

Kalamazoo VALLEY™ community college

NURSING PROGRAM

Nurse Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2013

8:00 a.m. in Room 7334

Present: L. Fuelling, R. Nedeau-Cayo, R. Olech, K. Setter Kline, S. Sutton Rop, L. Zoeller, C. Stroven, S. Mott, V. Bair

Absent: B. Bigelow, M. Paynich, S. K. Ryan, P. McCormick

1. Call to Order – R. Olech called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2012 – Revised the spelling of L. Fuelling’s last name. The minutes were approved as revised.
3. Review/Revise/Approve Agenda – Revised the date on the agenda: #2. Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2013 to 2012. The agenda was approved as revised.
4. Announcements/Updates –
 - R. Olech shared her experience as a patient in the hospital and long term care last summer. She gave valuable insight as to the view of healthcare practice from the patient’s perspective.
 - S. Mott shared that N. Logan is retiring this summer and C. Overmyer is no longer working for KVCC. We are also losing 2-3 clinical instructors. The full-time positions have been posted.
 - L. Zoeller shared that WMU’s MSN program has been approved by CCCN. M. Mahan retired and the new replacement is Andrew Brown.
 - R. Nedeau-Cayo reported that Bronson has opened two new units within the past several months. Bronson is writing for Magnet re-designation.

5. Program Updates

5.1 NCLEX-RN & PN Outcomes – S. Mott reported the NCLEX pass rates for the quarter ending December 2012 were 100% for the RNs (5 RN candidates) and 100% for the PNs. The pass rates for the four quarters ending December 2012 were 89.4% for the RNs and 100% for the PNs. We have not determined if we will continue the PN testing in the new program. L. Zollar shared that NLN likes external outcomes. They test for each subject with points tied to grades. Students must pass a comprehensive exam at end of program to show readiness and to graduate. R. Nedeau-Cayo shared she is in support of standardize testing throughout the program and at the end.

5.2 Admissions & Applications - V. Bair shared that we received 106 entry level applications. The number has dropped from last semester. Students accepted for fall 2013 will experience a 1½ - 2½ year wait. We received 23 LPN reentry applications. This number is holding fairly steady.

5.3 Curriculum Revision & NLNAC Accreditation – S. Mott reviewed handouts outlining the new program. The group recommended eliminating the 2 credit microbiology. The group felt the med-surg credit hours at 18 vs. a baccalaureate level program at 12 credit hours were excessive. They recommended trimming the curriculum down to what is really needed. The group did not feel the curriculum was concept-based and was not supportive of the new curriculum plan. S. Mott shared we are proposing alternate admission criteria and hope to implement through Dean Taylor or as part of our new curriculum. The group suggested asking for money for extra support in pulling together documents and self-study. The group thought the big report for NLN could also be used for the board report.

5.4 Alternate Options for Capstone Papers – S. Mott shared an overview of the current capstone paper. The faculty is looking at alternate ideas, i.e., e-portfolio. The group felt the capstone paper is not needed at this level and suggested doing small papers throughout the program. The group liked the idea of the e-portfolio.

5.5 Smart Devices for clinical reference tools – S. Mott shared we are looking at using e-books or online resources. R. Nedeau-Cayo shared that Bronson does not allow smart phones due to issues with inappropriate usage. Computers are connected to the library and we also have lexicon. S. Sutton Rop stated the ANA has a good resource for social media. K. Setter Kline used a smart phone in the teaching clinical setting – very important tool in meeting the needs of faculty and students in the clinical setting. L. Fuelling shared it gives the employees the tools they need to do their job. We must teach the proper usage in the work place.

5.6 Spring In-service – S. Mott shared we have scheduled a speaker to discuss the topic of human trafficking for the faculty/clinical instructor retreat.

5.7 Faculty Retreat – S. Mott reported the nursing faculty retreat is scheduled for May 2 from 8:30 – 4:00. Our focus will be the curriculum revision and planning for fall 2013.

5.8 Nurse Refresher –S. Mott shared KVCC will not be scheduling the nurse refresher course for summer 2013 due to low enrollment.

6. Next Meeting – The next Advisory Committee Meeting will be on October 23, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in room 7334.
7. Adjourn – R. Olech adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Bair