

**Oklahoma City Community College**  
**Nursing Program**  
**Nursing Advisory Committee**  
Library, Room 407A  
September 24, 2008

Minutes  
Fall 2008

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

**Faculty Liaison:** Linda Cowan, R.N., M.S.

**Members Present:** Sue Lawson, Rene Lewis, Josie Scott, Jean Byrne, Pam Spanbauer, Emma Wyatt.

**Administration/Faculty:** Brenda Harrison, Assistant 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, Karen Jordan, MS, M.Ed., RN, 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, Ron Scribner, Prof. of Biology,

**Students Present:**

Jana Beihl, NPI, Grace Spear, NPIL.

**I. Call to Order**

Karen Tomajan called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

**II. Welcome and Introductions: Karen Tomajan, M.S., R.N., B.C., CNAA, Chairperson**

Karen asked the members to introduce themselves. Each member introduced themselves to the other members present.

**III. Approval of Minutes, Spring 2008**

Karen Tomajan asked the members to review the Spring 2008 Nursing Advisory Committee minutes. Rene Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. The members passed the motion unanimously.

**IV. College Updates:**

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

Dr. Aquino shared with the members that there have been a lot of changes in the college. Greg Gardner has been hired as the new Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs. Two new buildings, the Health Professions Center and the Visual and Performing Arts Center have been added to the campus. Both are state of the arts facilities. Enrollments

have remained steady and strong. This is the second year of the “Achieving the Dream” initiative. The college is also in the beginning stage of the self study for accreditation.

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

Rosemary Klepper provided the update on behalf of Jo Ann Cobble. She shared that the move into the new Health Professions Center began last week. There will be a classroom in the new building that will accommodate eighty-eight people and be assigned to nursing. There is also a plan to renovate the old Division Office area for nursing faculty. Enrollments are up in Health Professions. Nursing and EMS programs have shown significant growth. The dedication of the new Health Professions Center will be held on October 21, 2008 at 2:00pm.

**V. Program Updates:**

**A. Faculty Updates: Deborah Myers, M.S., R.N., Assistant Program Director**

Debbie Myers reported that two full-time faculty members resigned. Three new full-time faculty members have been hired, Sarah Brown for CBSN, Jen Halpin for NP II and Peg Holleyman for NP III. There have also been two team leader changes from last year.

**B. NCLEX-RN Results: Deborah Myers**

Debbie reported that for calendar year 2008 there have been 128 nursing graduates. Of those 128, 118 have taken the NLEX-RN exam, with 111 passing. This calculates to a 94% pass rate of OCCC graduates. The national pass rate is 88.2%

**C. Program Growth and Progress: Rosemary Klepper, M.S., R.N., Program Director Enrollment Updates:**

- **Traditional Pathway**

Rosemary reported that there are currently 274 students in the traditional program, all processes.

- **Career Ladder Pathway**

She reported that the CLP program has grown as well with 63 LPN's and paramedics having begun in August.

- **Baccalaureate to ADN Accelerated Pathway**

Rosemary reported that BADNAP has grown as well. The second class began with 40 and is now at 31 students. She attributes the attrition to the workload of the program.

- **CBSN**

Rosemary shared that the CBSN program has 24 students and are progressing nicely.

Rosemary reported that for the Fall 2008 semester there are 392 nursing students and 23 full-time faculty members.

#### **D. Curriculum Changes: Rosemary Klepper**

Rosemary informed the members of the upcoming curriculum changes. These changes began 4 years ago. There has been a need for a physical science requirement, primarily Chemistry. Math is important as well. Principles of Chemistry and Intermediate Algebra have been added to the Curriculum. Micro for Infectious Disease has been eliminated from the curriculum. There will be a minimum of 74 credit hours required for the AND. The changes have been presented to the Oklahoma Board of nursing and have been approved. The changes will take effect in Fall 2009. Ron Scribner, Professor of Chemistry supported the changes stating nurses need Chemistry. Chemistry classes will increase the student's lab time and overall knowledge. The changes should upgrade the student's knowledge base.

#### **VI. Joint Commission 2009 Patient Safety Goals: Implications for Nursing Education and Practice: Karen Tomajan and committee members.**

The members held a discussion concerning the need to increase patient safety. They discussed increasing means for insuring patient identification. The members encouraged the faculty to educate students to question. Also encouraged was the process of working smarter not harder. The members encouraged the faculty to emphasis the big picture of safety goals. The question was asked, "How is the nursing program implementing instruction on patient safety?" Debbie Myers answered that they are currently using the SBAR and National Safety Goals. Several members reminded of the need to inform students that a lot of the nursing activities, policies and procedures are determined by regulatory bodies.

Karen Tomajan reported that the Oklahoma Nurses Association has passed 2 resolutions that will be of interest to the members. 1.) Support of resident programs for new nurse graduates. 2.) BSN can be completed within 10 years.

#### **VII. Next Meeting Date and Time**

Linda Cowen set the next meeting for Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 3:30pm in room 215 of the Health Professions Center.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Karen Tomajan adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.