



## Agenda for Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Advising Committee		
<b>Members:</b>	Abbey Barden, Tori Addington-Ellison, Jennie Ashlock, Dominique Benson Barwatt, Rebecca Branden, Sayward Cabe, Will Clark, Mark Ellison, Bethany Emory, Logan Gentry, Gretchen Guelcher, Melissa Hill, Melissa Hyatt, Pamela Judson, Eddie Lunsford, Norrie Meus, Danell Moses, Ed Nagy, Barbara Putman, Vicki Todd		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup> , Burl 301	<b>Time:</b>	3:00-4:00
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	To promote proactive advising by creating policies, professional development opportunities, and educational materials designed to support advisors and increase student success.	<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Dominique Benson Barwatt
		<b>Prepared By:</b>	Dominique Benson Barwatt

**I. Bethany Emory-Strategic Enrollment Plan, Holistic Advising Development Plan**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vNr9FE11-Yst4IPCrQqCG-j8S-00xucC6ob9qvUo7Ws/edit?tab=t.0>

**II. Action Items for the committee from the Holistic Advising Development Plan** (we can accomplish this with subcommittees or individually and plan to meet again this semester to share researched options/recommendations.)

- Further, advisor training should be developed by having outside agencies attend SCC for professional development. Research potential presenters/formats, etc., and make recommendations.
- Further, develop internal advisor training and professional development (The plan suggests designating folks to run the existing training and perhaps begin work on other internal tools)
- Research and recommend advising books/resources for advising specific populations (Perhaps research potential resources/formats, etc.) to purchase.

**III. Google Form Responses for the Advising Committee**

Maybe talk about any issues people had with how the changing availability of classes affected students who were planned out in advance. It wasn't a huge deal, but I had to rearrange some Spring schedules and future semester course

plans because some of the classes the students wanted to register for when we did the planning were shifted in location/time/availability.

Will Advising Day always fall in early October moving forward? Or go back to the end of October as it has been.

#### **IV. General Advising Updates and Events**

##### **Student Mental Health Resources**

Mental Health Counseling: Sheila Davis is available in Enrollment Services each Monday from noon to 3 p.m. to meet with students, faculty, and staff to provide mental health counseling. You can email her at [sm\\_davis@southwesterncc.edu](mailto:sm_davis@southwesterncc.edu) to schedule an appointment.

Natalie Giocondo, an adjunct psychology instructor will be available to talk with students and help in connecting with mental health resources and other campus support programs. Natalie is available weekly Tuesday & Thursday from 1-3pm in Enrollment Services.

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is available for phone, virtual, or face-to-face meetings. To meet with a mental health counselor, call 800-633-3353. Additional [information](#).

TESS: Tess is an AI-powered mental health chatbot that provides 24/7 on-demand, free, quality mental health and wellness support through text. Tess is secure and confidential and is HIPPA and GDPR-compliant. Text Hi to 828.492.2323

##### **Financial Aid**

The 2025-2026 FAFSA will open on December 1st

##### **Career Services**

###### **FALL JOB FAIRS**

November 6, 1-4 at SCC in Jackson County (Sylva Campus)

November 1,1-4 at SCC in Macon County (Groves Center)

##### **Hurricane Helene Student Relief Fund (HHSRF)**

Any currently enrolled SCC student can fill out and submit this simple [HHSRF form](#) to receive up to a \$100 gift card to be used at participating businesses. If your immediate needs exceed \$100, larger awards will be considered case-by-case. These funds are limited. The SCC Foundation will award HHSRF funds on a first come, first served basis.

## **Enrollment Updates**

NC College Connect is a pilot program to encourage high school seniors with a 2.8 GPA to quickly apply to six UNC system schools and or their local community college. Postcards/letters went out this month (attached). Students who complete this "claim your spot" will still need to apply using the full application process. Kristan is keeping track of the high school students completing this 4 questions survey in hopes to have them turn around and complete the full application.

Text messages to students who have not registered for spring 2025 by early next week. The total number of prospective students for spring is 221 right now, and 162 are not enrolled.

## **PD Opportunity**

The N3C2A will provide a Virtual Fall Workshop *Advising Special Populations*.

November 7, 202, 10:30 am

Join us to learn about what our colleagues across the state have learned through their experiences to better support our students.

Advising First-Generation Students

*Dr. Travis Kinsey*

Pitt CC, Academic Specialist for TRIO Student Support Services.

Advising Veteran Students

*Demitrius Bullock*

Durham Tech, Veterans' Advisor

This is a Free Virtual workshop, please join us for this learning opportunity. It will be great to see everyone.

[Register Now!](#)

## **V. Spring Meeting and Upcoming Advising Changes**

**Fall 25**-Full implementation of the Developmental Education Alignment Project. We will meet in February (TBA) to review and make recommendations on college-wide training materials.

<https://wordpress.nccommunitycolleges.edu/wp->

[content/uploads/2024/10/Developmental-Education-Alignment\\_Models-Framework-Info\\_PDF-Updated.pdf](#)