

Northwest Mississippi Community College

Agenda

Student Services Council Meeting

August 30, 2023
3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Presented: Debra Lenox, Michaela Myhre, Candace Umberger, Emily Davis, Tonyalle Rush, Bryan ‘Cooper’ McCachren, McGheyla Patton, Layla Hill, Parker Jones, Sheena Etherton, Aaron Payne, Steven Bennett, Jenny Hurt, Todd Latham, Brie Corlew, Joshua Guest, Brian Hale, Sarah ‘Ellen’ Brewer, Isaac Lias, Tori Fugatt, Harvey Hill, and Janalisha Heard.

- I. **Call to Order/Review Agenda** – Dr. Rush called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.
- II. **Mission, Vision, & Values-** Dr. Rush focuses on vision today. Northwest Mississippi Community College transforms our students’ lives, enriches our communities, and strives for excellence in our educational programs and services.
- III. **New Members-** Dr. Rush welcomes and thanks our new members: two student representatives, McGheyla Patton and Layla Hill. New Members: Debra Lenox, Joshua Guest, Michaela Myhre, Kelsey Baker, Ellen Brewer, Isaac Lias, Harvey Hill, Todd Latham, Candace Umberger, Cooper McCachren.
- IV. **Housing Visitation Policy Discussion-** The NWCC Visitation Policy Proposal will allow residents to have guests Monday – Wednesday from 3 -10 PM. Currently, the visitation policy for same-sex residents may have a guest in their room between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The opposite sex is on different days from 6 until 10 p.m. The challenge is remembering which days are opposite-sex visitation. The Visitation Policy Proposal guests within the residence hall must abide by the following:
 - Host residents must sign in their guest at the front desk with a Housing and Residence Life staff member.
 - All guests must be at least 18 years of age and provide an NWCC student ID, an ID from a recognized college or university, or a valid driver’s license. The guest’s form of identification will remain at the front desk until the guest is ready to leave.
 - Host residents must always escort their guests throughout the building or in the main lobby and courtyard areas.
 - Host residents will be responsible for the behavior and actions of their guests while visiting the residence hall.
 - Guests must always keep their guest badge present while visiting and will be responsible for making this badge visible during visitation.
 - Residents will be allowed one (1) guest at a time (one guest per resident).

- Guests must utilize the appropriate restroom facilities provided within the visiting residence hall.
- Host residents and guests will be instructed to check out from visitation hours starting at @9:30 PM
- Visitation is a benefit of the live-on experience, and therefore, residents and guests are subject to the suspension or removal of visitation in the event of conduct violations in alignment with the Northwest Mississippi Community College Student Code of Conduct.

Dr. Rush clarified that students are not allowed to have visitors on the weekend because the college doesn't have the capacity. Students can move around after 10 p.m., but they can't be loitering. Students can be in motion, such as going to work, going out with friends, heading off campus, etc. They can't hang out in parking lots or outside the residence hall after 10 p.m.

Mr. Todd Latham asked if it is up to the students in the room to work out having visitors. It may be an issue where one wants a visitor, and the other roommate needs to study.

Mr. Isaac Lias explained that's going to happen, and his staff is prepared and willing to mediate those conversations. A roommate agreement form is in place that lays out when the roommate agrees to have visitors.

Mr. McCachren made a motion that we move forward with the Housing Visitation Proposal submitted by Mr. Lias, pending final review and approval from the Chief of Police.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bennett to move forward and make a recommendation to the Executive Council regarding the Housing Visitation Policy. Motion passed.

V. Upcoming Events

- a. Student Services are in the process of making plans for Homecoming 2023.
- b. Homecoming Week 10/16-19
- c. Nomination for Homecoming Court (email will be sent soon)
- d. Movie Night in the PAC 9/5 start time 7 pm
- e. Desoto Food Truck Day 9/26
- f. Transfer Fair (Café) 10/4 9-1:30 pm
- g. 1st Home Game 9/14 vs. Hinds- White Out

VI. Announcements

- a. Student Services meetings for the rest of the semester are Sept. 27, Oct. 31, and Nov. 28 at 3 p.m.

VII. Adjournment – Dr. Rush adjourned the meeting at 3:39 PM