

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
College of Nursing
Black & Gold Committee
Minutes
May 8, 2006

Present: Andrea Altmann, Nina Bendre, Audrey Hale, Melody Bloedorn, Lisa Mihlbauer, Sue Dean-Baar, Sara Kroenke, Ken Lyman, Julia Snethen

Excused:

1. Call to order –

Meeting was called to order at 12:03pm.

2. Review and approve minutes of April 10, 2006 meeting –

Meeting minutes were approved- thank you to Audrey Hale for completing April minutes!

3. Black and Gold Membership 2006-2007 -

A sign up sheet was passed around to those members who are interested in continuing membership on this committee for next year

4. Peer Support Group

- The purpose of the peer support group is to provide a way for students to communicate within the nursing major to other students in semesters ahead
- The problem with having this group within the Black and Gold Committee is that people are excited about this at first, but then they graduate and the follow through is not there
- If the NSA could house this project there would be better continuity
- Either the NSA could choose to match people one on one or make a list of people who would be willing to answer questions
- Tiffany Voss, NSA President 2006-07 agreed that NSA could take on this project and would be able to keep a binder of interested people to be mentors
- The best solution to get people interested is to start with sign ups at fall orientation for each clinical level
- The Black and Gold committee would be willing to help maintain this project and would be able to put flyers up and make an announcement off of the website
- Current Peer Support Group committee within the CON Black and Gold agreed to forward any emails pertaining to this project to Sara Kroenke
- To recap the process: we will ask for volunteers by level to sign up to be a resource for other level students, then if a student wants to contact someone, they can stop in the NSA office

5. Carpooling bulletin board-

- Nina Bendre reported that sign up sheets are up in the CON
- The sheets are titled “Ride Share” and encourage students to advertise if they need a ride somewhere and for those who have transportation to periodically look at the ride share
- There are two forms on display, one on the NSA board by the 1st floor elevators and the other is on the bulletin board in the CON lounge under the Black and Gold section
- Sue Dean-Baar requested information about this option be submitted to Robin Jens to include in the fall nursing newsletter

6. Review of Survey Draft

- Audrey Hale reported that surveys were passed out at the last Black and Gold meeting, but not reviewed
- Only one change was made to the survey
- The question is when to distribute the survey, whether now is appropriate or waiting until fall
- It may be the best idea to fill out the surveys at orientation for clinical
- Audrey and Julie will stay in touch regarding this topic over the summer

7. Stress Management Project

- Andrea Altmann suggested that this project be taken into consideration for an activity in fall in collaboration with the CON
- Sara Kroenke mentioned that NSA was looking into a stress relief night in collaboration with the Peer Mentoring Center
- Andrea suggested that massages still be considered for the activity for nursing students and agreed to pass on the contact information for the athletic training student group who would provide the massages
- Sara agreed to help with the project and take the contact information from Andrea

8. Resource Panel from each semester

- 4B reported that no students came to either session, but Andrea and Nina were able to connect with students who had class right before the session
- 3A reported that 3 students came and asked about clinical choices and if they should take any courses over the summer
- The question was posed if the Black and Gold should try these resource sessions again
- Andrea suggested that this program be replaced with the Peer Support Group, which would act as a resource and cover the same service
- Audrey mentioned that the panel is a good idea in order to get multiple perspectives on the same issue
- Another idea was suggested to have the panel at the very end of academic courses or immediately after the courses to reach the most people possible
- The decision was made to revisit this topic in the fall

9. NLRC Focus Groups

- Sue Dean-Baar reported that the focus groups were cancelled due to lack of participation
- The plan is to spend time during the summer for informal feedback

10. Comment Box

- Sue Dean-Baar reported that comment boxes are up in both labs in the NLRC
- The form was given to FCPI and II at the end of the semester regarding differential tuition
- Boxes will be up during the semester as well as emphasized during the end of the year
- Based on themes reported from Linda, the students are interested in more consumable supplies and want to influence ideas for tuition differential dollars

11. Tuition Differential

- Sue Dean-Baar reported that the preliminary report is generated for the Tuition Differential Proposal of 2006-2007
- Next Fall, tuition differential will be in full swing, meaning that everyone within the college will be paying the differential
- The report was discussed bringing up the fact that clinical faculty salaries increased by 4.6% but otherwise, there was no change in salaries
- The NLRC is the most expensive item on the differential tuition list which accounts for \$179,325
- The major change in the NLRC next year will be the computer upgrades, which are typically recommended within three years
- The idea of consumable supplies was brought up to see if the committee agreed that buying numerous foley catheter kits would be impossible, both financially and environmentally. The committee agreed.
- The suggestion was made to purchase more sterile gloves so that the catheter kits remain the same, but new sterile gloves are added for a realistic and economic approach
- Another idea was made to try to get IV pumps donated rather than paid for
- The follow up comment stated that as long as the IV pumps are fairly modern, there should not be an emphasis placed on IV pumps because every agency has its own and we would not be able to purchase one from each location
- The student suggestion was to keep the Senior Level testing as a part of the differential tuition rather than an added expense within Senior year
- Many items are part of the differential tuition proposal for new NLRC equipment such as PCA pumps, equipment carts, instructional media, and a possible addition of bar code medication administration and a redesign of the space on the 3rd floor
- Ken Lyman asked if the bar coding system would actually be beneficial to learn
- Sue Dean-Baar responded that bar coding is a national patient safety goal and would not take the place of any methods of identification. In addition, the bar coding actually reinforces the methods of medication administration and does not allow for the nurse to miss a step in the process
- Andrea Altmann asked if there were current PCA pumps in the NLRC
- Sue Dean-Baar responded that there were not, but were being looked into as part of the tuition differential to have one PCA at Parkside and one at UWM
- The suggestion was made to see about a donated PCA rather than a new one
- Sue Dean-Baar informed the group that the CON usually purchases refurbished items
- Sue Dean-Baar responded by telling the group she would proceed with the list of differential tuition items and would bring the expanded list back in fall

12. Project Evolve

- Sue Dean-Baar reported that this project will be implemented in fall for Semesters 3A and 3B
- This will give students the ability to buy all of their books in a bundle, which would end up 10% less than if they bought each book separately
- Students would also have the option of purchasing an electronic version of all texts that has a search option for all books and can be downloaded into only one computer
- The total package price for both the texts and the electronic copy would be 10% more than the list price

- The students need to determine if the electronic version is something they want right away with the book purchase, otherwise they cannot get the deal

13. New Updates

- Congrats to all May graduates
- Thanks to everyone for a great year of Black and Gold!

14. Meeting Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Altmann
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