

**NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC AND VICE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL MINUTES
March 15, 2016**

Members Present: Joan Baltés, Debbie Benson, Tara Branscome, Ed Carter, April Cookson, Roger Garner, Joe Hackworth, Judy Hamby, Dough Hargett, Timmy James, Heather Johnson, Janet Johnson, Rose Jones, Tim Kelley, Ann Lyndon, Tim Maupin, John McIntosh, Medina Peebles, Teresa Roberson, Mark Simpson, Shelia Smith, Donnie Sweeney, Kim Tucker

Members Absent: Kathy Benson, Tom Carter, Glenda Colagross, Brittney Humphres, Crystal Reed, Tim Inman, Jacque Jefferys, MaLea Milstead, Alan Mitchell, Rachel Trapp

The Northwest-Shoals Community College Academic and Vice President Councils met on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in Building 101 – Room 104. The following is a summary of the items that were discussed at the meeting:

- **General Education Competencies and Mission Statement – John McIntosh**

John McIntosh reminded the Council that in the last meeting he had asked them to review two areas. One was the General Education Competencies and the other was the College's mission statement.

John McIntosh said that he and Dr. James were concerned that one of the competencies "Graduates will demonstrate proficiency in oral communication" did not sufficiently cover the general education curriculum. Mr. McIntosh recommended keeping "written communications" and "problem solving skills" while deleting "oral communication" and adding quantitative reasoning. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. James that the changes be accepted. Motion was seconded by Mark Simpson. All the Academic Council was in favor and the changes were passed.

John McIntosh handed out a sheet with several proposed options for changes in the College's mission statement. After review of the options, the Council suggested that the current mission statement described well what the College's mission is; however, some wording needed to be tweaked. After further discussion, the Council agreed that the College's mission statement should be changed from:

Northwest-Shoals Community College provides vocational, technical, academic, and lifelong educational opportunities; promotes economic growth; and enhances the quality of life for the people of Northwest-Alabama.

To the following:

Northwest-Shoals Community College provides career technical, academic, and lifelong educational opportunities using varied delivery systems; promotes economic growth; and enriches the quality of life for people of the Northwest-Alabama region.

A motion was made by Roger Garner that the changes in the mission statement be accepted. Shelia Smith gave a second to the motion. All the Academic Council was in favor and the Council would send the recommended changes to the President's Council for Approval. Dr. James asked if these changes required State Board Approval to which McIntosh answered yes. Until the State Board approves, we will continue to function with the current mission statement.

- **Nursing Curriculum Changes – Shelia Smith**

Effective September, 2016, the minimum Admission Standards will change for the Associate Degree in Nursing. Major changes include:

- A minimum 18 ACT composite score (writing component not required), National or Residual, with no expiration date
- A minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average on selected required general education courses for nursing and current or previous NW-SCC students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher at NW-SCC
- Transfer students must enter NWSCC on clear academic status (minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA)
- Student must be eligible for ENG 101 and MTH 100
- PSY 200 is to be waved for the A.A.S. Degree in Nursing (RN) student

For the PN program the admission criteria will not change but the curriculum will and there were two general education courses added: SPH 107 and PSY 210 (with PSY 200 waved). The start date for the PN Program will be moved from fall to summer.

No vote was taken at this time. There will be another notification sent out to all members for future approval.

- **Electrical Curriculum Changes – Tim Maupin**

Tim Maupin handed out copies of proposed changes to the Electrical Technology program. Changes to the AOT and Certificate programs included:

- For the AOT Degree and the Career Certificate, ELT 118 Commercial/Industrial Wiring I will be deleted and ELT 131 will be added. ELT 131 Wiring I Commercial and Refrigeration is a suitable CORE substitute for ELT 118 and will be followed by ELT 132 Wiring II which is already part of the major requirements in the program.
- Two elective courses were added to the minor for the AOT Electrical Technology Degree. The student will be able to select four courses out of six courses. Total hours (12 semester hours) for the minor will remain the same.
- For the Career Certificate, ELT 122 and ELT 245 will be deleted since they have not been taught for the past two years and the remaining courses for the certificate will be the same as the courses required for the AOT degree. After

approved changes, the total semester hours required for the Certificate will go down from 58 to 52 semester hours.

A motion was made by Joe Hackworth to approve the changes. Roger Garner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members were in favor.

- **Electronics Curriculum Changes – Tim Maupin**

Tim Maupin handed out copies of the proposed changes to the Electronics Technology Program. Changes include:

- The addition of WKO 110 NCCER CORE, a new course that prepares students to test for the NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research)
- All major requirements were revised and updated. All new courses are shown with an asterisk in the handout that was distributed at the meeting. Total semester hours (54) for the technical concentration will remain the same.

A motion was made by Joe Hackworth to approve the changes. Timmy James seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members were in favor.

- **Air Conditioning Curriculum Changes – Tim Maupin**

Tim Maupin handed out copies of the proposed changes to the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration AOT Degree. Changes include:

- ACR 121 principals of Electricity for HVACR and ACR 122 HCACR Electrical Circuits will replace the six credit elective hours in the major requirements. ACR 147 Refrigeration and Recovery will replace ACR 135 Mechanical / Gas / Safety Codes. ACR 147 is a required course to work in the field.

Recommended changes by the Advisory Committee for the minor will include:

- Deleting ELT 108, ELT 109, and ELT 118
- New courses added will be ELT 115 Residential Wiring II, and ELT 131 Commercial / Industrial Wiring I.
- Student will be able to select one course from ELT 132 Commercial/Industrial Wiring II, ELT 209 Motor Controls 1, or ELT 244 Conduit Bending I.

For the Air Conditioning / Refrigeration Career Certificate changes will include:

- Same core classes as the AOT degree. This will allow students who complete all requirements for the Career Certificate to progress to the AOT degree without any additional courses.

A motion was made by Timmy James to approve the changes. Roger Garner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members were in favor.

Round Table Discussion

- Ann Lyndon announced the visit of UNA - Transfer Coordinator. He will be at the Student Support Services Department today. She also announced the deadline to apply for a scholarship through the SSS is March 24th. The Student Support Services also has now a Blog. Link can be accessed from their website.
- Sheila Smith announced the Annual Nursing Fair to be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2016.
- Donnie Swinney announced the GED rates have been increasing.
- John McIntosh thanked Ann Lyndon and Leslie Tomlinson for their help in putting together the information required for the Talent Search grant.
- Timmy James gave an update on Marsha Oliver's condition.
- Dough Hargett asked all present to please inform Security when someone will be working on campus after regular hours, Friday afternoon, or on weekends. There have been several incidents on campus and he wants to make sure his officers know who is on campus.