**College of DuPage**
**Program Advisory Committee Minutes**

**10/25/12**

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**Date:** October 25, 2012  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30  
**Location of Meeting:** HSC 2142 *(These minutes were approved on 4/11/13.)*

**Members Present (full names) and Expertise/Area Represented:**
- Patricia Martinak, Nursing Chair, Governors State  
- Katie Weibel, Education Director, Adventist Midwest Health  
- Mary Pat Olson, Director, National Council State Boards of Nursing  
- Angela Killian, Manager, Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – Marianjoy  
- Naheed Hasan, Psychology Faculty, COD  
- Sandra Palmer, RN, COD Alumni  
- Bethany Whitney, COD Nursing Student  
- Mark Robinson, Recruiter, Alexian Brothers Healthcare System  
- Joan Libner, Nursing Coordinator, Benedictine University  
- Joan Dollinger, Curriculum Coordinator, Indian Prairie District 204  
- Donna Kanak, Educator, Adventist Hospitals (LaGrange and Hinsdale)

**College of DuPage Administrators/Staff Present (names and titles):**
- Vickie Gukenberger, Associate Dean  
- Rosa Collela-Melki, Faculty  
- Theresa Bucy, Faculty  
- Kim Oosterhouse, Faculty

**Meeting Facilitator (name):**
Vickie Gukenberger

**The Minutes:**

**Meeting called to order and approval of the agenda:**

The meeting was called to order by Vickie Gukenberger.  
Participants introduced themselves.  
Agenda was approved as presented without discussion.

**Minutes approved from the last meeting:**

It was moved by Mary Pat Olson that the minutes of March 1, 2012 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Announcements:**
Mary Pat Olson (NCSBN) shared that the manuscript from the NCSBN “World Café” is available. One major finding was the recommendation that all nursing programs be accredited by the professional accrediting body, i.e. NLNAC. A big reason is quality control, particularly in light of the growth of for profit programs.
She also shared that NCSN would be hosting a Long term Care Conference April 16-17, 2013 in San Diego. The focus will be on the role of the PN in health care.

**ACTION:** Mary Pat will forward to links for both of these to Vickie; Vickie will email to all members.

**Program offering updates:**

- Information was shared regarding the Nursing program revision. To squelch the “content creep” phenomena, a CONCEPT-BASED Curriculum is being developed. Additionally it will be designed as ladder program, whereby after completing the first year of the program, the individual could take the NCLEX-PN. Clinicals will not start until the 2nd 8 weeks of the first semester and will focus on long-term care at that time. The first year will address health and chronic illness; the 2nd year will focus on acute and episodic care.

**ACTION:** Vickie will share updates on course specifics with committee members when approved by College Curriculum Committee.

- Highlights of the Governor’s State University and Benedictine University 3+1 in nursing were given. Employer participants were pleased to note that resource available to their employees. There was much discussion about the hiring practices of RNs. The general sentiment was that employers were requiring BSN. For example:
  - Marianjoy is requiring current non-BSN graduates to get BSN within 7 years. They are having on campus program offering through an affiliate organization (St. Francis in Joliet).
  - Cadence, Edward, Adventist Health System and Advocate health system only hiring BSN.
  - Adventist Health Systems are requiring non-BSN nurses to get BSN within 3 years.
  - Advocate Health system no longer accepting A.D.N. student placement; Elmhurst is reducing theirs because of “quest for Magnet Status”

There were questions about possibility of more 3+1 or COD offering BSN.

**Program of Study:**

- The NURSING Program of Study (POS) done between COD and Public School District #204 was reviewed. This is also available on the COD Nursing Department web page.

Discussion was had students entering nursing programs being prepared academically and career-wise. This is the intent of the POS. No data is currently available on its effectiveness as this was just completed this summer. An evaluation plan is being developed.

The POS will be revised as the new nursing curriculum is approved.
Participants applauded the initiative.

2nd Annual Nursing Symposium
- Evaluations from the 1st Annual Symposium (5/4/2012) were distributed. Members who attended it felt it was very good.
- The 2nd annual symposium will be 4/23/2013. Topics suggested: Inter-professional simulation; Health care informatics; Updates on NCSBN Transition to Practice project.
  
  **ACTION:** Individuals are to share other ideas with Vickie by November 6, 2012. (630-942-8425; gukenbergerv@cod.edu)

Program and Student Outcome Data (2012):
- 2012 Pass rate (first three quarters)
  - RN = 94%
  - LPN = 84%
- Attrition
  - RN = 14%
  - PN = 8%
- Placement rate
  - RN - 79% in first 6 months
  - PN – 100%
- 35% of A.D.N. reported they were in BSN program

Simulation learning spaces:
- Information on the NCSBN simulation study was provided to the participants.
- Reasons for doing it: (1) promote student learning and higher level functioning (i.e. clinical judgment and reasoning) in “safe” environment; (2) provide for select “standardized” experiences, i.e. high risk, infrequently occurring; (3) fill the “gap” between education and practice experiences, i.e. EMR, medication dispensing.
- Phase II floor plan for Long-term care and Home Health space distributed. Anticipate use in Fall 2013.
- Hope to adopt more interdisciplinary simulation

Updates in practice:
- Flu vaccination and documentation requirements.
- Biggest challenge for new grads: organization, critical thinking, prioritizing and SBAR.
- Edwards going live with EMR installation in May.

Meeting discussion concluded at 8:00. Theresa Bucy and Kim Oosterhouse provided members with a tour of the simulation hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.
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**Concluding the Minutes:**

Date: TBA (late March or early April)  
Time: morning meeting  
Location of the next Committee Meeting: TBA

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Time that this meeting was adjourned: 8:30

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