

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
17373 PERKINS ROAD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70810

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2010
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

- Call to Order:** The meeting of the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order by Patricia Prechter at 9:02 a.m. on October 20, 2010, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing located at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Presiding:** Patricia Prechter, EdD, RN, Chairperson
Roll Call: Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, FNP, PhD (absent)
Velma “Sue” Westbrook, DNS, RN, MA
Carlene MacMillan, MN, RN (9:13 a.m.)
Patricia Prechter, EdD, RN
- Staff:** Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN
Executive Director (absent)
- Patricia A. Dufrene, MSN, RN
Director of Education/Licensure
- Cynthia Bienemy, PhD, MSN, RN
Director, Louisiana Center for Nursing
- Crystal Patterson
Licensing Analyst, Education Department
- Guests:** Catherine Lopez, RN, MEd (LSU Health Sciences Center)
Mary Green, MN, RN, PhD (Herzing University)
Sharon Turley, MSN, RN (Bossier Parish Community College)
Jennifer Beck, PhD, RN, CNE (Our Lady of the Lake College)
Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN (Baton Rouge Community College)
Dianne Thames, RN, DNS (Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing)
Barbara Moffett, PhD, RN (Southeastern Louisiana University)
Stephanie Burns, MBA (Herzing University)
Ms. Mary Urbanski (Herzing University)
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN (Southern University-Baton Rouge)
Joan Hodge, MN, RN (Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing)
Charlotte Hurst, PhD, RN, MN, CNM (Dillard University)
Lenetra Jefferson, PhD, RN, CNE, LMT, NCTMB (Dillard

University)
Mr. Mark Aspiazu (Herzing University)
Marilyn Cooksey, PhD, RN, CNE (William Carey University)
Susan Pryor, DNS, MSN (Southeastern Louisiana University)
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN (Southeastern Louisiana University)
Melinda Oberleitner, DNS, APRN, CNS (University of Louisiana Lafayette)
Donna Gauthier, PhD, RN (University of Louisiana Lafayette)
Paula Broussard, DNS, RN, CNE (University of Louisiana Lafayette)
Peggy Wolfe, PhD, RN (McNeese State University)
Sharon Hutchinson, PhD, RN, CNE (Southern University-Baton Rouge)
Linda Hickman, MSN, RN (LSU-Alexandria)
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN (University of Louisiana Lafayette)

**Review and Approval
of Previous Minutes:**

Minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting presented to Committee by Dr. Prechter. The minutes were found to have a number of grammatical errors due to format issues which staff will correct.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan that the minutes of July 21, 2010 be approved for content with the staff making the necessary format/typographical corrections.

Seconded by Dr. Westbrook
Voice vote: Westbrook-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

**Request from Herzing
University for ADN
Program
Establishment:**

Dr. Green spoke to the most recent material presented to the Committee by Herzing. Dr. Green stated that she and Herzing staff were interested to hear the comments of the Committee in regard to that presentation.
Dr. Prechter commented on Ochsner Medical Center's non-response to other affiliations regarding clinical rotation schedule and Dr. Green replied that the contact person there had been working with her but no schedule was established at that time. Dr. Prechter also commented on Southeast Louisiana Hospital and how difficult it was for OLHCC to secure a schedule for clinical. Dr. Green stated that there was a

change of Director of Education for that facility and she was unable to get a complete schedule from them.

History of Hezing request by Ms. Dufrene. On September 24, 2009, the Board received Herzing's first notice of intent to establish a program. On October 20, 2009 The Education Committee heard Herzing's request. On December 9, 2009 the Board heard the requested supplemental information from Herzing and suggested recommendations. On January 20, 2010 the Committee heard additional information from Herzing. Since then information has been requested and Herzing has appeared before the Committee and the Board at each meeting. Ms. Dufrene stated that the concern has been over utilization of clinical sites within a one hundred mile radius.

Ms. Dufrene stated that Dr. Green was asked to get letters of support of a new program in their area or lack there of from the schools within a one hundred mile radius. Letters were sent by Dr. Green to thirteen schools; nine responded. The Committee asked Dr. Green to graph all clinical sites of involved schools, which she did.

Ms. Dufrene stated that Dr. Green presents the feed back given by the schools and the deciding factor is whether or not the responses are enough for continuance with Steps 1 and 2 to develop an ADN program in New Orleans.

Dr. Prechter asked Ms. Dufrene for a review of the tally of responses from the schools. Ms. Dufrene responded with the process that she asked Dr. Green to use which was to submit paperwork on each school whether a response was given or not. Ms. Dufrene gave the following responses from the nine programs that gave responses of the thirteen:

- 2 clear yes responses with support
- 1 yes response with reservations
- 1 unclear response (that program thought that the term "support" was too strong but they would not say that they did not support the proposed program)
- 5 clear no responses

Ms. MacMillan asked for clarification regarding the purpose of the calendar. Dr. Green stated that the schools have seen the calendars and that he schools were not required to respond. The intent of the request was to develop the calendar and share with the schools. Dr. Green stated that two of the no responses had to do with a BSN program not being offered.

Dr. Green also stated that Herzing is not state funded and is not subject to state cuts in response to Dr. Prechter's question of

resources. Dr. Prechter clarified that her concern was with human resources and clinical resources that all the schools need to share and should the focus not be on Nurse Practitioner programs.

Dr. Prechter asked for feedback from the audience in regard to clinical sites.

Dr. Green asked Dr. Prechter if it was expected that all programs would approve of Herzing. Dr. Prechter responded that the tally was to see what the schools said about a new program in their area.

Ms. Urbanski of Herzing commented on concerns of the Committee. Discussion ensued including comments from Dr. Thames.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan that the Education Committee deny the request from Herzing University to proceed to Step 2 and 3 to establish a nursing program in Louisiana.

Seconded by Dr. Westbrook

Voice vote: Westbrook-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

**Louisiana College
Request for Curricular
Realignment:**

Dr. Prechter stated that a new packet of information was received from Louisiana College the night before and that the information could not be properly digested in one evening. She also stated that correspondence from Dr. Sharp stated that they (LA College) did not request to be on the agenda and that there was some confusion surrounding that. Dr. Prechter stated that Dr. Sharp was not in attendance because she was at a CCNE site visit. Dr. Prechter went on to say that Dr. Sharp was asked for specific information but that all questions were not clarified.

Ms. Dufrene gave history of LA College's request stating that they put forth a major curriculum change. They also put forth transfer students from St. Kitts. They were placed on conditional approval for exceeding faculty exceptions and for being under the NCLEX-RN pass rate. Ms. Dufrene stated that at the July 2010 Committee meeting, Dr. Sharp brought forth major curriculum changes. Ms. Dufrene stated that in her research she found that major changes took place that were never approved by the Board. The requests went to the Committee but there was no evidence that they were ever ultimately approved by the Board. Ms. Dufrene stated that Dr. Sharp was asked to note what changes were done and how the curriculum changed from the 2007-2008 catalog to 2009-2010 catalog with no Board approval.

Discussion ensued regarding the changes and clarification there of. Ms. Dufrene traced the history of LA College's requests and found that the request went to the Education Committee in April 2009 and was tabled at that time and then to the July 2009 meeting which resulted in two motions regarding the Accelerated Program. The Accelerated Program request is what went to the Board, not the curricular changes request. The Committee discussed delaying action on the agenda item but then Dr. Joe Aguillard, President of LA College joined the meeting.

Dr. Agulliard introduced himself then commented that he was wondering why they were there as he was unsure of what the question was for them. Dr. Prechter asked that Ms. Dufrene restate the historical information again for Dr. Aguillard, which she did. Dr. Aguillard then stated that there was a serious amount of information lacking and that he would like to share what he knows of the issues. He reiterated that he is the President of the college not the Dean of Nursing and if the Committee would take that into consideration as he shared his understanding of the issued to the best of his ability. Dr. Aguillard stated that they did not request to be on the agenda and did not know that they would be. He went on to explain why Dr. Sharp was not there and stated that he flew in from Washington early that morning to be in attendance at the meeting. Dr. Aguillard stated that in the Fall of 2008 is when their endeavor began. The school received a \$2 million grant through the Legislature to improve their Nursing and Allied Health program. Dr. Aguillard stated that as part of that process they were trying to establish an ABSN program and used the model of Union University, a sister Baptist institution. He also stated that as Dr. Sharp was transitioning in that they were working with Dr. Elaine Vallette. He stated that Dr. Sharp wanted to align the traditional program with the proposed ABSN program and have those mesh. Dr. Aguillard stated that the Board should have received an application of proposal in March 2009 which was acted upon in July 2009 by the Board and was unanimously approved for two things: (1) the curricular alignment of the general program which is the current program and (2) the ABSN program with only one stipulation which was that it be tracked by the NCEX-RN score separately. Dr. Aguillard stated that the first class will graduate in December 2010. He stated that they (LA College) have a relationship with the International University of Nursing and that it's a transfer relationship that is moving toward full fledge curricular alignment student consortium. Dr. Aguillard stated that they went to SACS and asked that they approve that proposal. He also stated that CCNE along with four to five other institutions which approved the model.

In the Spring of 2010 Dr. Sharp presented that model; the transfer, the one that SACS approved. Dr. Aguillard stated that they received a letter from Ms. Morvant of behalf of the Board that La College could not go forth with that formal alignment and that no student from IUON could come to LA College and that no students from LA College could go to IUON which immediately became a legal problem as no one could tell their students where they could go. Dr. Aguillard went on to state that they talked with their attorney and then met with the Board's two attorneys for two hours or so over that issue. He stated that the younger attorney did not know what SACS was and stated that "We will only allow you to accept students from SACS accredited schools." Dr. Aguillard stated "Sir, do you know what SACS is? They're one of four regional accrediting bodies. That would mean that we could not take anybody from California..." Dr. Aguillard went on to say that they got into a long drawn out legal issue which they don't want to have. It was determined at the next Board meeting that LA College would resend that stipulation which they did. They withdrew it. They are under the unanimously approved program from July 2009. Dr. Aguillard reiterated that they are under the approved program of July 2009 then asked what does the Board need now? Dr. Aguillard stated that he has a copy of the minutes where it says that we approved the program in July 2009. Dr. Prechter stated that the issue is that the issue never went to the Board and Dr. Aguillard's reply was whose fault is that? Dr. Prechter replied with "No, I don't know whose fault..." Dr. Prechter then said that she appreciated his history and patience with the issue. She also stated that there was confusion and that they (the Committee) need to sort it out so that they can make the right decision. Dr. Prechter went on to say that the Board had questions from last month on this issue and needed further clarification. She stated that the Committee needs to time to study the material as well as the questions that were asked of Dr. Sharp last month to avoid confusion. Ms. MacMillan stated that some of the confusion is sparked by the Board have receiving information regarding the Accelerated Program and yes it was approved but the Board is looking at all the programs. In the process the Board is trying to see if all Is have been dotted and all Ts crossed on the changes in the regular BSN program and the Accelerated options. That is why Dr. Sharp was asked to track that information. Ms. MacMillan also stated that it was not clear if changes were made to the traditional program as well. Dr. Aguillard stated that in the July 21, 2009 minutes there is a motion by Dr. Porche to approve the identified changes to the BSN program at LA College. It was seconded by Ms. Macmillan and was

unanimous. He went on to say that attached to that are two columns; the old program and the new program with the changes. Dr. Aguillard stated that they have actually strengthened their research and added to their clinical hours, not simulation. They added an NCLEX additional preparation to it. Nothing was taken away and that was what was approved. He stated that some of the ABSN and traditional courses are interfaced but that the Committee did approve through that, the traditional program and that's what they're doing today.

Dr. Prechter stated that what added to the confusion is that Dr. Sharp made a proposal then withdrew it. Dr. Prechter also stated that she needs to study the newly submitted information more.

Dr. Aguillard asked if the Committee thought there was a weakness in the program. Dr. Prechter replied that the Committee just wants clarification.

Dr. Aguillard stated that he appreciates the Committee and that he is very serious about the nursing program but they feel a bit picked on.

Dr. Prechter stated that the Committee's intent is to assure quality, not to doubt anything. She also stated that she hears how sincere Dr. Aguillard is about the nursing program but the Committee just needs time to digest the information presented before making a decision.

Dr. Aguillard suggested that they be made aware of the next meeting in a timely manner so that they can compile their information and get it to the Board sooner. He stated that he would like to be at the next meeting with Dr. Sharp. He also stated that this is third trip to the Board office and that he should not have to make one trip.

Dr. Prechter stated that it was clearly documented in the minutes what the Board was asking for and when Dr. Sharp received the letter inviting her to the meeting, it was a follow-up on what was documented at the last meeting.

Dr. Aguillard asked if the Committee planned to go back to the June or July 2009 minutes where the current curriculum was unanimously approved because that is the currently used curriculum. Ms. Dufrene commented that the issue was never brought to the Board for approval. Dr. Aguillard then asked if the Board could hear the issue today. Dr. Prechter stated that there was no Board meeting today but she appreciates him being there and the energy it took to compile the packet of information.

Dr. Aguillard offered to attend a staff meeting to clarify the issue at hand. He then asked for the names of the Committee members and the members introduced themselves.

Dr. Westbrook stated that half of the Committee is new and they need to get themselves oriented.

Dr. Aguillard stated that he knew that there was a big transition from Dr. Vallette and when they began to bring their changes. Dr. Prechter stated, "That's not going to interfere with us doing what we need to do. We are going to study what you gave us and we look forward to clarifying this."

Dr. Aguillard stated that they will go with the curriculum that the Committee approved and will wait to hear from them. He also stated that he would like to know the date of the next meeting so that he can put it on his calendar to attend.

Dr. Prechter stated that the Education Committee approved the school's current curriculum in 2009 but now need to go to the full Board. Dr. Aguillard stated that he wants to attend that meeting and was given the date by Ms. MacMillan of December 8, 2010.

Ms. Dufrene stated that she wanted to clarify to Dr. Aguillard where the Committee is with LA College's issue: July 2009 the issue went to the Committee but not to the Board and that none of the curriculum changes have been formally approved. She also stated that another of the concerns that the Board has is what was presented is labeled as the 2010 catalog and was in print and clarification has not been received. Dr. Aguillard stated that what was in print was what was approved in 2009. He also stated that it was the Committee's responsibility to present it to the Board but unanimous approval was received from the Committee. He also stated that the Committee may have some house cleaning to do. Ms. Dufrene asked that the Committee be allowed time to review the packet of material from LA College. Dr. Aguillard stated that the Committee can study the material but that it was unanimously approved and should just need the Board's approval. Ms. Dufrene stated that she will speak with Ms. Morvant on how to move from that July 2009 meeting, forward. Dr. Prechter stated to Dr. Aguillard that if the issue can go to the Board that it will go in December 2010. Dr. Prechter stated that the discussion of information of the report will be tabled until the December information is received. Ms. Dufrene stated that she will ask the Committee to read the report and if it's not what they want, to give it to her. Ms. Dufrene then reiterated the process of review of LA College issue.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan that the Education Committee defer the review of Curriculum Realignment information from Louisiana College.

Seconded by Dr. Westbrook

Voice vote: Westbrook-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

**Dillard University
Division of Nursing
*Application for
Continuing Education
Providership:***

Dr. Charlotte Hurst of Dillard was present on behalf of the request. Dr. Hurst was asked by Dr. Prechter if there was anything that she wanted to say and Dr. Hurst replied that they were excited about the issue. Ms. Macmillan stated that some of the presented programs were not nursing related. Dr. Hurst replied that they are all nursing related and she went on to state the programs and their relation to nursing. The programs presented are the Clinical Research Associate Training, Impact of Man-Made Disasters on Vulnerable Populations and a Pre-Registered Nurse Institute/Certified Nursing Assistant Program.

Ms. MacMillan stated that she thought that CE programs are for licensed RNs that supplement education. Dr. Hurst went on to explain each course and their relation to nursing. Dr. Hurst stated that the packet submitted was informational and is not the information that will be given to the public.

Ms. MacMillan went on to say that three programs/offerings that were already provided should have been what was submitted for approval.

Ms. Dufrene stated that LSBN does not typically approve individual programs except when they are leading to a packet.

Dr. Hurst stated that she will submit the application packet with the requested information.

Motion:

by Dr. Westbrook that the Education Committee delay approval of current application for Continuing Education approved provider by Dillard University until completion of three approved offerings and site visit.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Westbrook-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

**University of Louisiana
Lafayette BSN
Proposed Major
Changes in Curriculum
Offerings:**

Dr. Prechter commented on the clarity of the packet; that it was great

and easy to understand.

Dr. Paula Broussard of ULL stated, “It was a culmination of several things coming together at the same time in the UL system; being instructed to reduce to 120 hours of undergrad degrees and in addition looking at the changes going on nationally.....they are excited about the opportunity.”

Dr. Prechter liked that ULL identified the plan method for evaluation and the results were direct. She also found the information very helpful, especially the comparison chart.

Ms. Dufrene commented on the clarity of the charts.

Motion #1:

by Dr. Westbrook that the Education Committee commend Dr. Gail Poirrier, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions for the University of Louisiana Lafayette and the undergraduate faculty for a clearly written and succinct report with appropriate rationale addressing major curricular changes in the BSN curriculum for implementation Fall 2011.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Westbrook-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #2:

by Dr. Westbrook that the Education Committee approve the University of Louisiana Lafayette proposed major curriculum changes to the BSN program.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Westbrook-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

**Intercollegiate
Consortium for a
Master of Science in
Nursing (ICMSN)
Proposed Major
Changes in Curriculum
Offerings:**

Motion #1:

by Dr. Westbrook that the Education Committee commend Dr. Poirrier, Dr. Wolfe, and Dr. Moffett of the ICMSN and the graduate faculty of the Intercollegiate Consortium for a clearly written and succinct report with appropriate rationale addressing implementation

of the graduate Family Nurse Practitioner concentration Fall 2011 and phase out of the Adult Health NP/Adult Health CNS concentration.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Westbrook-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Poirrier gave her thanks to the Committee.

Motion #2:

by Dr. Westbrook that the Education Committee approve Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN) proposed curriculum changes in curriculum offerings.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Westbrook-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Request from Southern University Shreveport for Guidance and Suggestions Regarding Parent Institution Increasing Pre-Requisite Requirements:

There was no one in attendance from Southern University Shreveport. Ms. Dufrene stated that the item did not require action and that she will contact Dr. Tucker, since there was no representation to encourage her to send it out to the Board. Ms. Dufrene stated that the issue was where to put the added Psychology course. Ms. Dufrene stated that Dr. Tucker wanted input on how other ASN programs have readjusted their curriculums to support courses that they were required to add.

Motion:

No action required.

IUON Informational Session:

History from Ms. Dufrene who stated that this request went along with LA College. The proposal was from IUON in St. Kitts. Ms. Dufrene went on to say that the IUON asked for permission to speak and wanted to do a power point presentation but then said that they were unable to attend. They may present at a future meeting. Dr. Prechter stated that her school was contacted by them as well.

Motion: **No action required.**

FYI: Ms. Dufrene stated that the *Annual Reports* went out and had a couple of glitches that Crystal took care of why she was doing site visits and other things. She also stated that she actually received one report back already. Ms. Dufrene also stated that the report form should be clearer and the tables outline things more. She also stated the revised form will be helpful to Dr. Bienemy of the Center for Nursing for tracking purposes, supply and demand, etc. Ms. Dufrene also stated that the reports are due back in November and that the January 2011 Committee meeting will consist of this information. She also stated that the NCLEX-RN reports should be back at that time and will be included in January's meeting.

Adjournment: 10:15 a.m.

Motion: by Ms. MacMillan that the Education Committee adjourn.

Seconded by Dr. Westbrook

Voice vote: Westbrook-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Patricia A. Dufrene, MSN, RN
Director of Education/Licensure

Approved:

Chairperson: _____
Patricia Prechter, EdD, RN