

NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
March 3, 2015

Members Present: Ed Carter, Tom Carter, Crystal Ingle, Timmy James, Rose Jones, Heather Johnson, Ginger Long, Steve McGouyrk, John McIntosh, Teresa Roberson, Mark Simpson, Shelia Smith, Desiree South, Rachel Trapp, Kim Tucker

Members Absent: Glenda Colagross, Roger Garner, Joe Hackworth, Tim Kelley

Also in Attendance: Jacquie Shafer – Follett and Ben Baker – UNA Representative

The Northwest-Shoals Community College Academic Council met on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, in Building 110, Room 104 on the Shoals Campus. The following is a summary of the items that were discussed at the meeting:

UNA Representative / Ben Baker – Crystal Ingle

Mr. Ben Baker will be working in the Student Success Center. His role is to orient students in their transition from NW-SCC to UNA. He wants to talk to students, individually or in a group, about how UNA works and explain to them the requirements and different programs that are offered. Mr. Baker said UNA will have representatives at the Nursing Career Fair.

Rose Jones said if there is a time when you want him to come and speak to a group, you can contact Crystal and to set up any necessary arrangements. Crystal Ingle said there might be instances when a class has to be cancelled, and he might be able to come and speak to the class. Mr. Baker will be available Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Follet's Faculty Discover Program – Jacquie Shafer

There is a new program called Faculty Discover Program that can help students find their textbook information faster and easier. The program is linked to Moodle and the site shows the books for a particular course. When the instructor selects the textbook for the course, they can search for different books and adopt the text from this site. The site also remembers what books were used in the past, search for videos, and printed manuals. On the student's side, students can see their schedule and they can purchase a text. From there, they can also click on the link for a video or an article.

There is no charge for this service. If the instructor decides to use the same text, all they need to do is to adopt the book again. Initially you have to log in and select all materials, but the following semester it will remember the materials. Reviews can also be written or read about different textbooks.

If the school decides to use this program, it can be set up at any time. It may not be ready until the summer or fall.

Advising Workshop Update – Crystal Ingle

Please send Crystal Ingle changes that you may have for your program or any issues that are continuously happening in your area. If you have any examples of a real scenario, please let MaLea Milstead know so that she can prepare information for the workshop.

Second Mini-Term Classes – Heather Johnson

Students who are failing in a first mini-term course can register for second mini-term. Setting up mini-term courses also help students who are Shoals Scholar Dollars who cannot go under 12 hours per semester. Rose Jones suggested that division chairpersons consider offering mini-term courses to give students more options.

Round Table Discussion

Rose Jones

- Building 110 will be finished this week. All floors are down and Friday morning will be the first walk through. Furniture is scheduled to be delivered and installed next week and the following week people will start moving in.
- Catalog revisions should be turned in by March 16. Please come by the Vice President's office to make changes. If there are changes that require Academic Council approval, please e-mail us to get an approval before change is submitted.

John McIntosh

- A proposal has been made for employees to train for 30 minutes three times a week. The Academic Council supports the idea.

Timmy James

- Degree Works will not be ready until fall semester. The test site is not ready yet and we have not been able to test it.

Mark Simpson

- Graduation is approaching soon. If there are any potential students graduating this spring semester, please e-mail Mark Simpson. If there are any course substitutions, please send him a copy.

Shelia Smith

- Alabama, Auburn, UNA, UAH will participate in the Nursing Career Job Fair on the Phil Campbell Campus.