

## **UW Milwaukee College of Nursing**

### **BLACK & GOLD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES– October 10, 2005**

**Present:** Julia Snethen, Sue Dean-Baar, Lisa Mihlbauer, Deatra Holloway, Nina Bendre, Ken Lyman, Andrea Altmann, Melanie Bloedorn, Jennifer Daood, Barb Ensor

**Excused:** Shawn King, Catherine Lageson, Matthew Grevenow

#### **1. Call to order**

- The meeting was called to order at 12:00noon.

#### **2. Review and approval of minutes of 9/12/05 meeting**

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved without corrections or updates.

#### **3. Monthly minute taking sign up sheet was circulated. Assignments are as follows:**

- September – Lisa Mihlbauer
- October – Nina Bendre
- November – Shawn King
- December – Ken Lyman
- February – Andrea Altmann
- March – Deatra Holloway
- April – Melanie Bloedorn

#### **4. Creating Awareness of the Black and Gold Committee**

- Andrea Altmann volunteered to contact Karen Dredge (who may have last year's copy) in order to help create a new flyer to promote greater awareness of the B & G committee, to try and enhance recruitment, and to post future meeting times.
- A suggestion was made to add to the flyer past achievements accomplished (such as the library copy card machine), and the upcoming peer support program.
- The suggestion was restated to post these flyers on the elevator and/or the bulletin board in the student lounge, and to use different colored paper to draw attention.

## **5. Recruitment Progress For the B & G committee**

- It was brought to the attention of the B & G committee, that one problem with recruitment has been our meeting time, which conflicts with Growth & Development that meets at this same time.

## **6. College of Nursing Peer Support Program**

- UW-Parkside peer support program appears to be running smoothly.
- The CON Peer Support Program subcommittee at the UW-Milwaukee reported back that they had met on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and realized there was some confusion as to whether or not a College Of Nursing Peer Support Program was actually desired since it had been suggested that we combine forces with the campus-wide mentoring program. As a group we agreed that the freshman might be better off paired up with the campus-wide mentoring program, but that sophomores, juniors, and seniors would still benefit greatly from a CON program. Nina stated that she had spoken directly with Dean and Associate Dean (Lundeen & Dean-Baar) for clarification, and they also agreed.
- The CON Peer Support Program subcommittee agreed that the CON program would be prioritized for those already accepted into the RN major, but would also be open to sophomores in pre-nursing if enough mentors allowed.
- The subcommittee decided that the name of the program would be the College of Nursing (CON) Peer Support Program.
- A concern was voiced by Nina and Andrea that email addresses of students who had volunteered to be mentors, had been passed on to the campus-wide program, and had already been paired up with mentees. Deatra Holloway stated that the list of names had indeed been passed on. In the following discussion, it was decided that there was most likely still interest in the CON program, and the subcommittee wanted to continue moving forward with it.
- The subcommittee agreed to meet for a second time on October 17<sup>th</sup>, in order to pair up the mentors and mentees, to develop a "decision tree" that clearly specifies our programs intentions (i.e. - students with a need for tutoring would be referred to the AIC, etc), and to decide what else needed to be done in order to move forward. It was decided that a facilitator would not be needed for this next subcommittee meeting.

## **7. Car Pooling Suggestion**

- A suggestion made by Martha Phillips (via Julia Snethen) is to create a space on the student bulletin board for car-pooling communication, with the idea being to save on gas money. It's unknown how extensive the interest would be, but an area could be designated where students would be able to leave their email address, locations, and days of the week/times wanted to carpool. Andrea stated there are boards like this on other campuses, and it was left open to students to become self-involved. Nina volunteered to speak with Martha in order to clarify the idea. Sue Dean-Baar suggested we send out an email to students when/ if we begin, in order to announce this optional service.

## **8. Next meeting date**

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm; the next meeting date is set for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 1:00 in room 795.

Submitted by Nina Bendre  
10/30/05