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PLACEMENT TESTING VALIDATION STUDY

The NC Community College System is in the second year of collecting data for the second Placement Testing Validation Study. The placement test scores were established to provide proficiency levels for students entering college level courses. The Statewide Placement Testing Committee is lead by Brad Bostian of Central Piedmont Community College. The study includes a collection of placement testing and course data from a two year period. The academic years included in this study are 2008-09 and 2009-10.

All colleges are encouraged to download placement test scores into Colleague to avoid data entry errors. The ACT Compass software package which allows colleges to download test scores was released to colleges on April 1, 2010. Colleges will be notified of the upcoming training date to assist campuses with this process.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – STUDENT LOAN RECOMMENDATION

During recent months, there has been much discussion regarding recommendations made by the Joint Select Committee on State Funded Student Financial Aid which requires all North Carolina Community Colleges to participate in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. This recommendation has been rolled into the budget recommendation from the Senate Education Appropriations committee included in Section 8.5 of SB 897 - Appropriations Act of 2010. The budget also recommends a realignment of \$50 million in funding formula to student services, which decreases curriculum and continuing education instruction by the by the same amount.

If this legislation is approved, it will become effective July 1, 2010. Colleges will be required to participate in the loan program effective July 1, 2011. We will notify colleges as soon as the legislators have made a decision

regarding this matter. Training workshops are currently being planned to assist colleges with the transition to the federal student loan program.

EXPANDING OUR REACH (FINANCIAL AID LITERACY) FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

The Office of Student Development Services is in the process of conducting financial aid literacy focus group meetings with college and high school students to determine their knowledge of the financial aid application process. Focus group meetings were held with students at Sampson Community College on May 12, with Raleigh-Wake County High School students on May 15, and with participants of the 2010 Student Leadership Institute on June 9. The information gathered from the focus groups will be used in developing financial literacy information to help improve college access.

N4CSGA

Congratulations to the new N4CSGA Executive Board for the 2010-2011 Academic year:

- **Earl Laws, Jr.**, President, Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute
- **Margarita Mantecon**, Vice President, Cleveland Community College
- **Caroline Sumpler**, Treasurer, Robeson Community College
- **Tony Sanders**, Western Division Representative, Forsyth Technical Community College
- **Natasha Moody**, Special Populations Chair, Robeson Community College
- **Jeremy Spencer**, Intramural/Extramural Chair, South Piedmont Community College
- **Dr. Carolyn Stuart**, Senior Advisor, Halifax Community College
- **Melody Wiggins**, Advisor, Wake Technical Community College

SGA ADVISORS RETREAT HELD

A retreat was held for NC Community College System SGA Advisors at Alamance Community College on June 3-4, 2010. Twenty-seven advisors attended and represented eighteen colleges across the state. Handouts from the retreat will be posted on the NCCCS website under Staff Support Services.

The following sessions and activities were held:

Bridging the Gap between Student Development and Academic Affairs, N4CSGA Updates and SWOT Analysis, Responsibilities of Local SGA Advisors, Being an Advocate for your Students and Programs, Review of the N4CSGA Constitution, Motivating Your Students, and Leadership Development.

NCCC-STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The 2010-11 North Carolina Community College – Student Leadership Institute (SLI) held its summer session June 6-11 at Peace College in Raleigh. Twenty-eight students from twenty-four community colleges experienced the fundamentals of leadership through an intense six days of workshops, group and individual projects, speakers, activities, and networking opportunities. The program is in its twelfth year and is affectionately known as “Mental Boot Camp” by participants. Two additional weekend sessions will be held during the year with a graduation banquet in the spring. The SLI has a wonderful staff of college professionals and SLI student graduates.

The summer session is very challenging but as one student stated, “This has been the hardest thing I have ever done, but it has also been the most rewarding. I would do it all over again, regardless of the work.”

For more information about the SLI, please contact Karen Yerby at yerbyk@ncccommunitycolleges.edu or Joan

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N3CSDPA CAREER SERVICES DIVISION

The N3CSDPA Career Services Division is excited to share the work it has been doing this year. As you may recall, we held a webinar on March 17th to share the results of our career services survey from late 2009. Following this, we finalized a list of 58 Career Services Liaisons (CSLs), to serve as a primary contact for the purpose of information sharing and development of ongoing internal training opportunities that will be specifically targeted to professional development of career services staff at each college.

As a result of the early initiative and enthusiastic participation of several of our CSLs, we have successfully developed several Webinars we will be holding this summer that are specifically targeted to CSLs and any other interested staff that provide career services at each college. These are brief, no cost training opportunities that allow our career services staff to collaborate with each other, share best career services practices, and ultimately benefit each of our colleges and their students.

Should you have any questions feel free to contact Eric Skeen at South Piedmont CC 704-290-5845 / eskeen@spcc.edu .

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Aid Workshop, Guilford Technical Community College – Koury Auditorium – July 21- 22, 2010

A financial aid workshop will be held July 21- July 22 for NC Community College financial aid professionals at the Koury Auditorium located on the main campus of Guilford Technical Community College, in Jamestown, NC. The workshop will be co-sponsored by the Department of Education and will include sessions on Year Round Pell, Direct Lending, Default Management and Consumer Information. David Bartnicki, Federal Training Officer, Department of Education, will serve as the presenter. Other updates will include CFNC Programs and Resources, and System Office Legislative and Program Requirements. Registration for the workshop will begin in June 2010. Participants should complete the attached registration form and return it to the NCCCS Student Development Services office by **July 15, 2010**. The session is open to student development administrators, business officers and other interested personnel. Participants will be allowed a break and lunch on their own. For more information regarding the workshop, contact Wanda White at whitew@nccommunitycolleges.edu .

Campus Pandemic Procedures Workshop – July 29, 2010

This session will be conducted by Dianne Little of Catawba Valley CC and will be held via the NC Information Highway Room. The presentation will provide an overview of the impact of a virus pandemic such as the H1N1 virus. Discussion will offer resources and guidelines to assist colleges in developing a pandemic preparedness plan. A session will be held from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and repeated from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. This workshop will be held at various locations throughout the state. Registration procedures along with a listing of workshop locations will be sent to the colleges by June 25, 2010.

CFNC Workshops (Summer 2010) July 20 – August 4, 2010

NC Community College student development professionals are invited to attend an interactive workshop that will provide an opportunity for campus representatives to learn features available on the new CFNC.org website. These workshops will focus primarily on college and career resources including: *Transfer Navigator, Online Admissions Applications, Electronic High School Transcript System, Exploring Post-Secondary Schools, Bridges Career tools for College Students and Adult Learners, and the Professional Center*. The sessions will be conducted in a computer lab from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with a break and lunch on their own.

Dates and Locations of the workshops are listed below:

Tuesday, July 20, 2010	Nash Community College
Thursday, July 22, 2010	Cape Fear Community College, North Campus
Tuesday, July 27, 2010	Wake Community College, Western Wake Campus
Thursday, July 29, 2010	Mitchell Community College
Wednesday, August 4, 2010	Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College

Registration:

You may obtain more details and register via CFNC.org. From the home page, select “Register for CFNC Events”, and select “CFNC/NCCCS Student Development Summer Workshop” or you may call toll-free 866-866-CFNC and select option 1.

HELP US KEEP OUR DIRECTORIES UPDATED

Please notify Charletta Sims Evans or Karen Yerby of any changes in your college’s student development staff. With your assistance, we would like to keep the personnel directories on our webpages current. Also, ask your campus IT personnel to keep your GroupWise lists updated.

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