

Minutes of the Retention-First Gen Subcommittee
October 25, 2017

Members Present: Enid-Sandy Jensen; Stillwater-Tammy Davis, Shila Rakey, Peggy Emde, Eugene Smith, Kyle Smith, Paula Lewis, Alicia Sharp, Tim Kruse; Tonkawa-Ted Moore, Rae Ann Kruse, Stacey Frazier, Kathleen Otto, Kathleen Swain, Dee Cooper, Tricia Moore, Kurt Campbell, Lynn DeMuth, Blair Turney, Pam Stinson

Stacey Frazier agreed to serve as the chair of the First Gen committee this year and will lead the meetings.

Tammy Davis forwarded a manual to Stacey that Tammy, Diana Watkins and Wade Watkins created as a starting point for the First Gen Mentor Program

Stacey asked that we clarify definitions being used, including what is First Gen. Committee recommended expanding definition and including those students whose parents had not completed a bachelor's degree rather than any degree as students may still have significant questions on college processes even if their parents attended some college.

Stacey asked for a point person on each campus to lead the mentorship initiatives. Mary Ann Harris had agreed to be the Enid point person. Shila and Tammy will work together in Stillwater as that point of contact, and Lynn and Dee will work together in Tonkawa. With about 100 employees who have agreed to serve as mentors divided by 500 students, no one would have more than 5 mentees.

Stacey will draft a quick guide to working with First Gen students and Kathleen Otto will provide the names for distribution.