

AMARILLO COLLEGE

NURSING DIVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: November 15, 2006

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

ATTENDANCE: Members Present: Lisa Herndon, Belinda Gibson--BAPTIST ST. ANTHONY'S HEALTH SYSTEM; Jimmy Tak--FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH; Lisa Davis --WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, Linda Brattin – Veteran's Administration, Sharon Neal – WARE LIVING CENTER; and Vicky Richmond – AMERICAN RED CROSS

Ex-Officio Members Present: Paul Matney – Vice President Sheryl Mueller--AC Nursing Division Chair; LaVon Barrett - Vocational Nursing Program Coordinator; Karen Russell--Panhandle Geriatric Education Program Coordinator; Jennifer Arp – Nursing the Numbers Grant manager, Jeanetta Smiley--AC Administrative Assistant, Nursing Division;

MINUTES:  
Agenda Attached

TOPIC	DISCUSSION (RATIONALE)	ACTION/ RECOMMENDATIONS
Welcome & Introductions Bonnie McMillan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. McMillan welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves.</li> </ul>	
Panhandle Geriatric Education Program- Karen Russell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Russell reported on the status of the Geriatric Education Program. The grant works with Level IV students by setting up Geriatric Health Fairs during the semester. For the fall 2006 semester, 3 fairs were conducted. The first fair was conducted at the Amarillo Tri-State Fair Senior Citizen's Day Health Fair and Program 476 adults attended. The next fair was the Park Central Retirement Community with 76 adults attending. The last fair was held in Booker Texas at the Lipscomb County Health &amp; Safety Fair seeing a total of 43 adults. The total number of adults seen for the fall 2006 semester was 595.</li> <li>▪ Since January of 2002, 41 fairs have been conducted. The total attending the fairs was 3,889 with 411 nursing students working with the fair.</li> <li>▪ The Principles of Eldercare will be offered on-line again in the spring. The course will also be offered in-class during March and April.</li> </ul>	
Nursing the Numbers Jennifer Arp Faculty Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Arp gave an update on the Nursing the Numbers Grant. Co-Project Directors are: Sheryl Mueller and Richard Pullen.</li> <li>▪ Project assistant changes Joni Stone resigned in October, 2006 and Julie Poe has been hired and will begin work on November 20, 2006.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Arp reported all 20 RN-MSN scholars are currently enrolled for the fall semester. 9 of the 16 WT scholars and 3 of the 4 ASU Scholars have begun their graduate nursing studies this fall.</li> <li>▪ The mentoring program pairs RN-MSN scholars with Amarillo College A.D.N. Faculty members. There are 12 faculty participating in the grant Faculty Mentoring program</li> </ul>	
Student Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Arp reported under the student retention portion of the grant we have Care Groups in the second semester of the program. The Nursing Success Course includes Boot Camp and Nursing Success modules.</li> </ul>	

<p>VN Program Report LaVon Barrett</p> <p>Graduates</p> <p>Pinning</p> <p>Pass rates</p> <p>Spring 2007 applications Curriculum Changes</p> <p>ATI Learning System</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Through the MyAC Portal we have established a Web-based student support community.</li> <li>▪ Supplemental Instruction is being offered in the Pharmacology courses and plans to extend into the Med-surg course in the spring 2007.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Barrett began her presentation by introducing the instructors for the Vocational Nursing Program faculty. Karla Dixon, Sarah Williamson, Tamara Rhodes and Lee Ann Laney are the full-time instructors. Rene Haley, Olga Rodriguez, Rosemarie Masetta, Jennifer Lovett and Cindy Daniel are the part-time clinical instructors.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Barrett reported 35-40 students will graduate in December 2006.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Barrett announced Pinning will be December 6, 2006, 6:00 p.m., at the Concert Hall Theater. We invite you to join us on this special occasion.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Barrett reported from January 2005 to December 2005, 83 students completed the program. 78 passed on the first attempt, with a 93.98% pass rate.</li> <li>▪ For 2006 they have 66 graduates to date with a 89.18% pass rate.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Barrett reported 77 prospective students have attended advising sessions. Applications are due by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Barrett reported they will be making some curriculum revisions for fall 2007. The main change will occur with the Pharmacology course. They are also looking at making the Mental Health and Illness component a hybrid course.</li> <li>▪ The ATI evaluation program continues to benefit the students and the faculty plan continued use of the program.</li> </ul>	
<p>ADN Program Report Sheryl Mueller Graduates</p> <p>Pinning NCLEX review</p> <p>Admission to Generic Program</p> <p>Application for Spring 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller then gave a Power Point presentation on the status of the ADN program:</li> <li>▪ The Associate Degree Nursing program anticipates 60-65 graduates for the fall semester.</li> <li>▪ A.D.N. Pinning ceremony will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Oasis (Southwest) Baptist Church, 8201 Canyon Drive</li> <li>▪ The NCLEX-RN Review course is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> in the West Campus Lecture Hall. There is no cost to the graduates. This year the NCLEX-RN review is a 2+2 Review Course.</li> <li>▪ The graduates have 2 months access to the MEDS publishing NCLEX-RN on-line review course.</li> <li>▪ Application for Initial licensure is becoming an on-line process.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller reported a new point system is in place for the fall 2006 admission. The points for degrees have been deleted and a point has been added for in-area residency.</li> <li>▪ The application period for fall 2006 closes May 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller reported 185 students have attended an Advising session for fall 2006 admission.</li> <li>▪ We plan on admitting a total of 75 students; this includes new applicants and repeating students.</li> <li>▪ The A. D. N. program application period ends November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.</li> <li>▪ 153 students attended advising sessions. This does not include the 74 not admitted to the program for fall 2006.</li> <li>▪ Ms Mueller reported we plan to admit 75 generic students</li> </ul>	

<p>Enrollment</p>	<p>(applicants and repeating students). And 15 advanced placement students to LVN to RN option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller reported as of September 20, 2006 there were 405 students enrolled in at least one nursing course. 304 of those were in clinical courses.</li> <li>▪ We currently have 751 A.D.N. Declared majors for a total of 1156 total A.D.N. majors.</li> </ul>	
<p>Graduate information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller reported 132 students graduated during the 2005-06 Academic year. 56 in December 2005 and 76 in May 2006. This is up from the 124 graduates from the 2004-2005 academic years.</li> </ul>	
<p>Pass rate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The NCLEX-RN first time pass rate for October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 was 90.23%</li> <li>▪ The Texas overall pass-rate for first time candidates was 89.93%</li> </ul>	
<p>Faculty status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 17 full-time faculty members, excluding director. One faculty member is working on BNE emergency waiver.</li> <li>▪ 1 part-time faculty member is working on BNE emergency waiver</li> <li>▪ 10 part-time clinical teaching assistant.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller reported the department still needs two full-time clinical instructors. The position requires MSN and Medical Surgical experience.</li> <li>▪ We need multiple clinical teaching assistants for the spring 2007.</li> </ul>	
<p>Summer courses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller reported all 3 level III courses: Care of Children and Families; Concepts of Clinical Decision Making II; Mental Health Nursing. Level IV is offering Introduction to Community Based Nursing. Level II Health Assessment and Basic Dysrhythmia Interpretation.</li> </ul>	
<p>Preceptor Tuition Exemption program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller reported all institutions of higher learning must exempt eligible clinical preceptors for RN programs (and their eligible children) from payment of tuition up to \$500.00 per semester.</li> <li>▪ Eligibility ends when clinical preceptor/child has received exemptions for 10 semesters or summer sessions or has received a baccalaureate degree.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller reported no state funds were allocated to reimburse institutions for tuition exemption.</li> <li>▪ The Preceptor Tuition Exemption program became effective in the fall 2006.</li> <li>▪ The A. D. N. program has reduced clinical preceptor agreements from 142 to 17. We are currently using clinical preceptors in the Community Health and Pediatric Course.</li> </ul>	
<p>Admission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The A.D.N. program received 146 applications for the fall 2006 semester. 72 were offered admission.</li> <li>▪ The profile of an admitted student is as follows: GPA 3.16, 8.5 of general education courses complete, passed the math test on the first attempt.</li> </ul>	
<p>Current admission process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The point system consists of GPA for general education courses for the program of study, Nursing Division Mat test, the Number of required general, in-area residency status.</li> </ul>	
<p>Possible additional admission criteria for fall 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We are looking at the possibility of adding the ERI Nurse entrance exam (NET). The purpose is a predictor of academic success. It will also assist with screening/counseling tool for "at risk" students.</li> </ul>	
<p>RN graduates in Texas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The 79<sup>th</sup> legislature directed the THECB to: identify, develop and study strategies for increasing graduation rates from initial licensure programs. Determine which strategies</li> </ul>	

	<p>are effective to increase these rates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The THECB determined student success rates (not graduation rates) in initial licensure programs. The completion rate is based on the number of full time students who complete the nursing curriculum within a two-year period. The persistence rate is the number of students who persist in these programs after two years. CPR is the combined completion and persistence rates.</li> <li>▪ The THECB also formed a task force to increase RN graduates in Texas to collect survey data from nursing programs and analysis surveys results.</li> <li>▪ The Executive summary gave the following findings: Key findings were completion and persistence rates, survey results and trends. They recommended faculty strategies, student strategies and program administration strategies.</li> </ul>	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There was no old business to discuss.</li> </ul>	
New Business & Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller opened the floor for discussion.</li> <li>▪ The next meeting will be called during the spring 2007 semester.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.</li> </ul>	

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Jeanetta Smiley, Recording Secretary