

IVC Nursing Division Meeting

Adopted Minutes of 10/20/2009

Present:		
Rick Fitzsimmons, Chair	Donna Davis	Jack Williams
Jason Balint, Student Rep.	Diedre Pollock	Rosalba Jepson
Stella Orfanos Woo	Rick Goldsberry	Eva Lapena
Al Meek	Millie Veysey	Jean Stroud
Celeste Armenta	Laura Hartsock	

- A. Called to Order: 3:05pm
- B. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 9/15/09 were approved with the following corrections:
- 1) D. New Business, b) Committee Advisors – clarify duties of advisor for NCLEX Rates which include course and program evaluation. This was unclear for Rick.
 - 2) E. Faculty Reports – Donna clarified that the Resource Fair will be in the 2100 lobby area and not the College center as this fair is specifically for nursing and allied health students.
- C. Old Business:
1. Winter/Spring 2010 Schedule: Instructors were given a copy of the Winter/Spring schedules to review. Classes have been placed in banner. There were some concerns with lab and room conflicts for skills in second semester and Laura will make sure these are corrected.
- D. New Business:
1. I.V. Nursing Council/BSN Program/Health Assessment: Helena Hoyt, RN, MSN, Instructor/Coordinator for the SDSU RN-BSN Program in the Valley was invited to speak on the activities of the Nursing Council and the BSN program. She reported that the Council met on October 10th for the first time and was well received. She said the intent of the Council is to model after evidence based practices, develop mentors, enhance nursing, and develop focused groups and identify priority areas. She said meetings will be held about 4 times throughout the year with workshops in summer. Nurses from throughout the Imperial Valley including students were invited and are invited to attend.
Regarding the BSN program has 32 students currently enrolled and expects about 20-25 for the coming year. Even with cuts, she said the program has had great delivery and is seen as a model program for SDSU.
Helena discussed concerns with the students' progress in the health assessment class and asked faculty to hold the standards high in their courses. She said of the 14 enrolled, 5 did not pass, and that these are experience clinical nurses with basic anatomy and physiology background but are having a hard time with critical thinking and grabbing the concepts of what they're doing. Donna said IVC's physical assessment class is a difficult class and should stay that way. **Action: After discussing, Helena will send Laura the topics discussed in the health assessment class to distribute to faculty, and will bring out posters of the students' work in class for IVC students to see. She also offered to speak to students to prepare them for the class and program.**

2. AHP 060 Classes: The 2 AHP 060 classes scheduled for Spring will have to move on campus as part of the effort to close the Extended Campus in El Centro. We wanted to alert faculty to expect that this will not create conflicts with the use of the labs as long as labs are scheduled accordingly.
3. ATI Pharmacology: Discussion was held as to where Pharmacology will be tested within the program. Although faculty said this was already decided upon to be in 3rd, it was confirmed that placing it at end of 3rd semester was best. Current F09 students in 3rd semester have already been tested in Pharmacology and S2010 will be the next group to test. Leadership was also discussed and will be used in 4th semester for the next group in S2010. **Action: ATI Pharmacology will be tested in 3rd semester and Leadership in 4th semester. The next groups to be tested will be in S2010.**
4. TEAS Passing Scores: The cut scores were brought for discussion whether to have them remain at 67% in each area of 4 areas or change it and make it an aggregate score, at 72% or higher. The question is if it has made a difference in the caliber of the nursing student, who would be in 3rd or 4th semester right now who had to pass TEAS with 67% in each area. Stella discussed IVC's admission process in using TEAS and said IVC is the only school that requires students to pass each section. Other schools use the aggregate score which is 74%. After discussing, the following recommendations were made but this will be tabled for the next meeting:
 - a. Make TEAS a pre-application requirement effective F2010.
 - b. Increase cut score to 70% in all areas.
5. NURS 100 Online Classes: Expanding NURS 100 offerings to include online courses was discussed. Effective F09, NURS 100 became a prerequisite and more students will be looking to take it. Jack said he is willing to take an Etudes class if he has to but would prefer someone with that knowledge already to do the online class. He said classes should be offered short-term for a 1-unit class and it will determine the serious over the not so serious student. **Action: The schedule will be adjusted to make these classes short-term.**
6. IClickers: Andres Martinez, Media Designer for IVC, has offered his assistance in instructing faculty on the iclickers. After discussing, faculty chose Thursday afternoons as the best time to meet. **Action: Laura will arrange a day and time with Andres and let faculty know.**
7. Uniforms: ACE Uniforms in San Diego has offered to assist nursing students with uniform needs by either fitting students on campus or preparing a webpage specifically for IVC. After discussing, faculty chose to allow ACE Uniforms assist students as needed. **Action: Laura will contact ACE Uniforms and make arrangements.**
8. Flu Clinics and Requirements: As part of a community effort to give the flu shot, Rick Goldsberry reported that IVC has adopted the Imperial Unified School District to hold clinics. He said nursing students will be the major workforce for these clinics, and will involve 3rd and 4th semester. Faculty will use these as clinical days. Rick said students should register as medical reserves to be covered in case of liability. He will need students for the week of 11/9, more specifically that Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday and will be after 3:00pm when elementary students are out of school.

Action: 3rd semester will be needed on Tuesday, 11/10 from 3:00-6:00pm and 4th semester on Wednesday and Thursday, 11/11 and 11/12 same times. He will work out the details per clinical group and will let faculty know.

Requiring the H1N1 vaccine prior to clinical was discussed. Clinical sites in San Diego are requiring the vaccine of all students in their area. Rick G. suggested this can be recommended because students have the right to refuse a shot. Donna suggested the College Nurse can offer the shot to nursing classes in session. No action was taken at this time.

Student Absenteeism – This was brought up if students have to miss class in case of the flu. Faculty felt students should be held to the same policy as in the handbook. Diedre stated because this only includes a small number of students to have them complete their clinical rotation in another class.

Action: Students who have to miss clinical because of the flu will be required to attend another clinical rotation to make up those hours.

E. Faculty/Staff Reports:

1. Administrative Report: Rick informed everyone of the following requests from PMH:
 - a) PMH would like the information from students on the nursing surveys that pertains to clinical completed at PMH.
 - b) Simulation labs are being set up at the hospital and should be ready for use within the next 6-8 months.
 - c) Agrees with the 4th semester schedule to not assign classes on Fridays
 - d) Will soon have a hospitalist program in November.
2. 4th Semester: Rick reported one student has withdrawn. Eva also reported problems with the Med-Surg Coordinator at PMH. She said students have to wait 2-3 hours before they can administer medications and they do not have priority on the pixis. Rick said he doesn't encounter the same problems because the Coordinator is not there during his rotation in the evening. Eva said she was willing to move her rotation to evenings and weekends if she had to to. **Action:** For upcoming schedules, Rick said he will look at moving this rotation in to ECRMC for an evening or weekend schedule.

F. Other Communication:

Concern was expressed regarding having nurse assistant students in the hospital clinical area. It was noted that these students are not scheduled to be at the hospital, only at the long-term care facilities.

G. Adjournment – 5:00pm. The next Division meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 11/17/2009 3:00pm