

Associate Degree Nursing Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

CHAIRPERSON: Adam Apolinar		
MEETING DATE: January 12, 2017	MEETING TIME: 6:00 pm	MEETING PLACE: SWTJC – Witt 200 Video Conference
RECORDER: Chassity Dean		PREVIOUS MEETING: March 03, 2016

MEMBERS/GUEST/OTHERS PRESENT:

Name and Title	Name and Title
Apolinar, Adam Chief Nursing Officer – Uvalde Memorial Hospital	Maldonado, Alexandra ADN Admin. Assistant – Southwest Texas Junior College
Calk, Janna ADN Faculty – Southwest Texas Junior College	Martinez, Maria ADN Part-Time Faculty – Southwest Texas Junior College
De Los Santos, Alicia ADN Faculty – Southwest Texas Junior College	Mason, Wilma Clinical Educator – Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center
Dean, Chassity ADN Admin. Assistant – Southwest Texas Junior College	Rittermeyer, Linda Chief Nursing Officer – Val Verde Regional Medical Center
Frederick, Austin Vice President Pastoral Care–Methodist Healthcare Systems	Roche, Sarah Division Chair – Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College
Garcia, Patricia LVN Faculty – Southwest Texas Junior College	Ruiz, Luis Counselor – Southwest Texas Junior College
Goosen, Geraldine ADN Program Director – Southwest Texas Junior College	Sorrels, Paul Vice-President-Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College
Leake, Jeanne ADN Faculty – Southwest Texas Junior College	Suarez, Jesus Division Chair – Southwest Texas Junior College
Lira, Rolando ADN Faculty – Southwest Texas Junior College	Valle, Virginia ADN Faculty – Southwest Texas Junior College

AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda Item	Discussion/Information	Action
Meeting Called to Order	Call to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mr. Suarez as Ms. Cheryl Rabe, Chair, was not present. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of committee members Rose Garza and Jim Buckner.	<i>Action: None taken</i>
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Nomination of Interim Chair	Dr. Frederick nominated Mr. Adam Apolinar as interim Chair, Dr. Sorrels 2 nd the motion.	<i>Action: Mr. Adam Apolinar was voted Interim Chair.</i>
Reading & Approval of Minutes:	Minutes from March 03, 2016 where reviewed. Dr. Paul Sorrels made the motion to approve the minutes Dr. Austin Frederick 2 nd the motion.	<i>Action: Minutes were approved.</i>
Welcome:	Mr. Suarez and Dr. Goosen both welcomed all those that were present. Dr. Goosen thanked everyone coming to provide their input to help shape nursing education in our communities.	<i>Action: None taken</i>
Purpose of the Advisory Committee	Mr. Suarez explained the Advisory Committee Guidelines and the responsibility of committee members.	<i>Action: None taken</i>
Introduction of Members Present	Mr. Adam Apolinar asked those present to introduce themselves. Those in attendance included Ms. Janna Calk, Alicia De Los Santos, Ms. Chassity Dean, Dr. Austin Frederick, Ms. Patricia Garcia, Dr. Geraldine Goosen, Ms. Jeanne Leake, Mr. Rolando	<i>Action: None taken</i>

	Lira, Ms. Maria Martinez, Ms. Wilma Mason, Ms. Linda Rittermeyer, Dr. Sarah Roche, Mr. Luis Ruiz, Dr. Paul Sorrels, Mr. Jesus Suarez, and Ms. Virginia Valle.	
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OLD BUSINESS

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NCLEX-RN Results	<p>Dr. Goosen updated members on the recent NCLEX pass rate. The 2014 graduates had a pass rate of 96% with 17 of 25 students testing. With 8 students testing in 2015 and only 4 of those passed, the 2015 pass rate was 50% since there was not a graduating class to offset the failures. The 50% pass rate mandated a report being sent to the Texas Board of Nursing outlining the factors that may have contributed to the drop in pass rate and the actions that the program will implement to improve next years pass rate.</p> <p>The program has an 86% pass rate for 2016. This pass rate reflects the results from our first graduating group from the new concept based curriculum. Twenty-six students tested, with 3 of those not passing.</p>	<p>Action: Dr. Goosen will provide the 2017 pass rate at the next meeting.</p>
Student Summary	<p>The program will have 25 students graduating this May (2017). Uvalde – 11; Eagle Pass – 5; and Del Rio – 9. Thirty-four students were admitted into the program in August 2016; Uvalde – 13; Eagle Pass – 9; and Del Rio – 15.</p> <p>This year 120 potential students took the TEAS entrance exam and only 36 of those made the recommended score of 70. The students that were selected for Fall 2016 had TEAS scores of 68 and above.</p> <p>Fall 2016 admission process is currently underway. At this time 113 students have taken their TEAS V entrance exam, which is equivalent to last year’s applicants. Approximately forty students have met the 64.3 benchmark set forth by ATI. We have over 50 students scheduled for our last test date, this Saturday.</p> <p>For the upcoming 2017 admissions, 140 potential applicants have already taken the TEAS exam this spring and another 70 scheduled to test in February. Only 37 of these students have met the required benchmark of 70.</p>	<p>Action: Dr. Goosen will provide an update on May 2017 graduates and 2017 admissions at our next advisory meeting in fall 2017.</p>
Curriculum Changes	<p>Since the program has transitioned into a Concept Based Curriculum, incoming licensed LVNs cannot be given many course credits due to the curriculum differing from that of the LVN program; therefore, instead of the LVNs having to repeat content they have already covered, they are allowed to have that time off while the new students are covering the content. One benefit the LVNs have while in this program, is that they are able to work since their schedule is not as demanding as it would be with the transition program. LVN students were consulted on their option and were asked to provide feedback as to how they viewed the generic program and if they could provide and suggestions to improve the content for incoming LVN students.</p>	<p>Action: None taken</p>

	<p>One change implemented this year is allowing students that are in good academic standing to choose an area of focus in the clinical area towards the end of their last semester. This would allow the students to get additional experience in the area that they would be interested in working in. Another change that was made is allowing students to do a 2-week rotation in hospice.</p> <p>RNSG 1301 was offered this past fall semester, which seemed to work better as students would get some knowledge before going to the clinical sites.</p>	
Curriculum Review	<p>Mr. Lira stated faculty hospital nurses and nurse managers need to be educated on the concept based curriculum and one why he tries to accomplish that is by sharing the concept based clinical activities with them. Students are introduced to a concept in didactic and simulation, then end with implementing the concept in clinical.</p> <p>Ms. Wilma stated she likes the Professional Concepts that she teaches the students as they get real life knowledge that they can apply in their clinical situations.</p> <p>Ms. Martinez has seen a positive change in the students when they go to the hospital facilities since they are now getting prior experience in the nursing home. She feels it is a good transition.</p> <p>Mr. Adam Apolinar agreed with Ms. Mason's statement. He added case management is growing daily, and it is important that new nurses understand the importance of why policy is important for patient to nurse ratio. Dr. Goosen offered for faculty members to meet with Mr. Apolinar to devise a plan to help students transition to the role of nursing. Mr. Apolinar stated when student nurses are hired he has them fill a tech role to help them transition. He stated it seems to be working well.</p>	Action: None taken

NEW BUSINESS

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Increase in Community Membership	<p>Dr. Goosen posed the question of how to increase community membership in the advisory committee and asked the members what their thought was about bringing a community member with them to the next member. She would like feedback of what the community would like to see from our program.</p> <p>Mr. Apolinar suggested inviting local pharmacist, high school educators, and a representative from the community clinic. Dr. Frederick suggested church members and Ms. Patricia Garcia recommended asking for patient representatives.</p>	Action: Committee members will bring a community member with them to the next Advisory Committee Meeting.
NLN Accreditation	<p>Going for national accreditation allows the program to be competitive with other nursing programs. The activities that are completed to obtain accreditation strengthens the program. The goal is to start working toward accreditation next year. Currently looking at going with Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA), which is the old National League for</p>	Action: Accreditation process will begin Spring 2018.

	Nursing (NLN) accrediting agency. The Texas Board of Nursing is positive about CNEA. One benefit of becoming accredited is the opportunity to apply for grant funds. Right now, the program is limited in grants funds since it is not currently nationally accredited.	
Changes in Healthcare	Dr. Goosen addressed some of the changes taking place in healthcare.	<i>Action: None taken</i>
Member Questions	Dr. Goosen addressed the advisory committee members and asked them what information they would like to be addressed at our annual meetings. Ms. Rittermeyer stated her interest was how she and other committee members can assist in the development of nursing practice and education.	<i>Action: No changes to agenda items needed at this time.</i>
Changes at SWTJC	Mr. Suarez informed the committee members that President Gonzales has implemented a new called 4DX (4 Disciplines of Execution). This program is a way for faculty members to hold themselves accountable to help improve student success and overall retention rates. Faculty members have been challenged increase graduates from 1,099 to 1,250 this May.	
Summary of Meeting	Ms. Cheryl Rabe summarized the topics discussed.	<i>Action: None taken</i>
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm	

RECORDER SIGNATURE: Chassity Dean	DATE: January 12, 2017	NEXT MEETING: Fall 2018
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