Members Present:
Albidrez, Branker, Braiser, Burnette, Callanan, Conway, Easterling, Foster, Grant, Hill, Jackson, Kirby, Leach, McGraw, Mitchell, Outing, Raubenheimer, Ray, Standish, Steinke, Tector, Watts, Wical

Special Guest:
Provost Larry Nielsen

Welcome and Presentations
Burnette kicked off the presentation with ACCESS’ history and progress since 2004. She introduced Standish to present for the Dashboards and Longitudinal Data Assessment Workgroups; then Steinke presented for the Coding Assessment Workgroup on student exit data from the Sophomore Survey. McLean presented the status of the Policy and Practice Review Workgroup; and Grant presented the recommendations of the Student Engagement Workgroup.

Questions and Discussion
Burnette then opened the floor for questions and dialogue. Provost Nielsen said he had a better understanding ACCESS’ work regarding student success at NC State. He said that the conversation was much better at ACCESS than in some other circles as the members around the table were dealing with issues surrounding this topic on a day-to-day basis. Provost Nielsen went on to talk about his observations from the presentations. He talked about the importance and potential for a university-level experience for every student, and other issues concerning how NC State should not put barriers in the way of students graduating and being successful. He related the importance of focusing on policies that may have impeded progress to graduation. He also talked about his sense that the classroom environment is disconnected from NC State’s culture. He wondered if perhaps every classroom should have an NC State identity (i.e., a NC State brick logo, a welcome statement, and an honor’s pledge in plain sight so that students can connect to what it means to be a NC State student). Provost Nielsen also encouraged ACCESS to continue the work they are doing.

Discussion ensued regarding what other entities should ACCESS be tapping for input. The Provost highlighted the importance of the connection between student and academic affairs. Faculty and the students should be more connected to issues ACCESS is studying, and members of the Academy of Outstanding Teachers, the Faculty Senate, and the Student Senate may be valuable resources here.

Concern surfaced regarding policies and how advisers are needed to work interventions that may be an outcome of the work going on in ACCESS. Being more strategic in planning for internal transfers since they are easier to forecast was also mentioned.

Provost Nielsen informed the group that he is action-oriented and that he would love to get some policy changes in the pipeline by Fall 2008. He invited ACCESS to advise him on what they think should happen. Burnette ended the discussion by inviting Provost Nielsen back next year. He accepted the invitation on the condition that ACCESS is ready to present accomplishments.
- **Announcements/Updates**
  There were no announcements, except for Burnette wishing the group the happiest of the holiday season.

  Burnette adjourned by asking the group to give themselves a round of applause for doing a fantastic job.

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