Dr. Kathy Humphrey, Vice Provost and Dean of Students, addressed the overall scope of retention efforts coordinated through the Office of Student Affairs. Dr. Humphrey provided a theoretical framework for Student Affairs’ retention efforts, and provided numerous examples of how the associated departments work to create a sense of belonging and solidify connections among the students. Specific suggestions were provided as to how faculty may become involved in the efforts, including participation in: Faculty Associate Program, Living and Learning Center Communities, Panther Call Outs, Talk to Me Campaign, Alcohol Education Task Force, OCC programs, various school pride events, and connecting with students and reminding them of the available resources. Please contact Dr. Humphrey if you or your colleagues are interested in becoming involved in any of these activities.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th, at 11:30 AM.