Tompkins, Jones, Cornelius to Assume New Duties
College Will Implement Interim Plan for VP Responsibilities

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (April 12, 2013) – Dr. Ricky Tompkins, who now serves as Associate Vice President of Research and Planning, will assume many of the responsibilities associated with the Vice President for Learning on Monday.

Tompkins’ title will be Interim Vice President for Learning, and he will report to Dr. Steven M. Gates, Senior Vice President for Learning and Provost. In the new role, he will continue to have oversight of several key areas, such as Grants, Research, Planning, Effectiveness, Public Safety, Risk Management and Diversity. Additional areas now reporting to Tompkins will include Communication and Arts, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Math and Science and Library Resources.

Two other administrators at NorthWest Arkansas Community College also will assume additional responsibilities.

Dr. Anita Jones, currently Dean of Communication and Arts, will now also have responsibility for Distance Learning and High School Relations.

Tim Cornelius, currently Vice President for Learning: Global Business, Health Professions and External programs, will now have responsibility for Adult Education, Service Learning and Honors.

Those organizational changes also will become effective Monday, April 15.

Tompkins holds a doctorate of education in higher education from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, a master’s degree in English from Henderson State University, and a bachelor’s degree from East Texas Baptist University. In addition to his administrative experience, Tompkins has served as an adjunct faculty member in English at NWACC and in Sociology at Henderson State
University.

Faculty Development and Assessment of Student Learning will be assigned to Gates. Administrative Assistant Tracy Whelchel will report to Tompkins. Additional administrative assistance will be provided to Jones for the additional duties she is assuming.

The changes are being made in conjunction with the departure of Dr. Ted Phillips, who had served as Vice President for Learning, since June. Phillips resigned from his position to accept a position in Texas.

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