

**University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee**  
**College of Nursing**  
**Black & Gold Committee**  
Minutes  
October 9, 2006

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**Present:** Jennifer Daood, Audrey Hale, Laura Schumacher, Emily Allred, Bob Blome, Rhandi Roberson, Deatra Holloway, Amanda Faile, Lisa Mihlbauer, Catherine Lageson, Sara Kroenke, Julia Snethen, Sue Dean Baar.

**Excused:** Ryan Smith, Melody Escoto, Melanie Bloedorn, Rachel Kannass

**1. Call to order –**

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

**2. Review and approve minutes of September 11, 2006 meeting –**

Meeting minutes were approved – thank you to Emily Allred for completed September minutes. Lisa Mihlbauer has volunteered to take minutes at the November meeting. Volunteers are needed for all of the remaining meetings.

**3. Survey Data Review and Discussion -**

- It was determined that several of the comments focused on increasing the socialization opportunities within the College of Nursing.
- There were many ideas for healthy foods to offer in the vending machines, but it was agreed that healthy food options were stocked in the past but not purchased; therefore the vending company went back to stocking mainly potato chips and candy bars. Also, NSA and FBNA offer some of the items listed in the student suggestions. At this time Black and Gold will not pursue changing the snack options.
- There was very little interest in a peer mentoring program, although the Parkside mentoring program has been going well.
- There was moderate interest in carpooling. Concern was raised that not all students are aware of the carpooling bulletin board implemented last semester by Black and Gold. It was suggested to send an email to all College of Nursing students informing them of the bulletin board. Then an article in the quarterly newsletter was proposed. Dean Dean-Baar felt that a regular update of Black and Gold should be included in all future newsletters. Audrey Hale volunteered to write the first brief article including the carpool bulletin board, an invitation for any interested students to attend Black and Gold meetings.
- To address the requests for more socialization, a Holiday Party was suggested. Many ideas were proposed including having a Toys for Tots drive and wrapping the gifts at the party, collecting personal hygiene items, collecting food, decorating Christmas ornaments at the party, and serving snacks and beverages. Dean Dean-Baar said a Monday afternoon would be the best time for the party as 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B all have classes on campus on Mondays. It was decided that FBNA, NSA, and Black and Gold will collaborate to plan the party. Bob Blome will represent Black and Gold. The representatives will meet at 12:30pm on the third Wednesday of the month (October 18<sup>th</sup>) towards the end of the NSA meeting located in the NSA office.

#### **4. Black and Gold Membership 2006 – 2007 school year -**

- Discussed previously, current members will be listed in the College of Nursing quarterly newsletter. The Newsletter will also include a note that Black and Gold meetings are open to all students interested in attending.

#### **5. Updates -**

- Carpooling bulletin board – discussed above
- Stress management project – will be combined with other social activities
- Comment Box in NLRC – is still there, comments are reviewed by the NLRC staff and if any issue of interest to Black and Gold is raised, the NLRC staff will notify us
- Implementation of the Evolve product for required texts in the major starting fall semester 2006 –Lisa Mihlbauer is very satisfied with the product and feels it will save students a lot of time, especially when using multiple resources to prepare for clinicals. It was mentioned that some students purchased the bundle, downloaded the electronic textbooks onto a computer, and then sold all of the actual textbooks. Audrey Hale is the level 3A representative and chose not to purchase the Evolve product due to cost consideration and so far has not regretted the decision. Several of her friends also did not purchase the bundle, but she will check with more people to gather feedback for the next meeting.

#### **6. Other -**

- Survey data also contained many requests for coffee to be sold everyday in Cunningham. The NSA has been selling coffee out of a large pot in the lobby on the “honor system”, but not everyone is paying. NSA will try to post new signs clearly stating the required fee and may switch to a secure container to hold deposited money. If people continue to not pay for coffee they will discontinue offering it.
- Several students have asked if it would be possible to extend the hours of the NLRC. Dean Dean-Baar replied that two years ago the hours were extended later into the evening and on Saturdays and very few students utilized the extra hours except before skills tests. It was not feasible to pay for staffing during the extra hours all the time; therefore the hours are extended only before skills test.

#### **7. Adjournment –**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted;

Audrey Hale

October 16, 2006