

Northwest Mississippi Community College
Student Services Council
February 15, 2022
3:00 p.m.
Zoom

Minutes

Members Present: Dr. Tonyalle Rush, Dr. T.J. Walker, Sheena Etherton, Lekeisha Hibbler, Whitney Nickels, Liesl Mote, Angela Dortch, Jenny Hurt, Dr. Parker Jones, Gracie Slocum, Brie Corlew, Brian Hale, Kayleigh McCool, Missy Kelsay, Katina Johnson, Jere Herrington, Dr. Laquita Parker, Noah Fraser, Dakoyta Lesure, Janalisha Heard

I. Call to Order/Review Agenda

Dr. Rush called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Rush read the agenda for today.

II. Mission, Vision, & Values

Dr. Rush expressed the importance of centering our hearts and minds on our College's mission, vision, and values.

III. International Student Policy – Angela Dortch

International students must submit all required documents to the college and immigration regulations before being registered. The students must have a sponsor because housing will be closed during school breaks. International students will not be eligible for Financial Aid and will be considered out-of-state students. They aren't eligible for intuitional scholarships. We will send this policy to the Scholarship committee and we will request this to the Finance Council. Mrs. Dortch motioned that we move forward and it goes to the Scholarship Committee, Finance Council then to the Executive Council. Mrs. Corlew seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. Tobacco Policy – Dr. T.J. Walker

Dr. Walker revised the Tobacco Policy and wishes to move forward with Tier II. Remember we want to have a safe environment for faculty, staff, and students at Northwest. Dr. Walker motioned to send the revised Tobacco policy to the Executive Council. Janalisha Heard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. SAP Appeal Policy Revision Discussion – Lekeisha Hibbler

Mrs. Lekeisha reviewed the current SAP policy and would like to revise the SAP policy to help the students in the Fall of 2022. There is an estimate of 1,200 students who are on SAP, if the policy changes, more students will be eligible for Financial Aid. Financial Aid will only accept credit hours from schools that Northwest has approved. Mrs. Lekeisha

made the motion to send the new SAP policy to the Executive Council. Mrs. Jenny seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. Student Success Initiatives -Brainstorm – Dr. Tonyalle Rush

Dr. Rush asked, what we can do to help our students who may be struggling. Mrs. Sheena expressed it's hard to transition from high school to college life. One big issue is students do not want to complete assignments outside of the class. Mrs. Whitney also follows up with anything outside of the classroom is a struggle for the students to complete but, they are engaging inside the classroom. Mrs. Jenny suggested we broadcast the writing lab, get SGA involved, and even set up text messages. Mrs. Katina noticed some students may not know how to study. The student representatives, Dakoyta and Noah, stated to the members that the 50 minutes in class is not enough time.

VII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

VIII. New Business

No new business

IX. Announcements

- Mr. & Miss NWCC Nominations
- Bulletin Revisions
- Spring Preview Days
- Orientation 2022

Mr. & Miss NWCC nominations are still going. Remind your staff to look over the Bulletin for anything that needs to be cleaned up. Spring Preview Days will be March 30th, April 13th, and 20th Senatobia Campus. Desoto dates are not confirmed and we're working with Oxford. We are still preparing for Orientation dates.

x. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.