

**TEMPLE COLLEGE
NURSING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

Chairperson: Melinda LaPrade
Meeting Date: November 12, 2008
Previous Date: November 28, 2007

Meeting Place: TC Health Science Center
Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m.
Recorder: Lynda Yost

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melinda LaPrade, Barbara Sudaz, Darlene Smith, Roxie Moore, Alison Belliveau, Sharon Souter, Vanessa Chaffee, Christal Lee, Robin Keene, Paula Quindlen,

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Karen Robinson, Claudia Turner, Elizabeth Collins, Chuck Lee, Greg Bond,
Lee Ogburn-Russell

The November 28, 2007 minutes were ready by each member with one spelling correction.

Associate Degree Nursing Update:

Mrs. Robinson reported that in May 2008, 50 students graduated from the ADN program. Currently, 49 of the 50 graduates have passed the NCLEX, giving a 94.11% passing rate, which is higher than last year. Included in the pass rate are two students from previous classes were first time takers and failed.

Currently enrolled in the ADN program are 71 Sophomores (we had a total of 23 Bridging students, as recommended by this committee last year) and 49 Freshmen students. There is a possibility that we will be accepting 5 sophomore readmit sophomore students and 1 readmit freshman student into the program for the Spring semester. These readmit students are becoming more important to improve retention/graduation statistics and as we work toward graduating the largest number of students possible. However, they often are high risk students so their success is more difficult to achieve.

Ms. Paula Quindlen asked what the average GPA of students coming in to the program. Ms. Robinson stated that the students coming in have above 3.0.

The Martin Group, Mr. Dell Martin and his 2 sons, gave an additional \$15,000 this year: 9 student scholarships of \$1,500 each and 1 faculty scholarship to grow our own VN instructors into ADN instructors by enrolling in a Master degree in Nursing program. We all appreciate the commitment this family has made to the Nursing departments and Temple College.

Mrs. Robinson reviewed the application window dates for both the Bridging 2009 and ADN 2009 programs: Bridging-January 6-February 12; Freshman class-February 16-March 31. A new pretest will be selected for next year's (2010) class since the NET is being taken out of circulation.

Ms. Robinson reminded everyone to encourage the students to attend the Information Session which is held the first Tuesday of the month in the Dell Martin Nursing Center.

The ADN Program has two new full time ADN instructors, Teresa Heemsbergen and Christi Cummings. Dr. Phyllis Tipton is a shared faculty from Scott & White and the VA has agreed to let us have a shared faculty, Lesa Murray.

A job fair was held last year which was very successful. There were several booths offering jobs to the students. We plan to have another job fair.

Ms. Robinson stated that we have a new articulation agreement with Texas Tech. Currently, we have an articulation agreement with University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

Vocational Nursing Update:

Mr. Bond reported that in May of 2008, the VN Program graduated 51 students, and Taylor graduated 19. TC at Taylor VN Program NCLEX pass rate is 100% and Temple VN Program is 97.6%.

There are currently 62 students enrolled at Temple VN Program and 23 at TC at Taylor. Six students will be readmitted to the Temple VN program. There should be about 91-92 students graduating.

Mr. Bond stated that they were getting high ratings on the clinical evaluations. Students are getting good clinical experience at Georgetown and John's Community Hospital. The students are scheduled to use the simulation lab more often.

Mr. Bond spoke on Jurisprudence. A review is offered in the first eight weeks of the last semester.

The VN program has two new instructors in Temple, Nancy Eaton and Carolyn Sterling and one new VN instructor in Taylor, Donna Issacson.

The admission process has started for the VN Program and it runs until January 8, 2009.

Ms. Sudaz asked if high school students were coming to health sciences for career day.

Health Professions Update:

Dr. Lee Ogburn-Russell stated that the Sonography Program has started. Mr. Steve Trawick is the Department Chair. Six students are currently enrolled and one withdrew in the beginning of the program. Mr. Trawick is currently asking for volunteers to do an ultrasound on the gallbladder.

A Certified Medical Assistant Program is being offered online and is only offered to Scott & White employees. There will be another class to start and will only be offered to Scott & White employees. The clinical are done at Scott & White Hospital.

Lee asked the Advisory Board Members if there were any needs in Health Professions to please let her know.

Ms. Sudaz asked about “Monitor Techs”. She feels that this is a very important issue to address. Lee stated maybe Continuing Education could offer this.

Chuck asked what about “Veterinary Technician”. Ms. Belliveau stated that Temple High School offered Veterinary Technician to the students.

It was asked if there was a CNA class being offered. At this time no, but it is being looked into by Community Education.

Someone asked if there was a possibility of a pharmacy technician being offered. This is being offered in Community Education. There is an Orientation Session being held on January 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Classes will be held on Saturdays.

BON Update:

The Board of Nursing would like for Temple College to increase the number of graduates. There is no space availability in the school to take in more students, no instructors to hire, and no space available for clinical at the hospitals. RN licensure will no longer be sent through the mail.

NLNAC:

Temple College Associate Degree Nursing Program is in the process of being reaccredited. We are in the first phase process. A self-study report is currently being worked on. We would like to have this completed by December 18, 2009.

Second Phase: There will be three representatives from other schools in the nursing department from February 23-25, 2009. They will be touring our clinical facilities and school.

Third Phase: The Commission reviews the Self-Study Report and the recommendations of the visitors and decides the final status.

SAC Update:

SAC will be here in Fall of 2009. The self-study report is due by February. Our SAC accreditation is every ten years. There is a new SAC implementation which is “Quality Improvement Process”.

Dr. Barron will be asked to attend one of our meetings so everyone on the Advisory Board can meet her.

A Bridging program will be offered this summer in Taylor which will begin with ten students.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Ms. Sudaz asked if there was a possibility of nursing students going to the hospitals for the day. She feels that this would be very beneficial to the students. There are several changes happening at King’s Daughters Hospital. Ms. Smith stated that Darnell Hospital is in the process of hiring a Clinical Director and that there are several changes in process for Darnell. Ms. Belliveau stated that TISD has implemented an “Institute of Study/Program Study”. Some of the studies include Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Finance, Arts, AV Technology and Communication, Government and Public Administration, Health Science, and Education and Training.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Yost

**TEMPLE COLLEGE
NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 28, 2007**

Chairperson: Rose Mondrik
Meeting Date: November 28, 2007
Previous Date: November 15, 2006

Meeting Place: Temple College, HSC
Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m.
Recorder: Nancy Miller

Members Present:

Rose Mondrik, Alison Belliveau, Marjory Williams, Paula Quinlan, Bonnie Schier, Melinda LaPrade, Linda Pehl, Jan Salzman, Marie Anderson

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Lee Ogburn-Russell, Karen Robinson, Mike Caldwell, Gregory Bond, Rosemary Berumen, Tracy Bess, & Laura Pierce

The November 15, 2006 minutes were read by each member and approved without corrections.

Associate Degree Nursing Update:

Mrs. Robinson reported that in May 2007, 61 students graduated from the ADN program, and in August 2007, we had one additional graduate, totaling 62 ADN graduates. Currently, 55 of the 62 graduates have passed the NCLEX, giving a 90.16% passing rate, which is lower than previous years. She shared that the lower passing rate was perhaps caused by the difficulty level increase in the NCLEX, but indicated that the 90.16% pass rate was above the national average.

Currently enrolled in the ADN program are 59 Sophomores and 48 Freshmen students. There is a possibility that we may accept one or two transfer students into the program next Spring at the Freshman level.

Mrs. Robinson reviewed the application window dates for both the Bridging 2008 and ADN 2008 programs.

She reported that we have been using the simulators more for clinical experiences, with the help of Glynda Parker, Simulation Lab Coordinator, who has been assisting with developing more simulation activities.

ADN faculty changes were announced as follows: Chris Burchette is no longer an ADN faculty member and has been replaced by Joanne Bell. Melinda Henderson was hired for the Fall 2007 semester, but will not return for Spring 2008. However, Mary Ervi will leave the VN side and join the ADN side in Spring 2008 to replace Melinda. Laurie Herzer is our new S&W shared instructor.

Vocational Nursing Update:

Mr. Bond reported that in May 2007, the Temple College VN program graduated 66 students, and the Temple College – Taylor VN program graduated 21 students. Currently 94% of the TC Temple VN graduates have passed the NCLEX and 86% of the Temple College – Taylor VN graduates have passed the NCLEX.

Currently Temple College VN has 54 students and Temple College – Taylor VN has 20 students.

Temple College VN has 6 instructors and Temple College – Taylor VN has 3 instructors, the newest being Jim Pinkerton in Taylor. Alice Simpson will join the Taylor instructors in December, and Nancy Eaton will join the Temple VN program in January.

The VN application window has been open since November 1, and will close January 10, 2008. The deadline to take the Net-PN test is January 8, 2008.

Health Professions Update:

Dr. Lee Ogburn-Russell told the committee a little bit about herself and her dual role as Associate VP Health Professions and ADN Program Director and the blending of the Nursing Division with Health Sciences Division.

Dr. Ogburn-Russell shared that on the Health Professions side, we are soon to have an associate degree program for Diagnostic Medical Stenography. It will start this summer.

BON Update:

Mrs. Robinson reported that some significant changes were made last year by state legislature concerning the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). The annual report format has changed and it is now done on line. The ADN department completed theirs this week. The VN department will do theirs in January or February. Mrs. Robinson shared that the May 2008 graduates must now do a jurisprudence exam in order to practice and re-license. She noted that the ADN curriculum has the Legal Ethical course and will be restructured to accommodate the change. Bridging students will need more Legal Ethical course content, because as VN students, they were only educated on the basic concepts.

Elections:

Melinda Laprade was nominated as chairperson, and she accepted the nomination. Discussion was held as to whether or not a secretary was needed to be elected since notes and minutes have always been done by a staff member. It was decided that the Nursing Advisory Committee did not need a secretary.

Program Development:

It was suggested to look into the possibilities of bringing an ADN program to the Temple College Taylor campus along with a Bridging program. With new hospitals being built the Round Rock area, there would be more facilities for clinicals at some time in the future. Temple College received a grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in the amount of \$115,807.00, with the stipulation that the money can only be used for faculty. It was mentioned that this grant money might be used in conjunction with possibly expanding our faculty numbers to accommodate the possible addition of an ADN and/or Bridging program in Taylor or to increase faculty members at Temple College (Temple) to possibly increase the student load in the ADN program. Some members present felt that the grant should go to a Bridging program in Taylor. It would be a one year program that their (Taylor's) VN graduates could apply to and continue their nursing education. After a discussion, the general consensus was that we need to increase the number of Bridging slots at Temple College, and use the grant funding for additional instructor salaries, then start a Bridging program in Taylor.

Other:

Mrs. Robinson asked the agency representative how our Temple College graduates were doing out in the work force. Melinda Laprade reported that the simulation practices have helped the graduates very much and that it has built up confidence. She also shared that she has received 2 or 3 written documents with positive comments about our nursing graduates.

Linda Pehl shared that some of our graduates have entered her Bridging program at UMHB and they do very well. Tracy Bess suggested that we arrange to have some representatives of BSN bridging programs come and speak with our students. Could we have some type of education fair?

Members present reported on current agency activities.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Miller
Recorder, ADN Department Secretary