Members Present:
Branker, Burnette, Braiser, Callanan, Conway, Dixon, Easterling, Esbenshade, Henderson, Hill, Jackson, Leger, McLean, Ray, Raubenheimer, Steinke, Tector, Wetherbee, Zelna

Introduction of New Members
After introductions, Burnette related that members were both local retention experts and an institutional resource by virtue of being on the Council. She highlighted the growing intensity retention is getting at the federal and state levels. She also related that ACCESS will provide training opportunities through sharing of literature, sponsoring conference registrations, and facilitating local studies.

Summer Update
Burnette talked about the activities of the ACCESS Strategic Planning Team, made up of Burnette, Conway, Dixon, Grant, Steinke, and Zelna. Modeled after the Business Continuity Plan by Katina Blue, the team began college interviews in order to get full college representation on the Student Success Inventory. The College of Textiles, College of Education, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the College of Design were interviewed from July – September. The experience was enlightening, and the team discovered that each college has its own paradigm of affecting student retention from the pre-college years through to graduation, and sometimes beyond.

The Presentation by Noel-Levitz Group
A five-member team from ACCESS made up of Burnette, Dixon, Easterling, Grant, and Leach, attended the Noel-Levitz Conference last July. Burnette and Dixon presented highlights from sessions they attended. Easterling, Grant, and Leach will present in later meetings. Following the presentation, Tector brought up an issue regarding how to celebrate both the scholarship and non-scholastic aspects of NC State. He related that students seem to be more focused on the non-scholastic part of the institution in terms of engagement. Esbenshade talked about goal setting in relation to establishing expectations, knowing what to expect, and defining the institution’s level of achievement. This discussion led to the next agenda item.

Connection between ACCESS and the Provost’s Student Success Effort
Dean Conway talked about the retention buzz at the UNC-GA and university levels. New mandate for institutions to set graduation target goals. ACCESS will be instrumental in shaping these goals and developing how we measure them. He stated that as local and institutional experts, we know what is realistic and what is unattainable.

Committee Updates: Exit Interview Committee
Tabled until the next meeting.

Announcements/Updates: None.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 10:00AM