

# Student Success Team Highlights

## 2009-2010 Academic Year

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- The major accomplishment of the Student Success Team was the implementation of the Mid-Term Grading process for all freshmen students and students in special populations (EFE, EOF, Regional Center and Athletes). This process was facilitated by the diligent work of Saul Kleinman and the MIS Department.
- The Retention Alert system was also implemented this year for the EFE population.
- The Student Success Team facilitated 3 major webinars that were open to the entire campus community:
  - “Creating Faculty Buy-in for the First Year Student Experience” held on September 29
  - “Supporting the engagement, learning and success of students at-risk” held on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
  - “Adjunct Faculty: Supporting and Retaining” held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Subcommittee C: (sophomore to Junior) continued hosting its sophomore brunches. A brunch was held on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for sophomore students in the Gildart Haase School of Computer Sciences and Engineering. The program was well attended and received by students, parents and faculty.
- The Faculty for Freshmen Subcommittee continued to be active this year. In the fall an evening mini conference was held at the beginning of the semester that offered faculty a choice of workshops ranging in the topics of Emerging Adulthood, The One Room Schoolhouse and Using Rubrics. The FFF Committee also hosted a book group using the book “My Freshmen Year”, sponsored a brown back lunch with Judith Kaufman as the keynote, and held a session in the spring with the Center for Teaching with Technology that focused on how to hold class online when the campus is closed.
- A new committee was formed, the Financial Committee. This sub-committee focused on financial issues facing our students and the role finances play in retention. The sub-committee made several recommendations to the mega committee and hopes to raise awareness of scholarships and grants available on campus.
- Several focus groups were held throughout the year with both freshmen and sophomores. These focus groups sought to seek more qualitative information from students regarding their perception of campus life and the academics of the institution.
- The Student Success Team continued to host the Late Knight Breakfast each semester. The fall breakfast set a new attendance record of 687 students attending.

Overall the Student Success Team had a productive year and while the team cannot take full credit for the significant increases in retention that occurred this year, we feel confident that we continue to contribute to the success of our students.