

## **Southern Nazarene University Retention Task Force**

### Charge

The mission of the RTF is to provide campus leadership in the study and promotion of student learning, success, and degree completion at SNU. The RTF will analyze data (retention, withdrawal, housing, campus climate, student satisfaction, and so forth) and recommend to the President and his cabinet strategies to enhance SNU's retention and graduation rates. Recognizing that retention improves as the quality of student learning and student life is enhanced, the RTF will also recommend long-range strategies to address the ongoing needs of all students. The RTF will partner with the cabinet and other campus constituencies in addressing the action items outlined below.

### Action Items

- Studies current retention and graduation rate data of students at SNU
- Identifies current student success programs and assessment initiatives occurring on campus
- Identifies best practices and outstanding student success programs at other institutions and considers their application potential at SNU
- Makes recommendations concerning ways to increase student learning, success, satisfaction, and persistence at SNU
- Develops and implements initiatives and/or scholarship programs that enhance student success and access at SNU
- Conducts research and assessment activities that contribute to campus goals, as well as the larger field of higher education
- Monitors the University's retention and graduation rate goals and reports on the status of accomplishing these goals
- Evaluates, proposes, and initiates any necessary changes to institutional policies, practices, and procedures as they pertain to retention of students

### Membership

Chuck Chitwood- Registrar

Gwen Hackler- Vice Provost for Academic Administration

Loral Henck- Director of the Academic Center for Excellence

Michael Houston- Associate Dean of Students

Noel Jacobs- Co-Director of the Honors program

Misty Jagers- Director of First Year Experience

Deanna Johnson- Program Administrator in Student Support Services

Mary Jones- Provost

Melany Kyzer, Associate Professor of Speech Communication

Diana Lee- Director of Financial Assistance

Bobby Martin- Director of Athletics

Mike Redwine- Vice President for Enrollment Management

Brad Strawn- Vice President for Spiritual Development

Dennis Williams- Director of General Education

Facilitator- Scott Strawn- Vice President for Student Development

**Approved by President's Cabinet on September 19, 2008**