



THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

RESIDENCY DETERMINATION SERVICE (RDS)

UNC System Campus Liaisons

March 11, 2021

Welcome and UNC System Updates – *Bethany Meighen*

- [UNC System Coronavirus Resource Center](#)
- [Tuition Freeze Continues for In-state Students](#)
- [UNC System Campuses Launch Covid-19 Vaccine Community Clinics](#)
- [Darrell Allison Named 12th Chancellor of Fayetteville State University](#)

SEAA Update – *Gene Ritter*

- a. RDS Guidebook and Campus Responsibility Manual Updates
 - a. Working on updating and hope to have a better update for you regarding the status of the manual on our next call. We want the information to be accurate.
- b. RDS determination date and how the campus applies the effective term
 - a. RDS does not determine the term, in this case, UNC System Policy does
 - i. Will be sending a survey next week to gather more information about how the 45-day cutoff period for 2020-2021 has worked for you and what your recommendation is going forward
 - b. The effective date of a determination is the date the student submits their application to RDS.
 - c. If it is an appeal, not a reconsideration, there is a 10 day window where the individual can notify RDS that they want to appeal. They are appealing the most recent determination where the campus can consider the original date.
- c. Upcoming changes for 18-year-old students claiming independence
 - a. After legal review, we found that the student could not begin to establish the process of the 1 year duration requirement until they turned 18. In other words, the student will have to wait until they are 19 to qualify.
 - b. Only applies to students who do not provide parent or guardian information
 - c. Should go into effect in April, 2021
- d. Changes in Federal Law effective 8/1/2021 for veterans benefits for non-residents
 - a. This privilege can be evoked if the student cannot prove that they meet regular residency requirement including having been here for a year
 - b. Can get a waiver provided they have used a VA benefit and meet certain conditions
 - c. Beginning 8/1, this law will be removing the 3-year window after servicemember's discharge that is currently in effect
- e. NC legislative bills being tracked

- a. We are aware of some proposed legislative bills and we track them; if bills advance, we will let you know
- b. Currently watching a house bill that wants to seek a provision that will allow for high school students of military families who are here on active duty, who are accepted to a NC college or university, but the parent is transferred prior to their enrollment. The exception proposes that they could keep the active duty military exception (“O/I”) for tuition provided they enroll at the university they were accepted to by the fall semester.

RDS Technical and Functional Update – Traci Mitchell

- General Updates
 - RDS volume continues to be down for determinations and calls from last year
 - Continuous Enrollment numbers - 130,000 determinations continued
 - For 21-22 the state grant portal will enforce RDS in the grants portal for the first time
 - Your fifth year students who may have been grandfathered in prior to the RDS update in the portal, will have to go through RDS. This has already been communicated to Financial Aid Offices

RDS Liaisons Upcoming Meetings

- May 13, 2021
- July 8, 2021
 - Please send agenda items by Monday of the meeting week

Roundtable Discussion

- Summer terms and Mini terms
 - ASU currently does census date for summer which is 2-3 days.
 - UNCP takes 45 days and divides it by number of classes and take percentage which is now 9 days following that formula
 - FSU is currently doing 5 days
- ECU Grad School recently had an issue with a student who received a preliminary email saying they were in-state, but when the final decision came through they were out-of-state. Is that preliminary email really necessary?
 - For UNC System, we wait for the final validation
 - The purpose of the preliminary, unvalidated determination was more for Community Colleges who have last minute students enrolling. The preliminary notification, online and by email, does caution students that the provisional determination is subject to final validation could be different based on further investigation. Only Initial Consideration requests receive this immediate, provisional determination. Reconsideration requests and Appeals do not.
 - Other institutions have the same issue with the student not reading the entire provisional email (see attachment for screenshots of emails/texts)

Roll:

Brenda Sawyer - UNC Charlotte
Kimberly Harris - UNCW Graduate School
Sarah Jacobson - UNCC
Annette Straub - UNCP
Victoria Carlberg - App State
Wanda Allred - UNCG
Debbie Race - Appalachian State
Darius Eure - ECSU
Anna Basnight - Appalachian State University
Freeman Whitney - UNCW
Sarah Jacobson - UNC-CH
Kathleen Cox - ECU
Susan Lebel - UNC MAC
Marianne Cox - ECU
Karen Braswell - UNC Asheville
Bianca Mack - UNC School of Law
Beth Dawson - ECU
Gene Ritter - SEAA
Colleen Roland - ECU
Whitney Marlatt - UNC Chapel Hill
Jasmine Frowner - FSU
Jordie Batts - NCSU
Traci Mitchell - RDS/CFI
Lauren Liston - NCSU Grad School
Sandra Brown Bechtold - NCCU School of Law
Janetta Cheek - UNC Pembroke, Graduate School
Cyntress Brunson - FSU
Jeff Huckel - NC State, College of Veterinary Medicine
Katharine "Kathy" Scott - Appalachian State
Sharon Moses UNC Charlotte - Undergraduate Admissions
Alison Van Nyhuis - Fayetteville State University
Hoyte E. Lee, Jr. - UNC Chapel Hill, Friday Center Continuing Ed.
Melissa Gainey - UNCP, Undergrad Admissions
Stephanie Hart - FSU
Monique Keller - A&T
Marie Hoepfl, Appalachian State
Sabrina Butler - NCCU, Graduate School
Kristopher West - UNC-Chapel Hill
James Coker - East Carolina
Kym Jefferson - East Carolina University
Blair Smith - UNC Chapel Hill, Adams School of Dentistry
Nancy McKinney - UNC-Chapel Hill, ITS
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