present:

K. Barron, S. Boyd, C. Cole, J. Deane, D. DeJager, S. Haugen, D. Magner, B. McQuarrie (Chr), L. Meek (Secy), J. Nellis, J. Pelletier, A. Raymond, J. Schryver

Guests: Annette Schewe, Academic Assistance and Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Assistant Dean

1. Minutes from 12/1/08 were approved.

2. There was a review of past efforts to aid students on probation and some quantitative data related to the success and retention of freshmen on probation their first semester were discussed. A recommendation from a report on enrollment and retention efforts by Tom Williams was read: "Redesign the early alert system to include a diagnostic tool at the point of entry to UMM (e.g., during Orientation). The early alert system currently relies on observation (faculty observation of student performance) after the semester has begun. A diagnostic tool will help identify those students at the outset who exhibit tendencies/characteristics/attributes that predict that they will struggle. BSSE or Retention Management System with the College Student Inventory (CSI) by Noel-Levitz are examples of student-specific retention diagnostic tools."

The committee discussed possible efforts that could be focused on probationary students, especially freshmen, to aid in their academic success and retention. Ideas on how to integrate these efforts into the First Year Experience were explored. Findings from a podcast from Innovative Educators on student retention were discussed. The committee concluded that a comprehensive plan for targeting student success in the freshmen year should be implemented, but that resources are not available for such an attempt.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be in 2/9/09 at 9:15 in IH 217.