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The committee began by drafting many questions about the commuter student at CCSU. Below are results of the committee’s findings:

Findings

- A review of university documents and websites do not provide a definition of a commuter student.
- The committee suggested that CCSU has two types of students
  - Off-campus walking distance – Residing within the CCSU community
  - Off-Campus driving distance - Living at home or away from the CCSU community
- A review of First-time Full-time Matriculated Freshmen Cohort indicates that Residential students have **higher retention rates**.
- A review of First-time Full-time Matriculated Freshmen Cohort indicates that Residential students have slightly **higher graduation rates**.
- Which offices support commuter students -- Continuing Education, Student Center, and Student Computer Lab
- There are presently 9,644 (Spring 2007) undergraduate students at CCSU - 7,490 are commuters (5,378 are full-time while 2112 are part-time)
- Catalog - How do we define the catalog to students

Recommendations

- The team believes commuter students need a space to call their own.
- Develop a Commuter Student Handbook
- Mandate that computers provide us off-campus addresses
- Continue the Commuter Coffees periodically during the semester
- Compose a “Did You Know…” checklist for Commuter students.
- Informational Boards
Dear Dr. Lovitte,

Attached is a short version of our accomplishments.