

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2008
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 9:50 a.m. on January 22, 2008, at the Cook Conference Center and Hotel, Abell Board Room, 3848 W. Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.
- Presiding:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP, Chairperson
- Roll Call:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP
Gail Poirrier, DNS, RN
Carllene MacMillan, MN, RN
Bonnie Johnson, MSN, RN
- Staff:** Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN
Executive Director
- Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN
Director of Education/Licensure
- Stacey Pleasant
Licensing Analyst, Education Department
- Guests:** Patricia Egers, MS, RN (Delgado Community College)
Dianne Thames, DNS, APRN (Delgado Community College)
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN (North Oaks)
Sandra Tucker, PhD, RN, JD (Southern University-Shreveport)
Pamela Simmons (Northwestern State University)
Tiffany Varner, MSN, RN (Southern University-Shreveport)
Afua Arhin, PhD, RN (Grambling State University)
Karin Jones, PhD, RN (Grambling State University)
Suzanne Riche (Delgado Community College)
Karen Rice, DNS(c), APRN, BC, CNS, ANP (Ochsner Medical Center-Jefferson)
Toni Manogin, DHSc, RN (Baton Rouge Community College)
Norann Planchock, PhD, RN, CS, RNP (Northwestern State University)
Dr. Marianne Fisher-Giorlando (Grambling State University)

**Review and Approval
of Previous Minutes:**

Motion: by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of October 23, 2007.

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

New Business:

**Site Visit Report-
Southern University-
Shreveport, Division of
Allied Health and
Nursing, Associate
Degree Program:**

Staff stated that the visit went well and that all standards were met.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by Ms. Johnson to accept the site visit report and recommend full approval of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Southern University-Shreveport with the following commendations:

- 1. Commend the School for the University administrative support of Dr. Tucker and the nursing program.
- 2. Commend the School for its early initiation of the LPN to RN track.

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

**Site visit report,
Louisiana State
University-Eunice,
Division of Nursing
and Allied Health,
Associate Degree
Program:**

(Ms. Johnson-recused)

Staff stated that the visit went well and that all standards were met.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by Ms. MacMillan to accept the site visit report and recommend continuing full approval of the Associate Degree Program at Louisiana State University-Eunice

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

Request for clarification of LSBN rules and regulations (LAC 46:XLVII.3529) relative to approval of hospitals used for clinical practice by programs in nursing:

Staff stated that the request for clarification came from Dr. Donnie Booth at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Discussion ensued.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend clarification of LAC 46:XLVII.3529 as: “hospitals should be accredited by the JCAHO” does not imply a requirement if all other state and/or federal government requirements are satisfied and the nursing program has determined that the hospital meets the specific teaching needs of their students.

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

Request to conduct clinical testing experiences at Baton Rouge General Medical Center by Excelsior College:

Ms. Johnson stated that faculty must be licensed in the state of Louisiana and the Board has to approve faculty, students and clinical affiliations. Dr. Poirrier stated all students must be approved for clinical following the established protocol.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. MacMillan made a motion to defer until faculty qualification forms are received and meetings with other schools to discuss clinical availability have occurred.

Dr. Poirrier seconded. Action deferred until receipt of additional information.

Clarification of faculty qualifications:

Action deferred because of time constraints.

Nursing Shortage:

Dr. Poirrier stated that she had agreed to chair a task force to examine the accessibility of general education courses across Louisiana nursing programs to promote faster completion of LPN to RN tracks and will finalize group membership by the start of February and will

let all Board members know.

Discussion ensued related to the joint meetings between the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

Annual reports of Undergraduate Programs in Nursing:

The Committee reviewed the Annual Reports of the Undergraduate Programs in Nursing.

Baton Rouge General Medical Center Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the annual report, continue full approval of the diploma program in nursing at Baton Rouge General Medical Center, and commend them on their 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate.

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

Baton Rouge Community College Motion:

by Ms. Johnson to accept the annual report and continue initial approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Baton Rouge Community College.

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

Delgado Community College Motion:

(Dr. Steele-recused)
by Ms. Johnson to 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: Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Poirrier-yes.
Motion carried .

Louisiana State University at Alexandria Motion:

by Ms. Johnson to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the associate degree program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

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

**Louisiana State
University at Eunice
Motion:**

(Ms. Johnson-recused)
by Dr. Poirrier to accept the annual report and continue full approval
of the associate degree program at Louisiana State University at
Eunice.

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

**Louisiana Tech
University
Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to accept the annual report and continue full approval
of the associate degree program at Louisiana Tech University.

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

**Nicholls State
University ADN
Program
Motion:**

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the annual report and continue full
approval of the associate degree program at Nicholls State University.

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

Discussion ensued about the process for closing the program. Staff
will verify plans on closure with Nicholls State University.

**McNeese State
University ADN
Program
Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the annual report and continue full approval
of the associate degree program at McNeese State University.

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

**Northwestern State
University ADN
Program
Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the annual report from the associate degree
in nursing program at Northwestern State University and place on
conditional approval due to less than 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Discussion ensued.

Chairman would like to amend the motion due to faculty ratios, faculty workload, and faculty resignation rate.

Motion by Dr. Poirrier requesting that Dr. Planchock submit additional information for clarification of numbers of faculty and faculty resignation ratios in both ADN and BSN Programs in writing to Board staff within 2 weeks. Submit information to Dr. Vallette in two weeks.

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

**Our Lady of Lake
College
Motion:**

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the associate degree program of Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing

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

**Southern University at
Shreveport
Motion:**

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the associate degree program at Southern University at Shreveport.

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

**Dillard University
Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the annual report from the baccalaureate program in nursing at Dillard University, remove conditional approval, restore full approval, and commend them for their 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate.

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

**Grambling State
University
Motion:**

Discussion of Grambling status deferred until review of Old Business.

**Louisiana College
Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the annual report from the baccalaureate program in nursing at Louisiana College and continue full approval.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Poirrier-yes.

Motion carried .

**Louisiana State
University Health
Sciences Center
Motion:**

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Louisiana State University Health Science Center.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

Voice vote: Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Poirrier-yes.

Motion carried .

**McNeese State
University BSN
Program
Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at McNeese State University.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Poirrier-yes.

Motion carried .

**Nicholls State
University BSN
Program
Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Nicholls State University.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Poirrier-yes.

Motion carried .

**Northwestern State
University BSN
Program
Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Northwestern State University.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

2nd Motion by Dr. Poirrier for the baccalaureate program to submit the same requested information required of the associate degree program.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan.

Voice vote: Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Poirrier-yes.

Motion carried .

**Our Lady of Holy
Cross College
Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to 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: Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Poirrier-yes.
Motion carried .

**Southeastern Louisiana
University
Motion:**

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Southeastern Louisiana University.

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

**Southern University
Baton Rouge
Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Southern University at Baton Rouge.

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

Staff to clarify use of ADN prepared preceptors in acute care settings. May need to add discussion of preceptor rules for next meeting agenda.

**University of Louisiana
at Lafayette
Motion:**

(Dr. Poirrier-recused)
by Ms. Johnson to 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 .

**University of Louisiana
at Monroe
Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to 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: Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Poirrier-yes.
 Motion carried .

**William Carey College
 Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to accept the annual report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at William Carey College.

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

**Annual reports of
 Graduate Programs in
 Nursing:**

(11:02 a.m.-break)
 (11:20 a.m.-reconvened)

Deferred until next Education Committee Meeting

**Request to Participate
 in a Joint Research
 Project:**

Staff stated that Ochsner and LSUHSC representatives had met at the Board office to discuss the research project and will work with them on licensure issues for Puerto Rico nurses.

Discussion ensued.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to commend Ochsner Medical Center and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center for developing a research project that is aimed at alleviating RN workforce issues and that Louisiana State Board of Nursing would like to be updated on the obstacles or barriers to this process. Defer action on applying for joint funding based on ethical issues.

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

**Old Business:
 Reports from Schools
 on Conditional
 Approval:**

**Dillard University-
 NCLEX-RN Results:
 Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to recommend removing Dillard University from conditional approval status and restoring full approval due to the 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2007.
 Seconded by Ms. MacMillan.

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

**Grambling State
University-Site Visit
Summary Report and
NCLEX-RN Results:**

Lengthy discussion ensued.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier for Grambling State University, baccalaureate program in nursing, to continue conditional approval and require a special called Board hearing in April 2008 and that Fall 2008 admissions be placed on hold until after the April hearing.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Implementation of
Criminal Background
Checks for Students:**

Chairman deferred item until the next committee meeting; as there are no changes that need to be recommended at this time.

**Update on Revision of
the LSBN School
Annual Report Form:**

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to use the draft of the Annual Report Form for Undergraduate Degree Programs in Nursing for the 2007/2008 report year.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

It was noted that due dates of the annual report form were of concern, related to the NCLEX-RN dates, and will need to be reviewed.

**Request to consider the
ADN to MSN (MSN
Bridge Programs) from
the University of
Phoenix as equivalent
to having the BSN:**

Dr. Poirrier clarified that this issue has been deferred two times before due to not having enough information.

Motion: by Ms. MacMillan to defer until next Education Committee Meeting.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

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

FYI: William Carey University was granted accreditation of the baccalaureate and master's degree programs in nursing for five years (through December 31, 2012) from the Commission on College Nursing Education (CCNE)

Our Lady of the Lake College has changed the name of the Nurse Anesthesia Program from the "Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesiology Program" to the "Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia Program" effective immediately

Notification from Our Lady of the Lake College Nurse Anesthesia Program of a minor curriculum change effective June 2008

Receipt of news release: National Association of Neonatal Nurses Position Statement Call for Responsible Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Fatigue Related Incidents

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

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

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

Adjournment: 12:48 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by:

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

Approved: April 22, 2008