

Differential Tuition Report – Student Senate
College of Nursing
November 7th, 2004

The College of Nursing requested three focus areas for the use of the Differential Tuition Revenue. These areas are critical to the educational experience and satisfaction of our students: They are:

- 1) Modernize the Nursing Learning Resource Center (NLRC)
- 2) Improve Academic Advising
- 3) Retention and hiring of Clinical Faculty

The College of Nursing uses our Black & Gold Committee as an advisory committee for the expenditure of these funds. At the May 2004 monthly meeting of our Black & Gold Committee a proposal for allocation of FY 04/05 funds was presented to and supported by the committee. At the September 2004 monthly meeting of the Black & Gold Committee a progress report was provided.

A total of \$135,000 in DT is projected to be collected in FY04/05. Please note that the campus allowed the CON to “pre-spend” our DT revenue BEFORE the start of the Fall semester. Therefore, the supplies and equipment referenced in items 2 and 3 below were in place when the students started the Fall semester. Once a firm projection is obtained on revenue and expenses in the Spring semester, any remaining funds for FY04/05 will be spent on NLRC supplies and equipment.

The College of Nursing proposal for using the DT funds in the following manner was supported by the Black & Gold Committee:

- 1) Approximately \$35,000 was allocated towards increasing our Clinical Faculty salaries by \$2,000 on a Full-time basis. We lost two of our long time staff to the technical colleges due to offers approximately \$12,000 greater than our current rate of pay. We felt this was critical in order to retain our current staff and maintain the stability for the students in the clinical settings.
- 2) Approximately \$62,500 was spent on the SIMMAN simulation mannequins that are now located in the NLRC. Additional one-time funds were obtained from campus so 4 total units could be purchased – 3 at Milwaukee and 1 at Parkside. This equipment is a state of the arts simulation mannequin that provides a critical thinking educational experience for our students before they enter the clinical setting.
- 3) Approximately \$10,000 has been spent on modernizing general supplies and equipment for the NLRC.
- 4) Director – Student Services – The College of Nursing is currently searching for a Director of Student Services that we hope will be on board by January 1, 2005. This is a new position will supervise the Student Services area in Academic Affairs. In addition to providing additional advising support for our students, this senior position will provide leadership in our Student Services area.

The CON Black & Gold Committee meets monthly on the second Monday of the month from 12:00-1:00pm. Membership and other documents can be found at:

http://www3.uwm.edu/nursing/students/black_gold.cfm.

To date the only comments we have received from students about the tuition differential have been numerous positive comments from students regarding the updating of the NLRC.