

NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandy Boice, Anita Cardinal, Roxanne Fabian, Janell Hudson, Sharon Jorde, Sandy Knutson, Danielle Schultz, Tammy Rhone, Marjean Wolff, Joel Anderson, Colleen Martinson, Betty Carlson, Carmen Stinson, DeLoris Larson, Deb Filer, Dorinda Sorvig.

PN: New Curriculum

- Dorinda explained the new PN curriculum that will begin fall semester. Dropped Microbiology to keep the credits down to 50. Of 18 PN programs in the state she checked on, only 2 still require Micro.
- The theory portion of tech skills will be moved to the med surg courses. They will only be theory; nursing I skills and nursing II skills will be lab only.
- Concepts of Nursing –will include Cultural Diversity and beginning nursing concepts.
- 8 different programs came to a consensus on this core nursing curriculum. This also includes the distance ed program.
- Questions were answered.

Strategic Plan for College Nursing Department

- PN and RN faculty from both campuses worked on this at the January inservice days (copy given to all).
- Next year EGF will be included in the Advisory Meeting.
- Discussed role differentiation. Comments made: some would rather not see the LPN role expanded; the education piece is not lacking, it's the different levels of maturity the applicants are at when being hired; reminder that there must be a differentiation between the LPN and RN role according to the MBN; committee members realize that students are taught the role difference, but graduates really don't understand it until they are out in practice.

AD Update

- New NCLEX-RN® tests coming out in April with different format.
- Program has been broken into smaller theory courses to give more flexibility for students, and clinicals are separate from the theory courses.
- EGF has a part-time class (22 students).
- Changed Psychosocial Nursing down to 2 credits and will change the name, will add that credit to Med-Surg classes.
- North Dakota changed license requirement to 2 years and can test in N.D. with a 2 year degree.
- Students doing service learning projects.
- Will continue to have Microbiology as a prerequisite.
- Will begin having advisory meetings in the community of satellite sites.
- Staples group– have 20 students there that will graduate in Dec. '04. For Potlatch /displaced workers.
- Courses supported on line by Blackboard.
- Student Nurses Organization: students attended 'Nurses Day on the Hill' in St. Paul.

- Are working on a proposal for a Generic 2 year RN program with Fergus Falls AD program.
- Tuition will be \$120 at least next year.
- More simulated clinical experiences.

Consumer on Advisory Committee

- May try a questionnaire to the patients.

Adjourned at 6:20 pm