

DIRECT REPORTS  
3/25/09

**Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2009.**

Items discussed:

- Larry encouraged members to attend as many student related events as possible.
- Larry discussed data validating his claim that PNC is the fastest growing college in Indiana and suggested it be used for a desk reference. He thanked everyone for their hard work to make this possible. 300/40% are dual credit, 90 are MBA, and 33 are engineering students. 62% of the growth rate is new initiatives. .
- This year's fireworks will be coordinated by Alumni Development. Orientation will be held in the morning and fireworks in the evening.
- Advisors have been very busy meeting with and registering students.

Financial Aid:

- Getting ready for summer and fall set ups.
- Award letters for fall should be sent out on 4/15.
- Mary Ann Bishel will be on campus to assist with budget set ups.
- Attending SSACI tomorrow. Bryant is expecting cuts in state grants. In answer to Sue's question Bryant reported that if there are cuts in state grants, students will be able to take out loans. Pell grant has increased and eligibility standards loosened. State grants for the prison program may come up short unless tuition is adjusted. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars will not be affected for public schools.

Registration:

- There are room numbers on the fall schedule that need to be ignored. Jen rolled the schedule but department secretaries didn't change the room numbers. Jen will send out an email notifying staff. Jen plans to do additional training with secretaries next semester.

Student Services:

- PNC received \$75,000 from the state for summer prison education programs compared to \$8,000 last year. We will be able to offer 75 students 2 courses, last year there were only 16 seats. There will be four classes at ISO and ten at WCF. John will get the list to Jen. These are all Specter grant recipients.
- Larry is discussing with Chancellor Dworkin the hiring of staff for the college bound program.

Media Services:

- WL library indicated they will reduce the data base budget by 1.2 million dollars which could slow the growth in databases on regional campuses.

- In order to continue to serve the campus Donna Whitten is preparing a library survey to be completed by faculty in each department.
- Redirecting media services as far as booking smart rooms is being discussed.

#### PNC-PC:

- Many thanks to the ten staff members from PNC who volunteered at Envision the Future at the Expo Center and also to their supervisors for allowing them to participate in this event. She had a very positive response from those who volunteered.
- Carol is in charge of ushers for graduation and would appreciate volunteers. She is also in need of a co-chair.
- Carol is working with Dana Krill on the EMSS webpage and hopes to have it ready before fall.

#### Data Specialist:

- Madonna continues work on surveys.
- She finished IPEDS for fall enrollment and financial aid.

#### School Partnerships:

- Sue attended a concurrent enrollment committee meeting yesterday at which a report was presented on schools that are compliant. There are a number of high schools in Lake County that are not compliant.
- PNC continues to spread to area high schools. We are the only college in Porter County schools and possibly in LaPorte County.
- Larry added that there is a meeting on Monday to discuss how accreditation will be handled. EM&SS will be responsible for recruitment, administrative side, and accreditation; academic side will be responsible for academic quality; faculty will conduct site visits with either a reduced load or stipend. Once courses are set up and approved, the rest will be maintenance. This is a good opportunity for top notch PNC faculty to visit high school classrooms and will be a great bridge for PNC.