Members Present:
Ambrose, Branker, Brasier, Brown, Burnette, Burney, Kirby, Ledger, Leeder, Luckadoo, Outing, Ray, Robinson, Watts, Wical, Yancey, Zelna

Welcome Back and Updates
Burnette welcomed the present new members of ACCESS (Ambrose, Burney, Ledger, Luckadoo, and Yancey) and related that NC State’s retention efforts appeared in the Alumni Magazine over the summer. The article did a fair representation of what NC State is doing for student success (To read this article, please visit the following link: http://www.alumni.ncsu.edu/news/article.php?id=267).

Burnette also informed the Council that there will be an Access and Success Conference in partnership with the Pre-College Programs. The conference will be held on November 6, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Members were asked to attend and to inform her if they were willing to give a presentation. So far, Academic Support Program for Student Athletes, First Year College, and Multicultural Affairs has shown interest. About 14 Council members who attend the conference will be asked to lead stakeholder conversations and may consequently be eligible for a reduced registration fee if funding comes through from a grant submitted to Interim Dean Ambrose.

The Council was also informed that an Early Warning System Team is meeting to efficiently plan the ad hoc committee coming in 2009. Some ACCESS members may be asked to serve on this committee.

Alternating ACCESS General Body Meetings with Professional Develop Workshops
Burnette inquired whether the Council would like professional development workshops every other meeting. Most of the members present thought this would be useful, but Burnette related that she would send the inquiry to the Council at large via e-mail. These workshops will begin in late fall 2008 or early spring 2009.

NC State Student Outcomes
The Council discussed the first-year student objectives and the outcomes associated with them. ACCESS will continue this dialogue as some members take these objectives back to their units and figure out how these objectives meet their programs. Robinson agreed to head this team and will submit a report in January detailing how offices and units (NSO, FYC, CSLEPS, and ASPSA) are using these objectives. The Outcomes Workgroup will be gathering input regarding tweaking the language of the objectives and outcome and regarding any additional indicators.

UNC-GA Voluntary System of Accountability
Zelna reported that NC State as part of the UNC System is participating in the national voluntary program called the “Voluntary System of Accountability.” Institutions across the country are to provide information about their institutions in a format that is easily assessable. This information may include how many students attend NC State, some basic demographics, and learning outcomes. Every one in the UNC system participates in the same two tests: California Learning Assessment and the National Survey of Student Engagement. Zelna related a link to NC States information will be available in the
next couple of weeks.

- **2008 Diverse Issues in Higher Education Report**
  Ray reported that each year NC State ranked high on the top 100 list for diverse universities. She related by only producing a small number of minority graduates, NC State was well above many institutions in the nation. This is a clear indication that colleges must continue to concentrate on graduating their minority students, even if they only have one student. A handout of this information accompanied her report.

- **Report on NC State’s Student Success Plan to UNC-GA**
  Burnette distributed the last report the former dean of the Division of Undergraduate Academic Programs composed as a response to UNC-GA’s inquiry into why our graduation rate drop .8% (from 70.2 to 69.6). This report explains our current enrollment patterns versus our resources and explains what NC State is doing in the area of policies (PTD, Intra-campus transfer), interventions (early warning systems, advising tools), and initiatives (Pack Promise, ACCESS, USTTF). She related that ACCESS is critical to the plan as the Council is part of the strategies to rebound from this drop. In the near future, we anticipate a rise in the rates based on the current four-year jump (from 38.5 to 41.6). She also encouraged the Council to review the latest institutional data from Oct 2007. This data will be updated by October 2008. Members were also urged to review their college data to be aware of what’s happening in their colleges [http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/UPA/internaldata/retention/attr_coll.htm](http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/UPA/internaldata/retention/attr_coll.htm).

- **Announcements**
  - **Student Success Inventory**: Burnette sought about four members to help her address the challenges associated with the Student Success Inventory. Braiser and Robinson agreed to help.
  - **African American Symposium**: Ray thanked all involved with the success of the new model for the African American Symposium and related that the assessment will be out in early spring.
  - **Service Event**: Watts informed the Council that NC State partnered UNC and ECU as co-sites to package 1,010,374 meals in eight hours on Saturday, August 23, 2008. Students from over eight different schools helped with this service event. Meals will be shipped to various countries, including Haiti.

- **Adjourn**

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 24, 2008 in the Faculty Senate Chambers**
  Burnette asked workgroup leaders to be prepared to give workgroup updates.