Shoreline Community College
Nursing Program Advisory Committee Minutes
April 21, 2008
Board Room, Building 1000
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Attendance
Sandy Affeldt Cotton (Seattle Pacific Univ.), Lorna Andrews (Northwest Hospital & Medical Center), Mary Baroni (UW Bothell), Jill Cartwright (Northwest Hospital & Medical Center), Mary Ann Douglas (Retired), Rayne Eagle (Puget Sound Neighborhood Health), Becki Hoyt (Crista Assisted Living), Debbie Kelly (Virginia Mason Medical Center), Steve Krauss (UW Medical Center), Chris Laux (NW Hospital & Medical Center), Joanne Metroplos (Service Employees Int’l Union 1219NW), Brenda Newman (Steven’s Health Care), Kathryn Ogden (Swedish Medical Center), Paula Pressner, Chair (Harborview Medical Center), Cathy Prentice (Columbia Lutheran Home), Sally Watkins (Washington State Nurses Association)

Faculty/Staff Attendance
Bette Perman, Georgia Pierce, Pat Olsen, Gillian Lewis, Sharon Stewart, Janice Ellis (Prof. Emeritus), Berta Lloyd, Hermien Watkins, Sue Christenson, Lynn Von Schlieder, Linda Barnes, Irene Riddell, Pat Olsen, Chris Berntsen, Cymbree Kawamura, Sharon Lowenborg (Nursing Secretary)

Student Attendance
Joshua Epworth, Rachel Davis

Welcome and Introductions
- Georgia welcomes the committee members
- The committee introduces themselves
- Paula Pessner (Harborview Medical Center) was introduced as the new Nursing Program Advisory Committee Chair.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes
- Georgia asks for any corrections or additions to the October 22, 2007 meeting minutes.
- Meeting minutes were approved. Motion to approve: Pat Olsen – Seconded by: Lynn Von Schlieder

New Business

Shoreline Community College Update
The college has officially hired a new VP of Administrative Services, Mr. Daryl Campbell. The college is interviewing for the VP of Student Services and the VP of Human Resources.

The new PUB is now open for business.

**Update on Progress toward Part-Time (10 Quarter) Nursing Program**

- Lynn Von Schlieder has been named the coordinator on the 10-Quarter Nursing Program. Lynn will be the contact person for students.
- The 10 Quarter Nursing Program application will re-open on May 19th and close June 20th to increase the amount of qualified applicants.
- The nursing program will begin the new 10-quarter option program this fall.
- The 10-Quarter Program will have a three (3) day commitment instead of the traditional five (5) day commitment in the 6-Quarter Program.
- Clinicals will be scheduled for both day and evening. The 10-Quarter program will go throughout the Summer Quarter.

**Discussion:**

Applications down starting two (2) years ago with the COMPASS testing requirement. Incoming students have lower admission points than in past. Many students are not getting points for non-nursing course requirements. Applications did increase again for Fall quarter. There were eighty-four (84) applications for fifty-six (56) spots. In Nursing Information sessions and other meetings we need to get the word out that they points are not as high as what used to be the case, as we believe many student are deterred from applying by the misconception that only students with very high points get accepted. A suggestion was made that we should contact alumni to let them know the current situation. Additional suggestions were, re-establishing an Alumni Association (it was commented that this would be a good project for SCAANS).

**Discussion: Clinical Faculty and Placements for the PT and FT Programs**

- The Nursing Program has an on-going need for clinical facilities and faculty – at least three (3) facilities are only taking eight (8) students. If you know of any facility or interested faculty please contact Georgia Pierce.
- Cymbree Kawamura is our brand new full-time faculty member; over the next few years the hope is for a couple more full-time faculty members. The need is specifically in Med-Surg (we would be willing to take a BSN if MN prepared faculty are unavailable).
Discussion:

- Our next NLNAC program accreditation visit will occur in Fall 2009. The self study work has already started. There will be an early alert system in place to bring important dates to everyone.

- The accrediting agency would like to meet with people in the community sometime in Fall 2009.

- This June Nursing Faculty will be working on the Philosophy/Vision/Threads and the Mission and Vision statement. This was last looked at in 2000.

Master Plan for Nursing Education in Washington State and Continuing Competency

- The Master Plan has finally made its way to the Washington State Department of Health.
- News, updates and links to the Master Plan can be found at: http://www.wacenterfornursing.org/html/media/index.htm. The Master Plan has been endorsed by the CNEWS group last October.

- It was stated in the Draft of the Master Plan that ADN/BSN in 2020 would have five (5) years to obtain BSN, this has now been changed to ten (10) years.

- A draft has been created concerning – Insuring Competency (it will be a self-evaluation). It will contain information on the number of hours worked in the past five (5) years; it would pertain to anyone with an RN license. Nurses would sign an attestation document indicating they had completed the required activities to demonstrate competency. This could possibly go into place in Summer 2009. This is still in draft form and they are looking for input.

- Some states are asking nurses to re-take the NCLEX to prove continuing competency.

- A question was raised concerning nursing students who may have some kind of obstacle in their way, financial or otherwise, that would prevent them from continuing with their education. There are concerns being raised that are being looked into.

- Some hospitals are starting to provide tuition assistance.

- Washington Student Nurses will be meeting in May.

Discussion: LPN to RN Program:
Review of the statistics shows that only 60% of LPNs starting the advanced placement option of the RBN program complete. The LPN to RN Program is a 4 quarter commitment. We have the capacity to bring in six (6) LPN’s at a time. The statistics do not demonstrate any advantage (improved success) to having 6 LPNs over 1 LPN admitted at the same time. At this time we are looking for ways to improve our system. Those schools that are successful have their own LPN to RN program. Shoreline’s LPN to RN Program has been put on hold until a better solution has been established. The WCN will be putting on a summit dealing with LPN education this summer.

**Discussion: Senior Practicum:**

Rather than an elective 6th quarter clinical placement, Shoreline has all 6th quarter students complete a final med-surg practicum. The faculty believes this contributes to the strong skills of our graduates. Employers input included:

- This puts some students at a disadvantage...
- It is hard to compete...
- Leaning towards more experienced students...
- Nurse Tech’s have 1st preference at jobs...
- Intense med/surg much better prepared...

Nurse Tech’s are more likely to be placed in jobs.

Does anyone feel that graduates are under-prepared?

- New grads really want to work in hospital settings...
- New grads are really bright and seem to be improving every year...

**Additional Items discussed:**

UW Bothell is holding a BSN Recruitment Night with food. There will be a panel to answer questions. Additionally, there will be “speed advising”, this will take place on Wednesday, April 23rd.

UW-Bothell will be holding a needs assessment meeting on March 6, 2009. Faculty from thirteen or more schools will be represented. This will be a working day.

Mary Ann Douglas appreciated the schedule for first quarter students with having first students off with sixth quarter students at the long-term care settings.
No additional agenda items were added.

Next Meeting Date

Next Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting will be held: Monday, October 27th
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

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Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,

Sharon Lowenborg
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Shoreline Community College