Members Present:
Albidrez, Brown, Burnette, Callanan, Conway, Grant, Hill, Jackson, Kirby, Leeder, McGraw, Mitchell, Outing, Patterson, Raubenheimer, Ray, Standish, Steinke, Tector, Watts, Wical, Zelna (Guest: Lisa Zapata)

Zelna’s Model of Student Retention at NC State (Zelna)
Zelna presented the student retention map that she has been sketching since the first ACCESS meetings. She created the map as a way to understand the relationships of the different kinds of programs and the different things that people were doing at NC State. The map demonstrates the complicated nature of retention. The map is currently dynamic. To request a copy e-mail Carrie Zelna (carrie_zelna@ncsu.edu).

Zelna also presented the data from the Stop Out Survey. They had a response rate of 16% or 126 people. Ninety-one out of 126 were planning to return to NC State. 27 of those 91 did not know when they wanted to return. McGraw reported that 32 students that asked to be contacted. Fifteen students left in good academic standing. The Office of Advising Support, Information and Services has contacted the students and the academic coordinators in the colleges have been informed of the student’s interest in returning to NC State.

UNC Tomorrow (Conway)
Conway presented that the UNC tomorrow Steering Committee has generated a list of recommendations and all UNC campuses are being asked to respond to recommendations by May 1st. So far, there has been input from the dean, the faculty, and department heads. In the recommendations, there are the areas that have been recommended as having to do with educating residents for professional success in the 21st century, increasing access to higher education, helping to solve educational challenges to advance the economic transformation and community development, leading and improving the health and wellness in the citizens, leading and addressing the environmental challenges and connecting more with the citizens. NC State already does all of this. The final document will drive the recommendations from the UNC System President. This document will also drive conversations and resource requests from the Board of Governors and General Assembly. NC State’s response should establish the need to continue to invest in NC State as a leading organization. The way we do this is to showcase NC State’s research and outreach mission. Conway asked the Council to read the document and review the response document (especially sections 4.1 and 4.2). If members have recommendations, send them to him by Friday, March 28, 2008. Recommendations about other areas go to the people designated to those areas. The whole report is found online (http://www.ncsu.edu/unctomorrow/).

Updates?
Burnette asked each workgroup to share their progress with ACCESS.
  o Assessment Workgroup
    ▪ No other report than the Assessment report given during Zelna’s presentation above.
  o Policy and Practice Review Workgroup
Outing reported on McLean’s behalf that the group is still looking at modifications to the PRR approval flow chart. They are also looking to find resources to build the webpage where people on campus can look and see what policies are being discussed and to make the process more efficient.

- **Student Engagement Workgroup**
  - Grant announced that her workgroup divided into two subgroups:
    - One subgroup will be led by Wical to study ideas of engagement – commitment to student involvement. The group reviewed the draft of those activities and will examine these activities more in depth. The activities include internships, creative projects, and study abroad, and research. The group will explore more and present a final draft. If members not on this subgroup have ideas, feel free to contact one of the members with the idea.
    - The other group, led by Grant, is looking at coordinating an online resource-- a list of tools students need to be successful during their first-year of college. They are working on unifying what they have.

Zelna and Grant proposed an idea to ask seniors at graduation to complete three short answer survey cards regarding what they wish they would have known in retrospect. This will be helpful information to give to incoming freshmen. They are working on the questions, and have already done a bit of investigation and found that it will cost $160 dollars to get the survey cards printed. They asked for suggestions by **Monday, March 31, 2008.** Student marshals and student staff there who can distribute and collect them.

- **Announcements**
  Watts announced that the Service NC State Program would be packaging 1,000,000 this year in collaboration with Chapel Hill, Duke, and ECU. Early registration for groups will begin **April 7th.** Members could email Watts (tierza_watts@ncsu.edu) directly. This is part of the community effort, so churches and community organizations may also email her. Meals will be packaged on Saturday, August 23rd. Shifts are 9:00 a.m. to noon, noon till 3:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday from 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. is also a shift to help set up. They anticipate needing at least 125 people.

- **Adjourn**
  The Council adjourned to complete the 2007-08 Annual Survey for ACCESS.

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 30, 2008.**
  The meeting will be in the **Module 4 Conference Room, Flex Lab Building.**