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Retention . .

Continued from Page 1 The staff also recommended providing additional support systems for students to improve reading, writing, critical thinking and academic skills, he said.

While these recommendations may help improve the withdrawal system and determine why students leave, Patterson said there is no way to force students to take advantage of the services.

Currently, students wanting to drop out of UNL fill out a form at the admissions office. There is no personal contact between students and support systems, Patterson said. Because no contact is made, he said it is difficult to determine the exact reasons students leave.

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According to the staffs study of last year's withdrawal slips, students most commonly wrote "financial," "per-sonal" or "medical" as their reason for leaving. Patterson said he believes the real reasons go deeper and can be discovered if the recommendations are implemented.

The recommendations will be voted on in January. If they are passed, they will be implemented next fall.

The staff included Patterson; Michael W. Barnes, research associate: Laura L. Boettcher, graduate assistant; and Patricia G. Nelson, secretary.







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