Attendance
Sandy Affeldt Cotton (Seattle Pacific Univ.), Linda Bale for Mary Baroni (UW Bothell), Mary Ann Douglas (Retired), Debbie Kelly (Virginia Mason Medical Center), Ann Moore for Brenda Newman (Steven’s Health Care), Kathryn Ogden (Swedish Medical Center)

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

Student Attendance
Joshua Epworth, Rachel Davis

Welcome and Introductions
❖ Georgia welcomes the committee members
❖ The committee introduces themselves

Approval of April Meeting Minutes
❖ Georgia asks for any corrections or additions to the April 21, 2008 meeting minutes be submitted to her.

New Business

Shoreline Community College Update
The college has officially hired a new VP for Administrative Services, Mr. Daryl Campbell; VP for Human Resources, Mr. Stephen Smith; and VP for Student Success, Ms. Tonya Drake.
The NCLEX pass rate for Shoreline Nursing students taking the test for the first time is at 100%.

Update on First Cohort in the 10 Quarter Nursing Program
❖ There were between 70 and 80 applicants to fill 24 spots. 10 Quarter Program nursing students will be taking classes throughout the summer.
❖ The anticipated Graduation date of the 10 Quarter Program Nursing students is March 2011.
❖ 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. It is probable that the 10 Quarter program will be scheduled outside of “normal” times. (This needs special permission from the Administration).
❖ Please send nurses interested in teaching to see Georgia.
Discussion:

Applications for Winter 2009 are up at 125 applicants – the points seem to be higher for this quarter possibly due to the fact that previously many students had not completed all the non-nursing course requirements. (We strongly encourage students to complete all required classes before entry). Letters will be going out to applicants in early November. CNEWS has reported that other colleges applicant numbers are going down as well and everyone is hoping that the numbers will bounce back up with the economy changes that are going on currently.

Quarter has an additional clinical group next quarter.

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 our new full-time faculty member is out on sick leave for the entire academic year. There has been lots of juggling to fill in in Cymbree’s absence and all faculty has stepped up to help out.

- There is a possibility that we will be looking for two (2) full-time faculty positions next fall.

UW-Bothell reports that it has a Congressionally funded scholarship to prepare Nurse Educators. The $287,000 grant is being used to increase the current cohort from twenty-five (25) students to fifty (50) students. The total value of this scholarship to students is $15,000 and UW-Bothell is trying to get this to be a recurring grant.

A special thanks goes to Rep. Insley for helping support this scholarship fund.

The question was raised – Are there any limitations for the scholarship? No. The targeted group for the scholarships is nurses who have interest in teaching nursing in ADN programs.

UW-Bothell has scheduled a Nursing Career Advancement Day for January 20, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the North Creek Events Center.

The Articulation Agreement between UW-Bothell and Shoreline Community College is ready to go out for signatures.

Discussion: New Graduates – Essential Skills:

What do graduate nurses look like?

It was mentioned that students need more critical thinking skills, time management and the ability to ask questions. Students need to know what goes on in the real world.

The reality is … Nursing is not easy. It is very rewarding and many students are coming out of school not able to handle the busyness and responsibility required in nursing practice.

There is a 6 to 8 week program to prepare graduates to be ready to work in a hospital setting – maybe that needs to be longer. It seems that new nursing grads need time to adapt to working in a hospital. Health Care needs our graduates; are they being prepared enough?

What is expected of new nursing graduates - WCN has started work on this issue. The health care industry is losing nurses all over the country and organizations are looking at the preparation of nursing students. What are the transition issues? There seem to be gaps between academia and practice.

Discussion continued pertaining to the abilities of students to be successful coming into health care facilities. The possibility of building mentor programs for incoming nursing graduates was also discussed; as well as, the reasons why students are choosing nursing as their profession.

Kathryn Ogden shared that due to the large number of new graduate nurses who are in their orientation, there has been pressure on the nursing units to provide multiple patient assignments for the nursing students.
Next Meeting Date
Next Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting will be held:
Tuesday, April 28, 2009
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Board Room
Shoreline Community College
Meeting Adjourned at 1:35 p.m.
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Sharon Lowenborg
Nursing Program Secretary
Shoreline Community College