

NURSING PROGRAM
Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 21, 2015
8:00 a.m. in Room 7334

Present: L. Fuelling, E. Van Doren, P. Ernst, K. Chapman, M. Lagerwey, S. Mott, V. Bair

Absent: T. Nieuwenhuis, R. Olech, S. K. Ryan, C. Stroven

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Mott called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. 	
2. Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L. Fuelling shared Three Rivers Health will soon increase the ICU to 4 beds E. Van Doren – big changes continue in education. We began the concept based curriculum several years ago and it is beginning to smooth out. We have added electives – we currently offer OR nursing and we are considering adding a pediatric rotation. We are beginning our CCNE self-study. M. Lagerwey, WMU, accepted the position of interim director in July. We are currently revamping our education track and adding specialized areas. We hope to offer a total on-line format for our current RN to BSN hybrid program. P. Ernst – no big changes for us right now. K. Chapman shared it is a struggle for critical access hospitals due to funding. We have made some cuts to middle management. Increased growth with lower reimbursement is challenging. 	
3. Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved as written. 	

4. Review/Revise/Approve Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
5. Member Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
6. Business 6.1 Admissions and Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. Bair shared we experienced a decrease in entry level applications from last semester. The current wait is running at 1 year. We received 8 RN completion applications which is lower than last semester. New pre-req requirements begin winter 2016 which may have contributed the lower numbers. • S. Mott reviewed the new pre-req requirements. Group asked if we accepted a challenge exam for Health Careers Math. GVSU and WMU have a basic math requirement (may even accept HS based on qualified advanced level course). Both GVSU and WMU integrate math in all nursing courses throughout the program. They do not want to turn away qualified applicants that have completed higher lever math courses. Group felt a challenge exam would be sufficient as long as math was incorporated throughout the program. Group agreed with current technology math is not as critical but students need to understand how to calculate dosages. 	
6.2 Annual Outcomes Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Mott shared we have not fully recovered from the changes to the NCLEX exam. Our average over the past year was 79% pass rate for RN graduates. Our new curriculum will not be reflected in the scores until the May 2016 graduates take the boards. • Hurst review is set for fall 2015. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/asses new curriculum is ongoing. • S. Mott shared we are looking at a new policy for computerized testing. Students are not prepared for NCLEX exam when only exposed to paper/pencil testing. • Continue to reviewing and exam attrition rates. • E. Van Doren – communication leveling between courses is very important and takes time. Won't be effect if you are not consistent. Faculty do not like to do heavy testing. GVSU implemented a prep-u (Walters/cluer partnered with Lippincott) section, concept based. Students receive points, can set levels. Using HESI at the end of the program. • Both GVSU and WMU offer mixed paper/pencil and computerized testing. • WMU looking at identifying at-risk students and working with them. Also have a student run organization for at-risk students. 	
6.3 Report to the Board of Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Mott shared the annual report is now submitted every 4 years. BON is no longer identifying cohort data – name, 1st time taker, repeat takers, etc. Results are difficult to interpret. Group agreed this is a problem. • Mountain Measurement was scheduled to present at our last department meeting. Unfortunately MM cancelled. We can reschedule but they are now charging for the presentation. May reschedule. • GVSU's dean has written and is continuing to write letters in support for 	

	continued data. Initial feedback is the cost and time issues were why it was eliminated.	
6.4 Selective Admissions Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Mott shared we have changed the name to Competitive Admissions and it will roll out in fall 2016. 	
6.5 New Curriculum Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 6.1, bullet #2. 	
6.6 NLN vs. ACEN Accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Mott shared we are continuing to work on accreditation. JCC had asked for clarification from BON regarding NLN and ACEN accreditation. BON does not required national accreditation but suggested waiting to see which agency receives final approval. We are moving forward but will not decide/evaluate until next spring. 50% of community colleges in MI are accredited. • E. Van Doren – is department of education weighing in on situation? • K. Chapman – NLN has been around a long time and has a good reputation. • S. Mott – ACEN has not had a good reputation. Not very helpful. 	
6.7 Healthy Living Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Mott shared KVCC is on track to open the culinary program in February 2016 at the new Healthy Living Campus. Health careers will hopefully move in May or early summer. Scheduling of classrooms, simulation, and labs are ongoing. We have requested a full-time position for a simulation coordinator. Some discussion followed. 	
7. Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
8. Advisory Committee Updates/ Recommendations/Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. Ernst asked to please remind students they are on a working interview when on the floor in clinical. Dress, attitude, 	

	<p>conduct is very important.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Lagerwey shared students need practice on interview and etiquette techniques. • E. Van Doren shared they require appropriate dress/attire for lab and also for the classroom. Students must also wear professional attire for presentations. • M. Lagerwey shared our faculty dress professionally to set a role model. In lab our students wear clinical attire. 	
9. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Advisory Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 8 a.m. in room 7334. 	
10. Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Mott adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m. 	