

Academic Red Committee Report

Committee Meeting Date: September 28, 2009

Time: 3:00pm

Members Present: Amy Hamlin (chair), Bruce Myers

Guest(s) Present: Melissa Champion, Middle College President

Agenda Item: Committee charged by Faculty Senate to review Middle College's presence on APSU Campus.

Discussion: Melissa Champion, Principal of Middle College was asked to speak about Middle College. Committee members asked questions throughout the discussion. The following is a summary of the information obtained:

- Middle College Summary
 - APSU signed a Three Year Contract for Middle College
 - First Year 2008-2009
 - Second Year 2009-2010
 - Third Year 2010-2011
 - Currently 120 students enrolled (contract allows up to 150 students).
 - Students attend high school courses (Marks Building) in the mornings and college courses after 1pm.
 - Students do not declare a college major.
 - Many students attend the APSU Fort Campbell Associate Degree programs.
 - Students may not participate in High School extra-curricular activities.
 - Middle College does offer a "Key Club" and 2 other "clubs" focusing on community service. No social clubs are allowed.
 - Students are required to complete 18 hours of community service/year.
 - Students have a Middle College "Prom" and Graduation Ceremony.
 - Students may only register for 1000 and 2000 level courses.
 - Students have Guidance Counselors who advise them.
 - They are only permitted to take certain approved courses.
 - Only Seniors may take online courses (may only take one/semester).
- Student Admission to Middle College
 - Students are admitted in their Junior or Senior Year of High School. They must have a minimum of a "Junior" status.
 - Most students are 16 years old at the time of admission.
 - Some may be 15 years old at their entry.
 - Currently, students meet all admission requirements to APSU.
 - Students are admitted from the Montgomery County School System only.
 - Students attending private school and/or Home Schooled are non-eligible.
 - All students admitted are in at "at risk" category or have some "disconnect" with their High School.
 - Many of these students have children
 - 70% are First Generation Students
 - 33% are military dependents
 - Other categories of admitted students:
 - English as Second Language
 - Gender/Sexuality Issues
 - "Not fitting in" at a "Regular" High School.
- Academic Regulations
 - Students who fail a course are automatically dismissed.
 - Students who make <C in any course are expected to repay their tuition, fees, books, etc.

- Students placed on “Academic Alert” are required to attend mandatory tutoring.
- Discipline
 - Students are NOT allowed to be in any APSU Residence Halls.
 - After the first year, only two students were dismissed for disciplinary reasons (both for graffiti).
- Other Information
 - Students do not qualify for any buses to/from school.
 - Some ride Public Transit (30-40%) or carpool.
 - Students who qualify for “Free Lunch Program” may walk to Bert Elementary to receive free breakfast and lunch.