

Admissions and Student Aid Committee
Minutes 11/16/09

In attendance: J.Baker, L.Dudjak, V.Hoffman, R.Kear, J.Kitutu, S.Levine, C.Mohamed, B.Porter, W.Saunders, S.Shaiman (chair), J.Zamzow

Dr. Shawn Brooks, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life, addressed student retention efforts coordinated through Residence Life and Student Affairs. Numerous efforts are in place to improve retention of students from first to second years, including: housing issues (matching roommates, student-to-Resident Assistant ratios, non-alcohol alternative programs, etc.); PittStart and New Student Orientation; Outside the Classroom Curriculum; First Year Cup; Faculty Associate Program; Panther Call Out Program; and First Year Living Learning Communities. Retention from first to second years has increased to 92.7%, from approximately 90% five years ago; the University is currently working toward a goal of 94%. The Committee can contribute to these efforts by recruiting colleagues and becoming involved in activities including the Faculty Associate Program (currently recruiting for Spring term), Outside the Classroom Curriculum, and the Panther Call Out Program. Please contact Dr. Brooks if you or your colleagues are interested in becoming involved in any of these activities.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21st, at 11:30 AM.