

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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BATON ROUGE, LA 70809

MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2007
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

- Call to Order:** The meeting of the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order by Dr. Nora Steele at 9:48 a.m. on January 23, 2007, at the Cook Conference & Hotel located at 3848 W. Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA.
- Presiding:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP, Chairperson
- Roll Call:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN
Carlene MacMillan, MN, RN
Bonnie Johnson, MSN, RN
- Staff:** Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN
Executive Director (10:51 a.m.)
- Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Nurse Consultant for Education/Research
- Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN
Director of Education/Licensure
- Crystal Berry
Licensing Analyst for Education
- Guests:** Oswald Alex Ferry, EdD, CRNA (Louisiana College)
Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (Northwestern State University)
Norann Planchock, PhD, RN, CS, FNP (Northwestern State University)
Nicole Robert, MSN, RN (Baton Rouge Community College-BRCC)
Toni Manogin, DHSc, RN (BRCC)
Carol Backstedt, MN, RN (BRCC)
Anna Cazes, DNS, RN (BRCC)
Tawna Pounders, MN, RN (BRCC)
Sophia James, MSN, RN (BRCC)
Pat Egers, MS, RN (Delgado/Charity School of Nursing)
Marilyn Cooksey, PhD, RN (William Carey-New Orleans)
Francine Thomas, MN, RN (Our Lady of the Lake College)
Anfonia Coco, RN (Woman's Hospital)
Joynita Harris, RN (Woman's Hospital)
Misty Alred, RN (Woman's Hospital)
Nikki Moore, RN (Woman's Hospital)

Jennifer Thompson, RN (Woman's Hospital)
Peggy Wolfe, PhD, RN (McNeese State University)
Rebecca Riley, MS, RN (McNeese State University)
Florencetta Gibson, PhD, APRN, LMFT (University of Louisiana Monroe)
Kay Lopez, DSN, RN (Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center)
Emily Doughty, RN (University of Louisiana Monroe)
Pamela Moore, MSN, RN (Louisiana Tech University)

Chairperson asked that the agenda be reordered.

Motion: by Ms. MacMillan that the chairperson be permitted to reorder the agenda.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes: The Minutes of October 24, 2006 meeting were reviewed with two corrections noted.

Motion: by Ms. MacMillan that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of October 24, 2006.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Site Visit Report For Northwestern State University, ADN Program: Dr. Tate made the visit jointly with the NLNAC, October 18, 2006 through October 20, 2006. She reported evidence supported that all criteria are met.

Motion: by Dr. Poirrier to accept the recommendation to continue full approval of the Associate Degree in Nursing program at Northwestern State University with the following commendations:

- Support of the President for the College of Nursing
- Educational preparation and experience of the Dean and Director

- Preparation of the faculty and their work within the University
- Committed and supportive students
- Availability and use of extensive learning resources including distant learning technology
- Availability of fiscal and physical resources
- Reputation of excellence since 1952
- Interface of the CON with the community
- Performance of the graduates
- Plans for continued excellence

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

**Site Visit Report For
McNeese State
University, ADN
Program:**

Dr. Tate made the visit On November 8 and 9, 2006. She reported evidence supported that all criteria are met.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the site visit report and to continue full approval of the Associate Degree in Nursing program at McNeese State University with the following commendations:

- Educational preparation of the Dean and the faculty and their commitment to excellence
- The availability and use of extensive technological learning resources
- Support of the University and of the community at large for the program
- Commitment of faculty and students to the purposes of the program

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

**Louisiana State
University Health
Sciences Center’s
Request Regarding
Transcripts of the RN
to MSN Program:**

Staff stated that LSU Health Sciences Center is asking that the Board recognize their RN to MSN program as being equivalent to the BSN degree and that they be permitted to put that indicator on their transcripts.

Discussion ensued.

Motion:

by Ms. Johnson that LSU Health Sciences Center's RN to MSN program be recognized as equivalent to a BSN and an MSN and that we look forward to seeing the BSN equivalency reflected on the transcript.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

SCR 134 Draft Report:

Staff stated that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 134 (SCR 134) of the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature called for representatives of the Board of Nursing, Board of Regents, and the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners to meet to discuss ways to expand nursing programs to alleviate the nurse shortage. Dr. Larry Tremblay prepared the draft report. Discussion ensued.

FYI:

Elizabeth A. Humphrey, EdD, RN, Dean, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center retired effective January 2, 2007.

Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, RN was appointed Acting Dean of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, School of Nursing.

Gail Tumulty, RN, PhD, CNAA, was appointed Interim Director for the School of Nursing at Loyola University.

The nursing program at Southern University in Shreveport was awarded NLNAC Candidate Status.

LSBN was notified of the retirement of Betty E. Smith, PhD, RN, Dean of the College of Professional Studies, Grambling State University.

There was recent notification of the appointment of Toni Manogin, DHSc, RN, as Interim Dean of the Division of Nursing and Allied Health at Baton Rouge Community College.

Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN joined the staff of the Board of Nursing on January 8, 2007 as Director of Education/Licensure.

(10:30 a.m., break)

(10:51 a.m., meeting resumed)

**Site Visit Report for
University of Louisiana
Lafayette, BSN
Program:**

(Dr. Poirrier recused)

Ms. Morvant made the visit due to Dr. Tate visiting at another institution. Ms. Morvant stated that she enjoyed the opportunity and that the program is very impressive due to the faculty, the students, and the community support and that all requirements have been met. Ms. Morvant amended her recommendation due to the fact that documentation was provided that revisions to the catalog have been published and distributed between publications; therefore the recommendation has been met.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the school's faculty exceptions as clinical lab assistants.

Dr. Steele separated the recommendation into two agenda items with one being the ULL report and the other as how we define faculty.

Motion:

by Ms. Johnson to continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with the following commendations:

- Commend the ULL Department of Nursing for achievement of the NLN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education designation
- Commend the faculty for strong community relationships
- Commend the faculty and program for successful implementation of major curriculum revisions and institution of creative curriculum options to meet community needs

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan that the Board issue a call to the educational community to have a focused conversation related to faculty preparation and utilization of rules regarding faculty including definition of faculty.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes; Motion carried.

Annual Reports for Undergraduate and Graduate Programs 2005-2006:

Staff stated that applicants in RN programs increased by 733 students and that admission has increased by 459. The enrollment for 2006 in undergraduate nursing programs preparing for RN licensure was 14,645. NCLEX pass rates slightly down from 2005. The mean pass rate in 2005 was 88.75% and in 2006 it was 88.1%.

Staff recommendations based on review of data from annual reports:

Motion:

1. by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the diploma program in nursing at Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion:

2. by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing.

Seconded by Ms. Macmillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

(Dr. Steele recused)

Motion:

3. by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 4. by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University at Eunice.

Seconded by Dr. Porrier

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.
(Ms. Johnson recused)

- Motion:** 5. by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana Tech University and to seek masters prepared faculty in psych/mental health nursing.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 6. by Dr. Porrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Nicholls State University and commend them for 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2006.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 7. by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at McNeese State University and notify LSBN when NLNAC acts on accreditation.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion:

8. by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Northwestern State University.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion:

9. by Dr. Porrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program of Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion:

10. by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue initial approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Southern University at Shreveport.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion:

11. by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from the baccalaureate program in nursing at Dillard University and continue conditional approval for the third consecutive year for less than an 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate in 2005. (LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B)

Discussion ensued

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 12. by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue conditional approval for the second consecutive year for less than an 80% NCLEX pass rate (LAC46:XLVII.3523.B) of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Grambling State University.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 13. by Ms. MacMillan that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from Louisiana College and continue full approval of the baccalaureate in nursing program.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 14. by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from Louisiana State University Health Science Center and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 15. by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at McNeese State University.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 16. by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Nicholls State University.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 17. by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Northwestern State University.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 18. by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 19. by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Southeastern Louisiana University

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

- Motion:** 20. by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue conditional approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Southern University in Baton Rouge based on second consecutive year with less than an 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate. (LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B)

Seconded by Dr. Porrier
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion:

21. by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.
(Dr. Porrier recused)

Motion:

22. by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion:

23. by Dr. Porrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from the baccalaureate program in nursing at William Carey College and continue conditional approval for the third consecutive year for less than an 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate in 2006, (LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B). Also request a detailed report be submitted to LSBN describing efforts to correct the NCLEX-RN pass rate. **Due to campus closure the next graduating class will be in 2008.**

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson–no; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion ensued; the original motion was replaced with the addition of the last sentence.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to table the recommendations previously approved for Dillard University, Grambling State University, Southern University-Baton Rouge, and William Carey College and refer them to the special call meeting of the Education Committee due to procedural concerns.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson–yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from the following graduate programs preparing candidates for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure and continue full approval status:

Grambling State University
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
Loyola University
McNeese State University
Northwestern State University
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern University
University of Louisiana Lafayette

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

Voice vote: Porrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.

12:49 p.m.

by Dr. Poirrier that the Education Committee adjourn.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Dr. Poirrier –yes; Ms. Johnson –yes; Ms. MacMillan – yes. Motion carried.



Respectfully submitted by: _____

Elaine C. Vallette, DrPH, RN
Director of Education/Licensure

Approved: 4/25/2007