

**UW Milwaukee College of Nursing
BLACK AND GOLD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2008**

Present: Julia Snethen, Lisa Mihlbauer, Robin Jens, Susan Dean Baar, Amanda Faile, Morgan Ludford, Angie Devroy, Jennifer Daood, Julie Russell, Sado Oriya, Chris Stein, Joel Robers, James Wissing

Excused: Linda Scalzo

Call to order

- The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.

1. Review and approval of minutes of 10/13/08 meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved without discussion.

2. CON Black and Gold Committee Student Membership Updates

- One application for a 3A student rep position was received from Chris Stein – a level 3 A student. Chris Stein’s application was reviewed and the committee voted to accept Chris as a member of the committee – welcome Chris.
- Two student representatives from UWP (Ruth Ivalis and Jori Russ) have stated that they are planning to complete applications – the students were present at the meeting today via telephone.
- Morgan Ludford stated that she would bring applications to the next NSA meeting to recruit an NSA rep to Black and Gold. Sal Balistreri (current NSA president) was also invited to attend the meetings.
- We still need student members at some levels, we need **one representative for 3A and two for 4A**. We also do not have student representatives from the graduate or doctoral programs.
- Joel Robers and Jim Wissing stated that they would go contact Dr. Doris Schoneman and ask to the 4A class 415 (Community) n Friday at 1pm in Enderis 107 to try to recruit a 4 A committee member.
- Joel Robers has volunteered to become the next student co-chair of Black and Gold. The students on the committee voted, and Joel was elected to be the new student co-chair for the committee. Joel’s term will begin in January, 2009 – congratulations and thanks to Joel.

3. Tuition Differential Update – Susan Dean Baar

- Dr. Dean Baar reviewed the College's tuition differential program . There are now five UWM schools/colleges utilizing tuition differential – Business, Engineering, Arts, Architecture and Nursing. The College of Nursing's tuition differential program is very unique. The tuition differential dollars have been designated to be spent on very specific items and the oversight remains in the Black & Gold Committee. The specific items which can be purchased with tuition differential dollars include staff in student affairs, increasing salaries of clinical faculty and increasing technology spending in the NLRC.
- The original dollar amount approved for tuition differential is \$30 per credit – only for courses that are required in the major. Dr. Dean Baar discussed the very real possibility that in the future the dollar amount may be increased due to the rising costs of staff salaries covered by tuition differential dollars. Dr. Dean Baar stated that conversations of this nature are taking place in the wider campus community and that she will keep the committee informed of any changes that might take place in the future.
- It is estimated that at our current rate of funding, tuition differential dollars will provide approximately \$340-345,00 per year to our programs. This amount depends on enrollment. As noted above, if clinical faculty salaries or student services staff salaries increase – as they are projected to do – we may see less money going to the NLRC if changes are not made in the future.
- Dr. Dean Baar reviewed the current status of our tuition differential funds:
 1. 2007-2008 Tuition Differential Funds were approved by the Black and Gold Committee last year. A list of all funds was distributed at the meeting. There is a total of \$24,000 in 2007-2008 funds remaining after all allocated funds were spent. High priority items (as designated by Linda Scalzo) for this money include client teaching materials for FCP 1 teaching projects and medication carts and laptop computers for EHR.
 2. UWP students asked that they be allowed to review the written list of tuition differential dollars expenditures and requests before approving spending of the remaining funds. Dr. Dean Baar indicated that she would make sure they received copies.
 3. Amanda Faile suggested that the committee table a discussion of spending of the remaining 2007-2008 funds until the December meeting. The students on the committee supported this suggestion, and the committee will vote on use of the remaining funds at the December meeting.

- The possibility of using tuition differential funds to pay for flu shots for all nursing students, a question which was raised during the October meeting, was discussed. The committee agreed NOT to vote on this issue today –do to the logistics of accomplishing this at this point in the semester.

4. . Social Activities

- **SNA** –Morgan Ludford attended the last SNA meeting. SNA is still considering doing a “Casino Night” social event this year. Morgan also discussed with SNA the possibility of SNA and Black and Gold becoming involved in the “Motown in March” event being put on by the CON nursing centers. SNA did express some interest in providing support for this effort and possibly working together with Black and Gold. Dr. Dean Baar discussed the potential of collaborating with NSA, Black and Gold and the Nursing Centers to encourage student involvement and attendance at this fundraiser for the Nursing Centers.
- **Basketball game** – Julie Russell talked to Wendy Welsh to get more information about the possibility of Black and Gold co-sponsoring a social event in coordination with a UWM basketball game. This possibility was discussed at our last Black and Gold meeting. Wendy Welsh offered the idea of the nationwide February 19th breast cancer awareness event to be held at a Women’s basketball game. Dr. Dean Baar and Dr. Snethen stated that they will obtain more information about this event and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

4. Additional agenda items

- **Graduation gowns** – Amanda Faile asked if we might be able to take action on the issue of graduation gowns. Amanda stated that the gowns are not washable or dry-cleanable – thus students must pay \$18 (plus \$12 shipping) for this item. Amanda wondered if there might be a way to decrease costs or shipping if students did a group order through the College of Nursing. Amanda suggested that this group order could be discussed at the 4B orientation to graduation on the first day of the semester. At the present time, all gown orders are done via the UWM bookstore – thus we would need to discuss the process with them. Chris Stein offered to investigate this issue and report back at the next meeting in December.
- UWP Students Requested Information about parking on campus on 11/21 when they travel to UWM for their 4A evidence based practice discussion. Students were encouraged to park in the Cunningham lot (Friday afternoons are not as crowded as other times) or the U Park lots – (Capitol & Humboldt or Bradford/Lake Drive) students do need a UWM ID to board the U Buss after they park in the U Park lots – Dr. Dean Baar offered to check to be certain that they could use their UWP ID’s to board the U Bus.

5. Next meeting date

- **The NEXT Black and Gold Committee meeting will take place at 12 noon on DECEMBER 08, 2008 in room 795.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Submitted by Lisa Mihlbauer
12/10/07