

Office of Veteran & Disability Support Services

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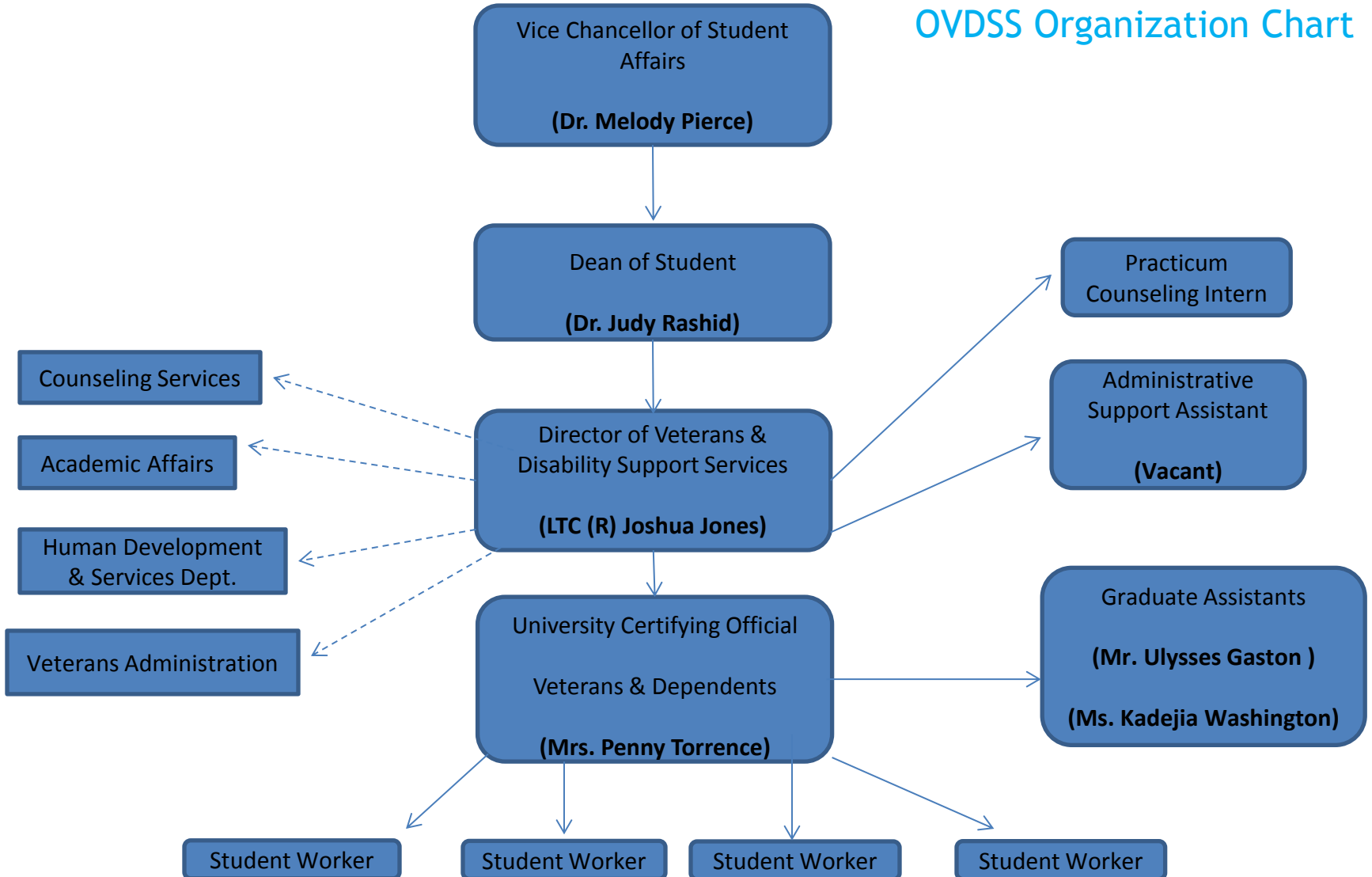


AGENDA

- Disability Support Services
- Veteran Support Services
 - Questions/Close-Out



OVDSS Organization Chart



Disability Support Services



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The Law and Definition of “Person with a Disability”

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990

A person has a disability within the meaning of Section 504 if he/she

- Has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities;
- Has a record of such impairment; or
- Is regarded as having such an impairment.



Statistics on Our Students with Disabilities

Total Number Registered with the Office Fall 2013-2014: 300

Number of Males: 167

Number of Females: 133

Total Number Registered with the Office 2012-2013: 175

Number of Males: 95

Number of Females: 80

The 3 Highest Reporting Disabilities:

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Learning Disabilities (Reading, Math, & Written Expressions)

Psychiatric Disorders



Types of Disabilities Disclosed by our students 2013-2014

- ADD/ADHD
- Arthritis
- Aspergers/Autism
- Central Auditory Processing
- Cerebral Palsy
- Cervical Spine Disease
- Chronic Degenerative Disc Disease
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Chronic Medical Illness
- Chronic Pain Disease
- Cognitive Functioning Disorders
- Congenital Heart Disease
- Crohns Disease
- Familial Cold Auto-Inflammatory
- Hearing Impairment
- Hemoglobin DD Disease
- HIV
- HX Ulcerative Colitis
- Keratoconus



Types of Disabilities Disclosed by our students 2013-2014

- Learning Disabilities
- Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy
- Lumbar Radicular Problems
- Lumbar Spondylosis
- Mobility Impairment
- Migraine Headaches
- Multiple Myeloma
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Narcolepsy
- Neurological Disorders
- Processing Speed Disorder
- Psychiatric Disorders
- Seizure Disorder
- Sclerodema
- Sickle cell Anemia
- Speech Impairment
- Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
- Thyroid Disease
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Turner Syndrome
- Visual Impairment



Activities to help Students with Disabilities

- Workshop – Academic Success with Disability
- Workshop/webinars – Learning Styles: Improving Organizational and Study Skills
- Workshop – How to Take Notes for Students with a Disability
- Publish Disability Newsletter (twice a year)
- Required Disability Statement on all Syllabi
- OVDSS hosting webinars for faculty & staff
- Send brochure to faculty “Fast Facts for Faculty”
- Educate faculty & staff at Department meetings/Conferences
- OVDSS briefs at all EEOI scheduled training
- Counsel with students
- Refer students to Counseling Service Center
- Establish Delta Alpha Pi; honor society for students with disabilities



Disability Resources & Technology

Tape Recorders:

- Records up to 823 hrs
- PC Link
- Recording Scene Select
- Advanced noise reduction
- Built-In Stand
- Takes Micro SD Cards
- Calendar Search
- Takes 2 AAA batteries

ZoomText (v.10):

- Advanced Text Magnification
- Reading Tools
- Screen Enhancements & Reading
- Image Reader: "Snap a picture of any printed item and... convert it to electronic text."
- Save or Record text for later

Dragon Naturally Speaking (v.7):

- Speech Recognition software

Reading Pen:

- Reading Aid great for:
 - Reading Disabilities
 - Dyslexia
 - Literacy Issues
- Scan word or line to have read aloud
- Shows definition of scanned word
- Takes 2 AAA batteries

Victor Reader Wave:

- Talking Book Player
- Works great with Zoom Text audio books

Zoom Text:

- Unlimited Download of audio books
- Can be used on iPod, iPad, Computers, and with Victor Reader

Learning Ally

- e-books/audio books

Course Smart

- e-books/audio books

Access Text Network

- e-books/audio books



Steps to Receive Accommodations (including Academic Adjustments)

Students with Disabilities (SWD)

- **Group A: These students come to DSS with current documentation by the appropriate physician. They have a diagnosis of a disability.**
- Student must meet with director where the documentation is read and discussed for academic adjustments.
- Verification form/s available for professors within 48 hours.
- SWD picks up and gives forms to professors to sign and return to OVDSS.
- **Group B: These students come with old documentation, no diagnosis and a possible history of informal accommodations. Accommodations could have been made in middle school and/or in high school, but the student was never tested.**
- Student meets with director for interview and referred to clinical psychologist for assessment.
- After meeting with the director, the student may receive provisional accommodations



while working with someone from the Counseling Center who will provide assessment(s) to gather more data.

- Provisional Disability Verification form/s done within 48 hours.
 - SWD picks up and gives provisional forms to professors to sign and return to OVDSS.
 - Final information / Assessment is presented and approved accommodations are put in place.
 - If student not approved, resources given to use.
- **Group C: These students have no history of informal accommodations and no diagnosis, but appear to need help.**
 - Student meets with director for interview and referred to clinical psychologist for assessment.
 - After meeting with the director, the student may receive provisional accommodations while working with someone from the Counseling Center who will provide assessment(s) to gather more data.



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- **Final information / Assessment is presented and approved accommodations are put in place.**
- **Students not approved are given resources to use.**

*****A team approach is used to help with students in Groups B and C.**

Veteran Services



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Statistics on Our Veterans and Dependents Fall 2013-2014

Chapter 30	8	Dependents:	
(Active Duty)		Chapter 33D & 33F	126
Chapter 31	10	(D: dependents of Post 9/11 veterans;	
(Disabled Veterans)		F: Fry Scholarship (chosen by VA)	
Chapter 33	50	Chapter 35	112
(Post 9/11 Veterans)		(Dependents of veterans who are 100% disabled	
Chapter 1606	49	or died due to military related injury)	
(National Guard, Reservist)		(ages 18-26 or 48 months)	
Chapter 1607	6	Total	238
(Those from 1606 called to active duty)		Veterans plus Dependents: 361	
Total	123	2009-10: Totals	242
Male: 87	Females: 36	2010-11: Totals	286
***31 Veterans graduated Fall 2013		2011-12: Totals	306
		2012-13: Totals	325
		2013-14: Totals	361



Registering Veterans in OVDSS

- Certificate of Eligibility
- Student Detail Class Schedule for Current Semester
- Letter of Acceptance

Graduate Students must be accepted on Unconditional Status

*** If you have been re-admitted to the university, a re-admittance letter is required***

- Graduate Students

***Graduate Workplan (Signed by Graduate School Officials)*

- Undergraduate Students

***Undergraduate Course Curriculum Guide (grades for courses taken at A&T must also be noted on curriculum guide signed and dated by a department official.*

- Transfer Students

*** Transfer students Evaluation for All Prior Credit (must be noted with "T", signed and dated by a department official)*

- TO WHOM IT MAY APPLY

*** Military Credit Evaluation (Given from Admissions Office)*



Federal and State Audits

- Compliance Survey conducted by Veterans Administration every two to three years or sooner.
- North Carolina State Approving Agency audit is conducted each year when a new University Bulletin is published.
- Since 1992 the University has received commendations on its record keeping for veterans and veteran dependents. Any suggestions for improvements given were implemented immediately. [Mrs. Penny Torrence, University Certifying Official](#), has been elected to serve on the [National Association of Veterans Program Administrators Board of Directors for 2014](#).



Recruitment

- Admissions Office/OVDSS recruits at Military Training College Fairs
- Tracking veterans through the application process of the Admissions Office
- North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University has been selected by *G.I. Jobs magazine as a Military Friendly School for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, placing us in the top 15% in the nation.

*Magazine published annually (AUG/SEP)



Yellow Ribbon Scholarship for 2013-2014

- Yellow Ribbon is a part of the Post 9/11 Chapter 33. Students eligible for the scholarship have to be in good academic standing, must be an out-of-state student, must have declared a major and must be able to show financial need for the scholarship.
- Awarded scholarships to twenty (20) students, 5 new students and 15 returning students. The award of \$500 was given each semester. Veteran Affairs matched this money dollar for dollar.



OVDSS Fall Activities

- OVDSS hosted Veterans Day Appreciation for all Veterans on campus; served hot coffee/doughnuts and provided giveaways; 11 NOV 2013
- Military Appreciation Day; Aggies vs Savannah State Football Game; 16 NOV 2013
- Veteran Newsletter to veteran students and University community (once each semester)
- In-house workshops for veteran dependents explaining services of the office and addressed issues/concerns
- DOD Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Partnership
- Established Partnership with The Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation
- Provided stoles to all graduating veterans ([31 fall 2013 graduates](#))



OVDSS Spring Activities

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Aggie Students V.E.T.S. Center at the Oaks; April 2014 (tentative)





OVDSS Spring Activities

- Establish Paperless System for VA Students
- Establish Aggie Student Veterans of America Chapter
- Establish Aggie Hero Scholarship
- Work to waive veteran admissions application fee
- Place memos placed on accounts for military students/veterans so their classes are not dropped each semester
- Allow Veterans enrolled to pay in-state tuition and fees that have out-of-state residency
- Allow veteran students called to active duty while enrolled to return to school without financial penalty



Questions

