

Oklahoma City Community College
Nursing Program
Nursing Advisory Committee
Library, Room 407A
September 26, 2007 – 3:30 pm
Minutes
Fall 2007

Chairperson: Karen Tomajan, R.N., M.S.

Faculty Liason: Linda Cowan, R.N., M.S.

Members Present: Karen Tomajan, Patricia Dolphin, Mike Abler, Vickie Keeton, Rene Lewis, Pam Spanbauer.

Administration/Faculty: Dr. Felix Aquino, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Jo Ann Cobble, EdD, Dean of Health Professions Division, Rosemary Klepper, RN, MS, Program Director, Linda Cowan RN, MS, Gina Edwards, RN, MS, Jackie Frock, RN, BSN, Carol Heitkamper, RN, MS, Monica Holland, RN, BSN, Mary Holter, RN, MS, Susan Huffstutler, MSN, RN, Karen Jordan, MSN, RN, Susan Mann, RN, MS, Valerie McCartney, RN, MS, Robin McMurry, RN, BSN, Deborah Myers, RN, MS, Cindy Neely, RN, BSN, Terri Walker, RN, MS, and Kay Wetmore, RN, BSN, Cindy Williams, MSN, RN, Chris Young, MSN, RN.

I. Call To Order

Linda Cowan called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

II. Welcome (Karen Tomajan, M.S., R.N., Chairperson)

Karen welcomed all of the members in attendance.

III. Introductions (Linda Cowan, M.S., R.N., Faculty Liaison)

Linda Cowan welcomed all in attendance and introduced herself. All persons in the meeting introduced themselves in turn.

IV. Approval of Minutes, Spring 2007

Karen Tomajan presented the minutes from the Spring 2007 Nursing Advisory Committee meeting to the members for approval. The minutes were approved by all members.

V. Report: Healthcare Workforce Center (Karen Tomajan)

Karen Tomajan reported that the Center is 1 year old and has physical space in the Regents Center. The center expects to provide educational opportunities. The group is working on getting established. There will be a conference on Oct. 30 at OSU-OKC to focus on retention strategies, i.e. the Baby Boom Effect and a response to that effect. Rosemary Klepper

added that a workshop last week focused on expanding educational access. There will also be a Simulation Conference on May 21, 2008 at OCCC.

VI. College Updates:

A. Growth and Development of OCCC: Felix Aquino, PhD., Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Aquino shared that the college is in the midst of exciting times. Yesterday was the 35th anniversary of the college. The college has become a major institution within Oklahoma City. In the college's 1st year there were 1700 students enrolled. At the 35th year there are 25,000 students enrolled. In June the New Math Center was dedicated. Today, the Arts education center is in construction. Also, credit hours have gone up by 1.5% and enrollments are up in four divisions. There has also been added an initiative to improve student success. The plan is to watch the progress of this group, analyze factors that influence student success and to become an "Achieving the Dream" college.

B. New Health Professions Update: Jo Ann Cobble, EdD., NREMT-P, R.N., Dean of Health Professions

Dr. Cobble shared that life in the Health Professions Division are exciting as well. The division has increased in size by 20-25% head count and 30% in credit hours. There are currently 1500 students enrolled in the Health Professions Division. The new building is progressing nicely as well as the renovations of the old spaces creating 12 new offices. The old area will be renovated after the move to the new building. The initiative funded new positions which are to be completely filled by Oct. 15. The faculty is a committed and dedicated group.

VII. Program Updates:

A. Faculty Updates: Deborah Myers, Assistant Program Director

Debbie Myers reported that there are currently 23 full-time faculty and 34 adjunct faculty members including 3 part-time lab instructors. Of the 23 full-time faculty members 6 are new to OCCC. Debbie also shared that 78% of the faculty members are MSN accredited.

B. NCLEX-RN Results: Deborah Myers, Assistant Program Director

Debbie Myers reported that for Spring 2007 from the traditional program there were 43 students, 40 tested and 37 passed, resulting in a 92.5% pass rate. In the Career Ladder Pathways program there were 31 students, 27 tested and 26 passed, resulting in a 96.2% pass rate. In Jan. 2007 the state pass rate was 82-83%, nationally, 88.3% with those with an AND achieving an 83% pass rate. Rosemary Klepper relayed that the pass rate is a reflection of the efforts of the nursing faculty, an awesome group. The OCCC Nursing Program is the largest 1 campus nursing program in the state.

C. Program Growth and Progress: Rosemary Klepper, Program Director

1) Enrollment Updates

Rosemary Klepper reported that the traditional program has 270 students enrolled. The Career Ladder Pathways, accelerated LPN/Paramedic transition program, has 54 students. The BADNAP program began in June with 30 students: and now have 26. The new OU/OCCC-CBSN program has 23 students admitted and will cover 4 core courses. There has been a 33% growth in 1 year in the program with 225 students enrolled in Overview of Nursing and 195 enrolled in Pharmacology for Nursing.

2) Baccalaureate to A.D.N. Accelerated Pathway (BADNAP Tract)

Susan Mann reported that the BADNAP group has been a very successful group. They have expressed a desire to work in nursing after graduation. The students have a varied background in their baccalaureate degrees from education, sociology to English.

3) OU/OCCC CBSN

Debbie Myers reported that the collaborative effort is going well. Several of the students have bachelor's degrees. There have been a few problems with technology but are being worked out. Pat Dolphin added that to date the program has been a successful collaboration. She reported that OU is helping out with lab supplies and with student financial aid. Rene Lewis questioned how OU will handle the incoming senior class? The response was that OU will reduce the junior class so that the next senior class can accommodate. Next year they hope to increase the numbers. OU also held a Florence Nightingale service for the incoming juniors.

4) Pharmacology in Nursing Practice

Gina Edwards and Cindy Neely reported that they are working very hard on the course. The course is designed to be a wonderful resource for students and act as a bridge to the nursing program.

VIII. Course Updates:

A. Nursing Process I - Monica Holland, Team Leader

Monica Holland reported they began with 71 students and is now at 69. The first exam is over. They will be completing the school screening this week. The school nurses they have come in contact with have appreciated the experience. They are looking at a lot of new ways to give out information.

B. Nursing Process II - Beverly Schaeffer, Team Leader

Beverly Schaeffer reported that there are currently 80 students enrolled. Their first exam was 2 weeks ago. They have added group testing to which they have had a positive response and proved to be an overall good experience. Ninety percent passed.

C. Nursing Process III - Jackie Frock, Team Leader

Jackie Frock reported that there are 61 students enrolled. The class is going well after 2 unit exams. Jackie also shared that NP III is in the unique position of having the entire faculty new to NP III process..

D. Nursing Process IV - Terri Walker, Team Leader

Terry Walker reported that there are 58 students enrolled. They have had 1 exam that created somewhat of a culture shock for the students. Their second exam is next week. The faculty is looking at new ways to improve learning.

E. Career Ladder Pathway (CLP) – Valerie McCartney, Team Leader

Valerie McCartney reported that there are 54 students enrolled from the 85 applicants. They are a well motivated, committed group. There were 8 students admitted under the 1+1 program that were moved into NP II for this entry period.

F. BADNAP - Susan Mann, Team Leader

Susan Mann reported that there were 30 students enrolled, 3 were lost and 1 moved from the traditional program into BADNAP. The 26 remaining students are doing well.

G. OU Collaboration - Deborah Myers, Team Leader

Debbie Myers reported that the 23 students are in their 3rd week of clinical and will have their first lab practicum next week. They are also beginning 36 hours of community service learning.

IX. Committee Input and Suggestions: Karen Tomajan

A. Medical Community Response to Pandemic Influenza

Karen Tomajan brought up the topic of the medical, i.e. readiness for response to a pandemic flu situation. She stated that nurses as a whole are under-prepared for a pandemic influenza outbreak. Plans should be made now. A pandemic happens approximately every 30 years. Each time an outbreak occurs it challenges the hospital systems. Can or should nursing students be involved in the solutions? In the event of an outbreak everything will be on hold. She asked that at the spring meeting there be a more in depth discussion of the use of students for pandemic response.

B. Other

Several members questioned both OCCC's and the hospital's policies on the use of laptops and PDA's by nursing students in clinicals. The subject will be discussed further when more information is collected.

X. Next Meeting Date and Time:

The next meeting date and time will be set by the Nursing Faculty Organization.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Karen Tomajan at 5:15pm.