

**UW-Milwaukee
College of Nursing
Black & Gold Committee Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2005**

Present: Susan Dean Baar, Catherine Lageson, Lisa Mihlbauer, Julie Snethen, Deatra Holloway, Nina Bendre, Eric Goin, Shawn King, Michelle Simpson, Liz Kozub, Jennifer Gammeter, Melanie Bloedorn, Melody Escoto, Amanda Faile, Jessica Yanny.

Excused: Ken Lyman, Faye Enriquez, Jennifer Daood

The meeting was called to order at 12noon. The minutes from the 2/14/05 meeting were approved as circulated.

Bulletin Board

- Bulletin board in the student lounge is being used by many student organizations. Eric Goin will post the minutes from our monthly Black & Gold committee meetings on the bulletin board.

Hot Topics Column – Student Nurses Association

- This topic will be tabled until the fall, 2005 semester.

Copy Card Machine

- Nina Bendre and the Black & Gold Committee were able to get a copy card machine in the NLRC. Congratulations on a job well done! Signs will be posted this week to advertise the machine.

Parking Information Flyer

- Michele Simpson distributed a draft of the flyer, which explains the parking in the Cunningham lot. Suggestions were made to change the flyer and to have it available on the website, the bulletin board and at new student orientation to the major. Michele Simpson will get the revised flyer to Student Affairs in time for the next student orientation in August, 2005.

Mentoring Program

- The mentoring program sub-committee met on 3/7/05 and drafted a document containing a mission statement and guidelines for the program. The mission statement and guidelines were distributed at the meeting today.
- **A lengthy discussion ensued and the following suggestions received support from the committee:**

1. The mentoring program will be re-named the “Peer Support Program”
2. The “mission statement” will be changed to the “purpose” and will read:

Purpose: The purpose of the Peer Support Program of the College of Nursing is to provide an opportunity for experienced students to share successful strategies for managing the many facets of the professional nursing program.

3. Communication about the new Peer Support Program will be via:

An email notice will be sent out in late April and mid July advertising the new Peer Support Program. Liz will bring a draft of this email to our next meeting for review. Student Affairs will also be putting out one more newsletter this year – it was suggested that we contact Ahn Brincks to post information in the newsletter about this new program. Liz will also e-mail this information to Jessica Yanny so they will have it for the UWP students as well.

A person in Student Affairs (Jennifer Daood) will respond to email inquires about the program. We will obtain an email address for students to reply to. Deatra Holloway will respond to mail that is received for the black and gold peer support program.

A suggestion was made to hand out a flyer to students in 403 (or another theory class) to ascertain student interest in becoming a mentor. This would help to recruit mentors and also to estimate the amount of interest in the program. Guidelines suggested were that communication between participants take place via email and that each mentor have only 1 – 2 mentees.

Eric Goin agreed to revise the mentee letter (circulated at the meeting) that would be used to distribute to the mentees to describe the new program. It was suggested that this letter be revised into an email format to save costs

on a large mailing. Nina Bendre will also revise the mentor letter and bring it to the April meeting to discuss as well.

It was agreed that a permanent subcommittee of the Black and Gold Committee would be used to continue and maintain the Peer Support Program.

Food Kiosk Survey

- A draft of a “Food Service Satisfaction Survey” was distributed.
- Dr. Lageson, Sue Dean Baar and others suggested some changes to the survey. There was concern that we would not want to survey students about issues we could not change (ie the price of the food, etc). There were also concerns about the purpose of the survey. The survey has already been discussed with the director of the Union food services who was very receptive to the survey.
- A suggestion was made to not move forward on the survey until Ken Lyman was available at the Black and Gold Committee meeting to complete the discussion about the survey, and before any food service survey is sent out.

Goals/Priorities for 2005/2006

- Julie Snethen suggested that we consider possible goals/priorities for the next school year. It was agreed that we would discuss this further at our next meeting on April 11, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Mihlbauer