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NCCCS DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SERVICES REALIGNMENT

As part of the Academic and Student Services Division’s reorganization for Success (Student Access, Program Quality, and Student Success), Program Services, Student Development Services, and Joint High School Programs have been combined and report to Van Wilson, Associate Vice President of Student Learning and Success.

- Program Services’ is now “Academic Programs.” Ms. Jennifer Frazelle is the Director of Academic Programs and can be contacted at 919-807-7120 or frazellej@ncccommunitycolleges.edu .
- Student Development Services is now “Financial Aid and Student Success.” Ms. Wanda White is the Director of Financial Aid and Student Success and can be contacted at 919-807-7104 or whitew@ncccommunitycolleges.edu.
- Joint High School Programs is now “Pre-College Programs.” Mr. Antonio Jordan is the Director of Pre-College Programs and can be contacted at 919-807-7133 or jordana@ncccommunitycolleges.edu.

COMBINED COURSE LIBRARY (CCL) ON THE WEB

The System Office recently launched the *Combined Course Library (CCL) on the Web* which allows site visitors to search for both curriculum and continuing education courses in real-time. Two major features are the keyword search and the expanded amount of detail for curriculum courses. The searches have been designed for the following target audiences: students, curriculum faculty/staff, and continuing education faculty/staff. *CCL on the Web* is found at the following URL: <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/ccl.htm>. For more information about *CCL on the Web*, please contact Kimberly Pearce at pearcek@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

DIRECT LOAN WORKSHOP

The North Carolina Community College System will partner with the U.S. Department of Education to sponsor a **Direct Loan Workshop** January 26 - 27, 2011, at Johnston Community College. The two day-long sessions will focus on implementing a Direct Loan Program and provide an overview of the Family Education Loan Program. Other sessions will include *Student Eligibility, Packaging and Disbursing Financial Aid, Datatel Processing, and Default Management*.

Although the workshop is designed to assist colleges that will be implementing the Direct Loan Program on July 1, 2011, we encourage every college to send a financial aid representative. There is no cost for the training; however, each participant will be responsible for their own lunch. In order to ensure we have the appropriate amount of training materials, please register by completing the attached form and returning it to Wanda White via email at whitew@nccommunitycolleges.edu or by fax at 919-807-7173.

FINANCIAL AID PROFESSIONALS CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE (BAF3200)

The North Carolina Community College System will offer a financial aid professionals continuing education course during the 2010-2011 academic year. Approved by the State Board of Community Colleges in 2008, the course will include training materials prepared by the National Association of Student Financial Aid and Administrators (NASFAA) and System Office staff. Designed to provide training for financial aid professionals and other interested individuals, the week-long course includes 20 training modules. The modules will cover all aspects of administering federal and state student aid programs, including federal laws and regulations, administrative and financial aid processing, verification, disbursing funds, and reporting requirements.

A list of colleges offering the course will be distributed by October 31, 2010. To date, 12 colleges have signed up to offer the course.

CODE GREEN SUPER CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP)

In January of 2010, the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents put forth a request for a two-year Code Green Super CIP to integrate sustainability skills across the curriculum; beginning with curricula and continuing education programs in the areas of energy, building, environment, transportation, and engineering technology. The request was based on the desire of colleges to jointly address this issue in a systematic manner that will result in uniform program improvements and a more streamlined program planning process.

The Code Green Super CIP was approved by the State Board of Community Colleges on May 21, 2010 and will result in revitalized applied science programs and courses with specialized credentials in both continuing education and curriculum, continuing education to curriculum articulations, and students skilled in the sustainability technologies. The CIP will also result in a more efficient curriculum inventory process that eliminates redundancy and proliferation of continuing education and curriculum programs. For more information about the Code Green Super CIP, please contact Dr. Hilmi Lahoud at lahoudh@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Transfer Advisory Committee (TAC) is an eight-member committee appointed by the presidents of the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and The University of North Carolina. Questions about the transferability of the course work under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement or any proposed changes to the policies, the general education core, or pre-majors must be addressed by the TAC.

The Independent Transfer Advisory Committee (ITAC) is an eight-member committee appointed by the president of the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities and the NCCCS president. Questions about the transferability of the course work under the Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement or any proposed changes to the policies, the general education core, or pre-major articulation agreements must be addressed by the ITAC.

In June, Mr. Van Wilson became the System Office TAC and ITAC representative. Mr. Wilson can be contacted at (919) 807-7098 or wilsonv@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

CONFERENCES MERGE AND EXPAND

The North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and the University of North Carolina General Administration (UNC GA) will co-sponsor **The Minority Male Mentoring and College Access Conference** April 17-19, 2011. The conference will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Minority Male Mentoring Conference and the College Access Conference have merged into one event that will provide greater access to college preparation, planning, and minority male mentoring information for North Carolina students and professionals. Registration information will be made available prior to the event.

NC COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

Mark your calendars for the **North Carolina College Application Week**. This event will be held November 15-19, 2010. Individuals are asked to volunteer at their local high schools. More information will be provided later this month. If you have any questions contact Julia Conrad Fisher, Associate Director, GEAR UP North Carolina, at jeconrad@northcarolina.edu or (919) 843-5875.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD REGISTRARS

As requirements, personnel, and technology change on our campuses and state-wide, it is important that comprehensive training for new registrars be available. To meet this objective, we are forming a task force to identify training topics and design a curriculum of self-paced modules for new registrars to be housed on the NC-ACCESS web site.

Contact Karen Yerby at yerbyk@nccommunitycolleges.edu if you have questions or would like to volunteer for the project.

N4CSGA FALL CONFERENCE

The **N4CSGA Fall Conference** will be held October 29-31, 2010 at the New Bern Hilton Riverfront Hotel. The conference theme is "Taking off Your Mask". This Halloween theme also relates to leaders taking off their masks to show their confidence, willingness to serve, and courage to be advocates for students. Over 300 students and advisors are expected to attend the conference.

MOBILIZE.ORG STUDENT SUMMIT

Interested students should apply to attend the Mobilize.org Target: 2020 | My Education. Our Future Summit in Charlotte, North Carolina, October 22-24, 2010 where they will join 150 students from North Carolina's community colleges to identify the barriers students face in achieving their educational goals and develop student-led solutions and community projects to address them. All selected participants will receive meals, a stipend to cover their travel to the Summit and two-night hotel accommodations, provided by Mobilize.org. If you are interested in attending, please click here <http://bit.ly/acAAp8>. For more information, please contact Decker Ngongang, VP of Programs, at (202) 642-4320 or Charletta Sims Evans at (919) 807-7106.

FINANCIAL AID FOCUS GROUP MEETING PLANNED FOR N4CSGA CONFERENCE

In an effort to gain a better understanding of the financial education preferences and motivations of students attending North Carolina Community Colleges, we will be conducting several focus group meetings across the state. We will try to reach as many students as possible from underserved populations. During the focus group sessions we will speak directly to students regarding their habits and knowledge of varying financial topics. The information obtained will be used to assist in developing financial literacy information to help improve college access. A focus group meeting will be held with N4CSGA student leaders during the upcoming NC Community College Comprehensive Student Government Association (N4CSGA) Conference on Saturday, October 30, 2010 in New Bern, NC. If you have questions, contact Wanda White at 919-807-7104.

UPDATE AND FACELIFT FOR "DISABILITY SERVICES RESOURCE GUIDE"

In October of 2001 each campus was provided two copies of the *Disability Services Resource Guide*. The guide was sponsored by the Disability Services Advisory Board and funded through the Carl D. Perkins Act. Since the guide was first published nine years ago, there have been changes in resources, new legislation, and other modifications that affect campus disability services. Realizing the need to stay current, we began updating the guide in July. Although the process is not complete, the guide has been given a facelift and some sections have been revised to reflect current information.

Copies of the new guide will be sent to each college when the project is completed. You can access the *Disability Services Resource Guide* on the NCCCS website at http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/Stu_Dev_Services/StudentDevPersonnel.htm under Disability Services.

Please contact Karen Yerby at yerbyk@nccommunitycolleges.edu if you have any suggestions for the guide.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18-19 – NC AHEAD, Western Carolina University

October 22-24 – Mobilize.Org Student Summit, Charlotte, NC

October 29-31 - N4CSGA Fall Conference, New Bern, NC

November 15-19 – North Carolina College Application Week

November 30-December 3 – Federal Student Aid Conference, Orlando, FL

January 25-26 – Direct Loan Workshop, Johnston Community College

February 19 – FAFSA Day

April 17-19 – Minority Male Mentoring and College Access Conference, Raleigh, NC

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