

Student Development Services - *News Flash*

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Welcome to the first edition of *News Flash*. In an effort to provide more current information, *News Flash* will be published every month and will replace the quarterly newsletter from NCCCS Student Development Services.

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CFNC COLLEGE REDIRECTION MODULE

The CFNC College Redirection Module is now available for Community College Admission Officers to utilize during the period of April 1 through August 31, 2009, to connect college applicants with North Carolina colleges and universities which still have open admission slots. This module serves as a great prospecting opportunity for community colleges. We are encouraging all community colleges to take advantage of this opportunity to recruit applicants who may not otherwise be able to attend their first choice of colleges.

The goal is for every student in the college redirection pool to be contacted by their local North Carolina Community College. In five years, over 3,000 students have participated in the College Redirection Pool. If your campus has not yet set up a College Redirection project on the Control Center, step-by-step instructions have been attached for your information.

FINANCIAL AID INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The North Carolina Community College System (Office of Student Development Services) is in the process of identifying Financial Aid Administrators who are interested in serving as instructors to teach the Financial Aid Professionals Continuing Education Course which will be offered on several campuses during the 2009-2010 academic year. Interested individuals should contact Wanda White, Director of Student Development Services, by calling 919-807-7104 or by email at whitew@ncccommunitycolleges.edu.

N4CSGA EXECUTIVE BOARD INTERVIEWS

The following positions are vacant for the 2009-2010 academic year: Vice-President - Secretary - Parliamentarian - Treasurer - Assistant Treasurer - Public Information Officer - Assistant Public Information Officer - Eastern Division Chair - Western Division Chair - Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Chair - Special Populations Committee Chair - Local Interactions Chair - Textbook Ad-Hoc Committee Chair

Interviews will be held **Saturday, May 2nd**, at 10:00 am in Raleigh at the NC Community College System office. This meeting will also serve as a transitional meeting for incoming board members.

Each candidate must have the following documentation in order to be interviewed:

- An official letter or transcript from their school's registrar to verify they have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- A signed recommendation letter from their SGA advisor/dean stating that they are in good standing at their local institution. This letter must also state that the local institution will support the student financially for all N4CSGA related expenses.
- A letter of intent from the student stating why they decided to apply for the position.

During the interview, each candidate will be required to present a 5 minute presentation to clarify/support their goals and motivation for the position in which they seek. If selected, they must also be available to attend the N4CSGA's mandatory Executive Bonding Retreat at Peace College in Raleigh through July 19-22nd, 2009.

If a student plans to interview for a position send all documentation to Senior Advisor Monica Dowe, Craven Community College, 800 College Court New Bern, NC 28562. Please send all documentation prior to the meeting in May. For more information contact Senior Advisor Monica C. Dowe at 252-638-7224 or via email at dowem@cravenc.edu.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Due to the recent budget directives, there have been questions regarding payment and contracts for accommodations for students with disabilities. According to Jennifer Haygood, NCCCS Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, "Colleges may continue to pay for existing personal contracts. The college must seek an exception from the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) to enter into a new contract or renew a contract. The justification that is submitted for such an exception should clearly indicate that the service is federally mandated."

MINORITY MALE MENTORING SUMMIT

The NCCCS hosted a successful Minority Male Mentoring (3M) Program Coordinators' Summit via Elluminate webinar on Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23, 2009. Meeting times were divided into groups of three to better accommodate the large number of participants. This mode of interaction will be considered when planning future meetings.

Topics covered during the Summit focused on challenges of the program due to budget restrictions, program practices, sustainability of the programs, and reporting. Coordinators expressed a desire to create supporting documents that could be used to obtain funding and gain additional support for the 3M Program.

CFNC STUDENT TRANSFER NAVIGATOR™ NOW AVAILABLE

Transfer Navigator™ provides a course by course equivalence report for courses that students have taken or plan to take in the future. Students may compare course equivalencies for two institutions at a time in three steps. Currently, transfer course information is only available for courses transferred from the 58 North Carolina Community College Campuses to the 16 University of North Carolina constituent institutions. The tool is now available on the CFNC site at: http://www.cfnc.org/planner/student_transfer_navigator/tn_landing.jsp

NEW RACE AND ETHNICITY CODES

In October of 2007 the Department of Education issued its final guidelines on collecting, maintaining and reporting racial and ethnic data to the Department of Education. Beginning in 2010 institutions must use a new two-question format to collect race and ethnicity information from faculty, staff and students. This federally mandated project will provide 64 potential categories for students, faculty and staff to identify their race and ethnicity. One major difference is that individuals are now allowed to enter the data based on the group that they most closely identify with, which may be different from their ethnographic race and ethnicity.

Colleges should be able to collect this information using the new codes beginning this summer. The CFNC admissions application is also being modified to collect race and ethnicity information using the new format. More information can be found at:

http://nces.ed.gov/IPEDS/news_room/ana_Changes_to_10_25_2007_169.asp

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- As college personnel changes are made, please remember to update your GroupWise mailing lists and groups.
- Best practices for registration and advising are due by May 22. For more information, contact Karen Yerby at yerbyk@nccommunitycolleges.edu
- The NCCC-Student Leadership Institute's summer session will be held at Peace College June 7 – 12. The SLI has accepted 29 students for 2009-2010.

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