

AMARILLO COLLEGE

NURSING DIVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: November 27, 2007

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

ATTENDANCE: Members Present: Patrice McLain –WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, Jeanette Wilburn – Veteran’s Administration, Bonnie McMillan – Ensign Law Firm; Jimmy Tak – First Baptist Church; Becky Hunter - Northwest Texas Healthcare System.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dr. Paul Matney—Vice President Dean of Instruction; Sheryl Mueller--AC Nursing Division Chair; LaVon Barrett - Vocational Nursing Program Coordinator; Richard Pullen – Professor and Assistant director of the A.D.N. program Jennifer Ashcraft – Nursing the Numbers Grant manager, Jeanetta Smiley--AC Administrative Assistant, Nursing Division.

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Agenda Attached

TOPIC	DISCUSSION (RATIONALE)	ACTION/ RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>Nursing the Numbers Jennifer Ashcraft</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>Faculty Recruitment</p> <p>Student Retention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Ashcraft gave an update on the grant as a reminder Co-project directors are Sheryl Mueller and Richard Pullen, project manager is Jennifer Ashcraft and project assistant is Robyn Combs. If you noticed the name change, both Robyn and Jennifer got married over the summer.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller and Dr. Pullen gave a presentation at the National League for Nursing Education Summit in Phoenix, Arizona in September and at the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada in November. The presentations were part of the grant dissemination opportunities.</li> <li>▪ The RN to MSN students anticipates graduating 16 in May 2008 and the other 3 in August, 2008.</li> <li>▪ All 19 candidates have a GPA of 3.67 or higher, 14 carry a 4.0.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Ashcraft reported on the four aspect of the student retention program, Pharmacology Care Groups; Nursing Success Boot Camp; Web-Based student support community and Supplemental Instruction. Please refer to attached Power Point slides for details.</li> <li>▪ The Supplemental instruction section is lead by SI Assistant Coordinator Angela Bray. She leads the Pharmacology SI and Glo Freese leads the Medical Surgical portion of the SI. Attached are charts of attendance showing the increase in attendance and another chart showing the higher GPA.</li> </ul>	
<p>ADN Program Report Sheryl Mueller</p> <p>Bond Election</p> <p>December Graduates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller reported the bond election has passed and thanked the community for their support.</li> <li>▪ Dr. Matney also expressed his appreciation for the community support of the bond election.</li> <li>▪ To project space requirements in the new nursing and Allied Health Building, Shiver Megert and Associates have developed and e-mailed a questionnaire to all faculty and staff in the Nursing Division. The first planning meeting took this morning.</li> <li>▪ The December 2007 graduates we anticipate graduating 60-65 students.</li> <li>▪ The A.D.N. Pinning Ceremony will be at Central Church of Christ on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. You should be receiving an invitation shortly.</li> <li>▪ The NCLEX-RN review course is scheduled for December</li> </ul>	

<p>Application process</p>	<p>17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a very important training for the graduates to prepare for state board exams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller expressed concern due to the low GPA and HESI Exit exam scores for the graduating class.</li> <li>▪ The application period for the spring 2008 admission period closes December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.</li> <li>▪ Ten advising session were conducted with 184 individuals attending.</li> <li>▪ The program plans to admit 20 students to the LVN to RN option and 90 to generic students. This is a 10% increase from the previous semester.</li> <li>▪ HESI admission assessment exam (A2) was first required for this fall 2007 admission taking into consideration only the overall score. For the spring 2008 semester, each student is required to score 75% on the Reading, Math and Vocabulary components. The committee also decided to require all advanced placement (LVN to RN) students to take the exam. The test can only be taken once a semester.</li> <li>▪ See the attached table with the Generic Admission summary.</li> </ul>	
<p>Program Statistics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Currently 412 students are enrolled in the program.</li> <li>▪ The program graduated 128 students for the 2006-07 Academic Year. This is four less than the previous year so no Nurse Reduction funds will be received.</li> <li>▪ The NCLEX first time pass rate for the academic year is 90%</li> </ul>	
<p>Faculty Status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employed at this time are 18 full time faculty with 1 working on an emergency BON waiver. 11 Clinical Teaching Assistants. Sandy Fricks may be only OB instructor for spring unless Rebecca Vincent's waiver can be extended.</li> </ul>	
<p>THECB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Incorporated mandate from SB 138 to promote retention and graduation of students enrolled in initial licensure programs and recognized programs that achieve graduation rates of 85% or better.</li> <li>▪ Issued RFP's for nurse educator consultants to conduct studies to identify methods to improve curricula of RN and VN programs in response to SB 139</li> </ul>	
<p>State of Nursing Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Initial Licensure application change. A copy of the eligibility questions is attached, showing the changes to make it clearer to applicants about what they must disclose.</li> <li>▪ Paper applications will no longer require notarization.</li> <li>▪ A Nursing Jurisprudence exam (NJE) will be required for all applicants after September 1, 2008.</li> <li>▪ The NJE will include content in the NPA, Standards of Nursing Practice, unprofessional conduct rule, delegation rules and other laws and regulations pertaining to various practice settings.</li> <li>▪ A blueprint and on-line study module will be developed.</li> </ul>	
<p>VN Program Report LaVon Barrett</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs. Barrett gave an update on the Vocational Nursing Program</li> <li>▪ This semester they welcomed back Teresa Smoot as a level II instructor. Karla Dixon, Tamara Rhodes and Sarah Williamson continue as instructors in the program.</li> <li>▪ Part-time clinical instructors are Olga Rodriguez, Rene Haley, Rosemarie Masetta, Toni Sergeant and Pamela Dixon. See attached PowerPoint for clinical sites.</li> </ul>	
<p>Faculty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 43 students are currently enrolled in Level I.</li> </ul>	
<p>Program Status</p>		

<p>Pinning Ceremony</p> <p>Board Pass Rate</p> <p>Spring Advising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ From the Level II Vocational Nursing Program there are approximately 40 students to graduate</li> <li>▪ The VN Pinning Ceremony will be on Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at Crockett Middle School.</li> <li>▪ The Pinning committee has chosen to honor Steve Dutton by presenting a LVN pin to his family.</li> <li>▪ The program graduated 72 students for the 2007 year to date 69 have passed the State Board exam giving a pass rate of 95.83%</li> <li>▪ The State average for the NCLEX-PN test is 89.60%</li> <li>▪ 118 potential applicants registered to attend an advising session. 92 actually attended. Applications are due on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.</li> <li>▪ The committee plans to review the math exam. They are considering standardized testing.</li> <li>▪ Due to the short time before starting clinical rotations, they plan to require all Immunizations be turned in with the application.</li> <li>▪ They plan to admit 50-55 students for the spring 2008 semester.</li> <li>▪ Thank you for supporting our LVN Program!</li> </ul>	
<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There was no old business to discuss.</li> </ul>	
<p>New Business &amp; Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Mueller opened the floor for discussion.</li> <li>▪ Ms. Becky Hunter asked how the new requirements for the HESI Admission Assessment exam will affect the admission process. Ms Mueller responded we anticipate a small reduction in applications due to the change for this the spring semester, but feels they will come back in the fall 2008. The students are struggling with the vocabulary portion of the exam.</li> <li>▪ The next meeting will be called during the spring 2008 semester.</li> </ul>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.</li> </ul>	

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Sheryl Mueller, Nursing Division Chair

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Jeanetta Smiley, Recording Secretary