

AMARILLO COLLEGE

NURSING DIVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: November 18, 2008

TIME & PLACE: 3:00 p.m., West Campus Building A, Room 108

ATTENDANCE: Members Present: Bonnie McMillan – Geriatric Care Manager; Committee Chair; Charlyn Snow -- NWTSH, HR Director; Belinda Gibson – BSAHS, VP, Patient Services; Lisa Herndon – BSAHS, Director, Marketing, Recruiting, and BSA Foundation; Marilyn Mays –BSAHS, Nursing Director; Jeanette Williams – VA, Nurse Recruiter; Paul Matney – AC, Don Nicholson –AC Regent; Carol Forrester – AC Regent; and Jimmy Tak – lay member.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Sheryl Mueller – AC, Nursing Division Chair; LaVon Barrett – AC, Vocational Nursing Program Coordinator; Richard Pullen – AC, Professor and Assistant Director of the ADN Program; Kim Crowley – AC, Director, CChCE; Paul Matney – AC, Acting President; and Bill Crawford, AC, Assistant Dean of Career and Technical Programs

MINUTES:
Agenda Attached

TOPIC	DISCUSSION (RATIONALE)	ACTION/ RECOMMENDATIONS
Welcome and Introductions: Bonnie McMillan	Ms. McMillan welcomed everyone to the Fall 2008 Nursing Division Advisory Committee Meeting and asked for everyone to introduce themselves.	
Associate Degree Nursing Report: Sheryl Mueller December 2008 Graduates	Ms. Mueller provided the Associate Degree Nursing Report as follows: It is anticipated that 65-70 students will graduate in December 2008. The ADN Pinning Ceremony is on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the Central Church of Christ on 1401 S. Monroe. All Nursing Division Advisory Committee members are invited.	
HESI Exit Exam Scores of Potential December 2008 Graduates	There is concern among Level IV faculty members about the December 2008 graduates in regards to their ability to pass the NCLEX-RN on the first attempt. The class had a low mean score on the HESI Exit Exam, and the probability scores in Client Need and Specialty Categories were similar to the December 2007 class. These potential graduates have been assigned remediation and faculty NCLEX Teams have been working with them to address potential areas of weakness. A three-day free, live NCLEX-RN review is scheduled for December 17 th -19 th in the West Campus Lecture Hall.	
Nursing Jurisprudence Exam (NJE)	All applicants for initial licensure in Texas on or after 9/1/08 will be required to take the new Nursing Jurisprudence Exam. An applicant for initial licensure will not be granted a nursing license until a passing score is achieved. An applicant must wait a minimum of seven business days between NJE retakes. This new requirement may have a significant impact on healthcare employers hiring new graduates.	
ADN Program Stats: Graduates	There were 126 graduates from the ADN Program in 2008 (fall 2007 and spring 2008). Of these, 93 (73.8%) were unlicensed and 33 (26.2%) were LVNs. In 2007 (fall 2006 and spring 2007), there were 128 total graduates from the ADN Program.	
NCLEX-RN Pass Rates	The first-time NCLEX-RN Exam pass rate for 2008 was 87.20%, and the first-time pass rate for 2007 was 91.54%.	

Declared Majors	<p>The ADN-declared major pool has been stable this past year. There were 661 ADN-declared majors in fall 2007. This semester, there are 666 ADN-declared majors.</p>	
Enrollment	<p>Enrollment in the ADN Program has increased slightly during the past year. There were 438 students admitted to the program and enrolled in at least one nursing course on 9/30/08, and there were 412 students admitted to the program and enrolled in at least one nursing course on 10/15/07.</p>	
2007 Graduation Rates	<p>The THECB recently concluded a study of students admitted to nursing programs in 2004-05, including the AC ADN Program. There were 202 students admitted to the ADN Program in 2004-05, and 117 of these students graduated from the program. The graduation rate for the generic students was 65.0%, and the graduation rate for the LVN to RN AP students was 50.8%. The combined graduation rate was 57.92%.</p>	
Student Demographic Data	<p>As of 09/30/08, student demographic data revealed the following:</p> <p>Gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female = 397 (90.6%) Male = 41 (9.4%) <p>Age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15-19 = 14 (3.2%) 20-24 = 124 (28.3%) 25-29 = 114 (26.0%) 30-39 = 122 (27.8%) 40-49 = 53 (12.1%) 50 or > 11 (2.5%) <p>Race/Ethnicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White/Caucasion = 313 (71.5%) African American = 10 (2.5%) Hispanic/Latino = 93 (21.2%) Asian/Pacific Islander = 11 (2.5%) American Indian/Alaskan = 5 (1.1%) Other = 6 (1.3%) 	
Spring 2009 Program Admission	<p>The application period for spring 2009 admission is October 6th through December 3rd. Seven generic Advising Sessions have been held with a total of 146 attendees. Three LVN to RN AP Option Advising Sessions have been conducted with 26 in attendance. The plan is to admit 110 generic students and 20 LVN to RN AP Option students.</p>	
Program Admission Challenges	<p>As of 11/14/08, 73 HESI Admission Assessment Exams have been administered with a 50.68% pass rate. There are still 121 test scheduled during the next five testing dates. It will be difficult to meet the enrollment targets for spring 2009 by the close of the admission period on December 3rd. Some strategies have been implemented in order to address this situation. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Advising Sessions and testing dates Math tutoring Information dissemination Active recruitment by the Recruitment Task Force <p>Two pervasive myths about program admission may be hampering efforts to meet enrollment targets. These include the myth that there are generic program pre-requisites and that the program maintains a long waiting list. Actually, the program is designed to be completed in five semesters. Students do have to be eligible to enroll in college-level math, A&P I and general psych to begin the first semester, but students</p>	

	<p>can take general education and nursing courses concurrently as sequenced. There is no waiting list, and students must re-apply each semester to be considered for admission to either the generic program or LVN to RN AP Option.</p>	
<p>Faculty Status</p>	<p>There are currently 25 full-time faculty members (excluding director). This includes eight new faculty members hired in fall 2008. Three part-time faculty members are employed and one regular clinical teaching assistant (CTAs). This is 13 CTAs less than in spring 2008. There are no known faculty retirements coming in May 2009.</p>	
<p>Nursing Education Updates: THECB</p>	<p>In response to SB 139, 80th Legislature, an external consultant has designed a curriculum framework which focuses on safety and high-quality nursing care as well as maximizing enrollment capacity and student success. The next step is to develop the framework into a common curriculum model, with possible regional modifications, for initial licensure programs.</p>	
<p>Texas BON</p>	<p>The BON will begin to conduct CBCs on students as they enter nursing schools in spring 2009. In this voluntary process, the school of nursing will submit a roster of newly-admitted student names. The BON will then require students to submit to an FBI-level CBC via finger scanning a L1 Identity Solutions. The BON will correspond directly with students about the CBC results. Students with a positive CBC will be required by the BON to proceed through the declaratory order process.</p>	
<p>Clinical Simulation</p>	<p>The goal of the ADN Program is to thread clinical simulation into all clinical courses by the end of spring 2009. Some of the simulation experiences already in place include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End-of-life care Hemodynamic monitoring Dysrhythmia recognition Respiratory distress in a newborn Complications in pregnancy Diabetic ketoacidosis Hemorrhage and thyroid storm post-thyroidectomy Communicating with a patient with mood disorder Respiratory distress in a patient with a chest tube Prioritizing and organizing care for multiple patients 	
<p>Building Program</p>	<p>The new nursing and dental health center is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in fall 2010, and the Building B remodel will be ready for use in fall 2009. The Building B remodel will provide three new 75-seat classrooms and a testing center with 40 computers. Building program information and pictures can be accessed from the AC home page under Bond Projects.</p>	
<p>Vocational Nursing Program Report: LaVon Barrett</p>	<p>Ms. Barrett provided the following report for the Vocational Nursing Program:</p>	
<p>Current Enrollment</p>	<p>Level I began the semester with 57 students, and there are currently 48 students enrolled. Level II began the semester with 38 students, and there are currently 37 students enrolled.</p>	
<p>Fall Advising</p>	<p>To date, 99 students have attended Advising Sessions. There has been a better pass rate on the admission math test since students have been</p>	

	<p>allowed to use calculators. There were only two students who wanted to apply to the program who were unable to do so because of a lack of required immunizations. The spring 2009 application period closes on December 3rd. It is anticipated that 50 students will be admitted for spring 2009.</p>	
Pinning Ceremony	The VN Program Pinning Ceremony will be on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 6:00 pm at Concert Hall Theater on the Washington Street Campus of Amarillo College.	
NCLEX-PN Pass Rate	The first quarter pass rate was 100% (32/32), and the second quarter pass rate was 100% (35/35). During the third quarter, one student who actually completed the program in December 2006 failed the NCLEX. The NCLEX-PN Exam pass rate for the year was 98.59% (70/71).	
Clinical Simulation Collaboration	<p>The VN Program students and faculty participated in a clinical simulation day with Amarillo Area Center for Advanced Learning (AACAL) students and faculty this semester. The AACAL students served as the “live patients” for AC students to assess. It was a very successful and fun experience for students and faculty from both programs. Plans are to repeat the experience next year.</p> <p>Ms. Barrett provided a variety of slides taken during the clinical simulation experience featuring “live patients”, students, and faculty members. See attachments.</p>	
Comments, Questions, and Discussion		Several committee members complimented the AC nursing programs on meeting community needs for producing quality nurses.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.	

Sheryl Mueller, Nursing Division Chair