

Northwest Mississippi Community College
Student Services Council

September 28, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Zoom

Minutes

Members Present: Brie Engle-Corlew, Sheena Etherton, Candis Walker, Dr. Ginger Robbins, Dr. Tonyalle Rush, Dr. Parker Jones, Katina Johnson, Colonel Danny Robbins, Zabron Davis, Dr. Laquita Parker, Dr. T.J. Walker, Jenny Hurt, Jere Herrington, Kayleigh Mitchell, Brian Hale, Dakoyta Lesure, Erica Jones, and Tamia Dowell

I. CALL TO ORDER/REVIEW AGENDA

Tonyalle Rush called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Motion to adopt agenda as printed. Dr. Robbins made the motion. Brie Corlew second the motion.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Rush asked everyone to take a moment to read previous meeting minutes. Jenny Hurt made the motion. Dr. Jones second the motion.

III. Mission/Values/Vision - T. Rush

Rush expressed the importance of centering our hearts and minds on our College's mission, vision, and values by reading all items to the Council.

IV. Report from Executive Council - T. Rush

Dr. Rush provided a report from Executive Council. Rush mentioned the proposal from the previous meeting from Jere Herrington about subscores and whether we go with it or not. At this time, the scholarship committee decided against subscores. However, the scholarship committee did have four other items to propose to the executive council. Rush reported that these four proposals were approved. The first proposal was changing art and speech in theater scholarship to performance scholarship instead of academic that will change the GPA to 2.0 requirement. The second proposal was changing the current scholarship matrix. The new scholarship matrix will be ACT 20-23 \$800 per semester. ACT 24-27 is a full-tuition scholarship. ACT 28 and above is \$3325. We will grandfather the student in for all students who are currently under a presidential scholarship and have an ACT of 20-22 or 23-28. In the third proposal, we recommended the use of scholarships in the 3rd year for nursing, aviation, and physical therapy assistant. The last proposal was for leadership scholarships to be ACT 19 and below and a B high school grade point average.

V. Residence Hall Visitation - Dr. TJ Walker (SGA)

Walker expressed the concern from SGA about visitation policies in our residence halls as they stand; there is no visitation. SGA wanted to bring and express to the Student Services Council to see if there could be some kind of compromise. Dr. Walker opened the floor for students Dakota or Tamia if they would like to add anything. Student Dakota expressed that they could potentially have two or three days a week of visitation with a short-hour window. Rush expressed that we as a college want the students to have visitation and the only reason why no visitation was decided was due to COVID and contact tracing. Rush mentioned we would discuss this matter in our November student services council for change in the Spring semester.

VI. Financial Aid Balances and ID Cards- Dr. TJ Walker (SGA)

Dr. Walker reported that it had been brought to his attention that a student tried to purchase with his id card only to discover he couldn't and eventually realized that the funds on the card were turned off. Dr. Walker is bringing to the council to propose that the timeframe for the funds on the student's cards stay on longer. Mrs. Corlew explained that these cards are cut off at a specific time frame due to the Department of Education's financial aid disbursements dates and guidelines.

VII. No Show Policy - Dr. Ginger Robbins

Dr. Robbins reported that she would like to table this until the next meeting October 22nd.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.