

IVC Nursing Faculty Meeting
11-24-2009

Present:

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| Tina Aguirre | Jason Balint, 1 st Sem Rep | Deanna Williams, VN Rep |
| Jean Stroud | Millie Veysey | Donna Davis |
| Rosalba Jepson | Rick Goldsberry | Rebecca Agundez |

1. Call to Order: 3:35pm
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of October 20th, 2009, were approved as presented – M/S/C Balint/Stroud
3. Old Business:
 - a. **TEAS Cut Score:** The TEAS cut score was again discussed to see if we are meeting State requirements by how it's being scored. Tina said most programs are going by the aggregate score and some have raised their score to over 74%. She said some programs find it tougher to achieve the composite score. IVC chose to score TEAS on a different scale by requiring a percentage in each area to see if it this would raise low NCLEX pass rates. Faculty felt, however, that they had not seen a significant difference in the caliber of student. Jason mentioned that the ATI study guides were not helpful to prepare him for TEAS. Everyone was in agreement that IVC has to look at every measure to increase pass rates, otherwise the program would face stiff discipline from the BRN.
Action: After discussing, Tina said she will investigate making TEAS a prerequisite to the program.
 - b. **Flu Requirement:** Tina alerted faculty that the San Diego Consortium is making the H1N1 flu shot a requirement to all schools. She said all students should submit verification if they have received or declined the shot prior to clinical.
4. New Business:
 - a. **NCLEX Pass Rates:** Tina graphed the current NCLEX RN pass rates and said we are currently at 96%. This came from the RN June 2009 graduates, taking boards for the first time between July and September.
 - b. **Lab Fees:** Tina reported that all nursing grant funds used to purchase supplies will be ending in June, 2010, and we need to finalize charging lab fees. She said the Nursing Learning Center staff researched other schools and the majority if not all schools charge some type of a lab fee per semester. Instructors asked if a list of their supplies is available for them to review. Second semester has submitted a list. Scantron costs were also discussed, and everyone agreed that the cost will have to go to the student. Laura indicated that a package of 500 scantrons runs almost \$100. The cost to the student should be the same as what one scantron is sold at the Campus bookstore, about \$.15 each.

Action: The NLC staff will get a list of supplies to each semester. Lab fees plus scantron costs are to be implemented no sooner than Fall of 2010.

- c. Flu Clinic Update: Rick reported that over 7,000 children were vaccinated at the recent flu clinics held in Imperial. He said he expected more of a turnout but was very pleased with the outcome. He thanked the faculty and students for participating and said everything went smoothly as a result of their help. He said he did not receive any complaints. Rick has been asked to participate in more clinics in Imperial and El Centro and invited Rosalba's clinical group to participate to complete their clinic rotation. First semester could not help due to health department regulations, but Rick said he would ask about this. Tina said she received emails of appreciation for the program's participation. Faculty felt this was a great public relations effort by nursing students to the community and should be recognized.
 - d. Winter & Summer 2010 schedules: Tina said the Winter schedule will only include a core group of classes as cuts have been made to limit class offerings. NURS 100 will be offered and taught by Terrie as Jack said he would not be available to teach. Other course offerings include the Nursing Learning Center, NURS 089, and Medical Assistant Front Office Externship AHP 074. Tina said Summer will be just as strict with possibly only the paramedic course being offered.
- Action: Instructors interested in teaching during winter or summer was asked to let Tina or Laura know.**

5. Reports:

- a. Administrator Report (Tina):
 - i. Sunshine Proposals: Tina said she will be attending an emergency Board meeting tonight that will include the distribution of CTA and CSEA negotiation proposals. This was not done correctly at the previous meeting and this meeting has been called for this. She said the proposals open up negotiations for 2010-2011.
 - ii. SLOs: Tina reported that everyone has to come to a 'meeting of the minds' about SLO's. These are not optional and due at the end of each class. SLO's are turned in to Toni Pfister. Tina distributed copies of existing SLO's as examples of what's already been done. They must be listed on the syllabus. At least 3 SLO's are required for each class.
 - iii. Textbook Updates: It is now required that the ISBN # of a textbook be included in the printed syllabus to the student. Tina said this is now State law and is not optional, effective immediately. When changing an edition or title, faculty must submit a **new** course outline change to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee for approval and update. Copies of textbook titles were distributed. Tina indicated that technically, course outlines are required from faculty as per contract, but have been done through the Division.

Action: The course outline format will be sent to faculty to use for course changes/updates and for C&I approval.

 - iv. New Focus: Tina said the focus for community colleges is changing. The new mission is to focus more on transfer and career technical education, and basic skills. She said less focus will be directed at lifelong learning and community connections in a community college setting.
 - v. IV Therapy: Tina reported that the Board of Vocational Nursing will no longer approve students for IV Therapy who are not licensed first. She said in the past, VN graduates were able to take the class while waiting to be licensed. VN

graduates from the December, 2008 class who took IV Therapy without being licensed were not approved by the Board, and must repeat it.

- vi. NLC Coverage: Tina announced that the learning center staff will be limited due to grant and district cuts. Winter will include Pam and Becky Solache, and one additional instructor/tutor for Spring. Nicole Castaneda and Millie Veysey will serve as substitutes for the center and in clinical as needed.
 - vii. ATI: Tina announced that the learning center has the Spring ATI schedule and instructors can begin scheduling their online dates with the learning center.
 - viii. Social Media: Tina announced that the Student Portal will soon be adding a 'Staff Portal' which will replace the 'All Users' email address.
 - ix. IVC Accreditation: Kathy Berry is looking for volunteers to assist with the College's accreditation process. Tina said any employee can volunteer and can contact Kathy directly if interested.
 - x. New 2700 Building: Math and Science have started the move to the new building, and should be up and running for Winter classes. Tina discussed anticipated remodeling changes for the buildings being emptied.
 - xi. Reorganization Effort: Copies of the reorganization plan to restructure departments were distributed. Tina advised everyone to look at the changes because they will take effect beginning July 1st, 2010. Tina said she will most likely serve as Dean over the department which will include PE and Administration of Justice. A Director of Nursing and Assistant Director will be required once she becomes Dean. Dental Assistant was listed and will become part of Allied Health but the program has not been implemented. Both Millie and Donna mentioned that they still have their dental assistant certification.
- b. First Semester: Jason described his experience attending the BRN disciplinary hearings with his class, and said it certainly was a positive one. He said the meeting opened up his eyes as to the number of areas nurses can lose their license and hard it is to get it back. He said IVC had the majority of nursing students present. Jean said IVC was on the agenda for minor curriculum changes, and they were all approved. Tina said these changes brought the program up to date on all curriculum revisions since she's been the director.
- c. Second Semester: Donna reported that the Health Resource Fair held in November for nursing and allied health students was a success. She said there was plenty of agency representation and that they would like to do it on an annual basis. Deanna found the fair helpful and her classmates enjoyed the experience.
- d. VN Class: Deanna brought up the possibility of making VN 114, Pharmacology, a prerequisite for the VN Program just as NURS 100 has become a prerequisite for the RN program.
Action: After discussing, Tina said she will work with VN faculty to see if this is possible.
- e. Nursing Learning Center: Rebecca stated that she had scheduled peer mentors in the learning center to assist students but none of her mentors were used. She said these were 4th semester students who applied to be a mentor and were recommended by their instructors. She said the connection between students could greatly benefit those who are struggling in the program, and asked faculty how she can promote this assistance. Tina mentioned that Emily Bill, who is a

registered therapist intern and housed in the DSPS department is also available and can meet with one or a core group of students.

Action: After discussing, it was suggested to have the peer mentors come to each class at the beginning of the semester so students can hear from them and know they are available.

6. Adjournment: The meeting came to a close at 5:05pm