

Minutes—Called Faculty Meeting, April 2, 2009 (1400)

Present: C. Sykes, Dr. P. Price Lea, W. Marin, P. Kelley, M. Uzochukwu, T. Bryan, Dr. C. Cody-Connor, Z. Price, Dr. B. Fields, Dr. D. Birch, C. Saunders, W. Williamson, F. Milner, C. Evans, P. Chavis, Dr. S. Blackstock, Dr. V. Whitaker, S. Randolph, Dr. Y. McKoy, P. Goode, D. Neblett

Presiding: Dr. Chamings called the meeting to order at 1400.

The purpose of the called faculty meeting was to review several curriculum changes related to the Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program. The block curriculum and general principals had been previously approved by the faculty 2/9/09. Dr. Shelton, Chair of the Academic Programs committee presented the proposals for the Accelerated 2nd Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program.

Several courses including Foundations of Professional Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, Nursing Care of Childbearing Practice, Community Health Nursing and Pediatric Nursing were presented as new courses since the credit hours were changed and the courses needed a new number. See below:

Nursing 325 (Foundations of Professional Nursing) was revamped for the accelerated program to include content from Nur 300, Nur 350 and Nur 351, and the credit hours reduced from a total of 8 to 5. Dr. Price Lea moved approval, Dr. Cody-Connor seconded.

Nursing 413 (Generic program, Nursing 412), Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing was changed to 4 credit hours.

Nursing 419 (Generic program, Nursing 418), Nursing Care of Childbearing Practice was changed to 4 credit hours.

Nursing 501 (Generic program, Nursing 500), Pediatric Nursing was changed to 4 credit hours.

Nursing 511 (Generic program, Nursing 510), Community Health Nursing was changed to 4 credit hours.

All of the above changes were approved by the faculty by voice vote.

Prerequisite Courses: There was much discussion about prerequisites. In the proposal (see attached package), abnormal psychology was proposed. This requirement was changed to general psychology (Ms. Chavis moved and Ms. Neblett seconded). The faculty approved with 1 person opposing.

Nursing 310 (Medical Language) was deleted with the unanimous support of the faculty. Other prerequisites listed (Chemistry, A&P, Micro, Nutrition and Growth and Development) were approved with some opposition but major support. Prerequisites total 23 credit hours.

Following much discussion of the total package and voting on separate items, it was moved and seconded (Ms. Williamson & ?) to approve the package of changes for the accelerated program. The program was unanimously approved. Dr. Birch reminded us that we need to carefully select the students for this program in order to assure continual NCLEX success. A GPA of 3.0 is required for

admission, and interviews will be required. A cohort of students will be selected and monitored for program and outcome measured. Following discussion of the Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program, Dr. Shelton introduced a new elective course, Introduction to Forensic Health Studies, that the Academic Program Committee approved and asked Dr. Yvonne McKoy to speak briefly. Dr. McKoy discussed the course, which she will be teaching, and asked for approval. A copy of the proposal is attached. The faculty unanimously approved the course which will meet the requirement in the Health cluster.

The meeting was adjourned at 1450.