

## **UW Milwaukee College of Nursing**

### **BLACK AND GOLD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES– September 12, 2005**

**Present:** Julia Snethen, Catherine Lageson, Lisa Mihlbauer, Deatra Holloway, Nina Bendre, Ken Lymon, Andrea Altmann, Shawn King, Melanie Bloedorn

**Excused:** Susan Dean Baar, Jennifer Daood, Jessica Yanny, Amanda Faile, Melody Escoto, Amanda Lulloff

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

- The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.

#### **2. Introduction of committee members, welcome to new members**

#### **3. Review and approval of minutes of 5/9/05 meeting**

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

#### **4. 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

#### **5. College of Nursing Black and Gold Committee Student Involvement Flyer**

- Discussion ensued about whether our flyer was distributed at new student orientation. The student at our meeting who was present at that orientation did not know if the flyer was distributed. Ken Lymon will check with Student Affairs to see if we can place flyers in the NLRC. He will also distribute them in his class.

## **6. Creating awareness of the Black and Gold Committee**

- Julia stated that she would send an email to all students (via Jennifer Daood) identifying the openings that are available on the committee, to recruit new members to the committee, as well as to let students know they are welcome to attend Black and Gold committee meetings.
- A suggestion was made to post meeting times on the elevator and/or the bulletin board in the student lounge.
- Nina Bendre volunteered to monitor the Black and Gold committee section of the bulletin board and remove non-Black and Gold related items from the board.

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

- UW-Parkside is meeting today to move forward on the creation of their peer support program-it appears to be running smoothly from Jennifer Daood's report.
- Julia Snethen distributed the "Sign Up Sheet" from Deatra Holloway with the results of the students who have expressed an interest in the Peer Support program. Only a very small number of students responded to the email. They include: 13 students who signed up to mentor, 8 students who signed up to be a mentee and 6 students who signed up to do both. However, Deatra has received additional sign-ups, which she will forward to Julia Snethen, and will be shared with the committee.
- Nina, Melanie and others suggested that the method used to respond to the survey was cumbersome and that many students could not determine how to send the survey back to us.
- Deatra Holloway explained that a new campus wide Peer Mentoring program has been initiated by the Chancellor's office. Deatra also stated that Susan Dean Baar did not want our program to duplicate the efforts of the Chancellor's campus wide program, which is specifically for freshman on campus.
- A discussion ensued about the goals of our program. The general consensus was that our proposed program was specifically directed at students who are in the major – or about to enter the major. The specific goals of our proposed program include trying to help students to navigate through the professional major. It was suggested that our program be for sophomores, juniors and seniors in nursing only.

- It was suggested that we develop a basic “decision tree” to clearly specify our programs intentions (ie- students with a need for tutoring would be referred to the AIC, etc).
- A discussion about a possible name change to our program was discussed (i.e. - eliminate using the words peer and mentoring), as we want to clearly differentiate it from the campus wide freshman program.
- A decision was made to have a sub-committee of Black and Gold committee members meet to brainstorm how to proceed with our in house peer support program. Nina Bendre, Andrea Altmann, Melanie Bloedorn and Ken Lyman will form the sub-committee. Ken Lyman agreed to chair the subcommittee. The task of the sub-committee will be to brainstorm about this program, clarify goals and objectives for an in house program, and create a basic decision tree to clarify our program. The sub-committee will communicate with the Black and Gold committee via email before our next meeting in October.

#### **8. Next meeting date**

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm; the next meeting date was set for Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 12:00 in room 795.

Submitted by Lisa Mihlbauer  
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