Admissions and Retention Policies Committee
Minutes of November 3, 2003

Present: Pat Mitchell (chair), Pam Burton, Lee Grubb, Gary Levine, Carol Nichols, Randy Parker, Henry Peel, Larry Seese

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

The Chair gave members of the committee two handouts for review and discussion:


2) Memo from Kris M. Smith, Director, Institutional Research & Testing to the Chancellor and his Cabinet, regarding "Comparative Retention and Graduation Data -- 2002-2003 Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange Report."

Discussion ensued on the topic of graduation rates. This was a continuation from the last meeting of the committee. Discussion items included the length of time it takes student to graduate, and ECU's ranking against benchmarked universities for these rates. Several questions were brought for thought and later discussion: 1) Do students intend to graduate in 4 years when they enroll as freshmen?, 2) Is there a push by the University to get students to graduate within 4 years of first enrollment?, 3) Is retention rate more important than graduation rate?

The Chair asked committee members to read the handouts before the next meeting and come prepared for further discussion.

Discussion then moved on to advising and advising models: Non-college specific advising, advising centers, and general studies advising, and institutional barriers to quality advising and retention issues.

The Chair asked committee members to bring examples of institutional barriers to the next meeting to continue this discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Pam Burton