

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
3510 N. CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD
SUITE 501
METAIRIE, LA 70002

MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2003
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

- Call to Order:** The meeting of the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order by Ms. Bourgeois at 9:09 a.m. on January 14, 2003, at 3510 North Causeway Blvd, Suite 601, Metairie, Louisiana.
- Presiding:** Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN, Chairperson
- Roll Call:** Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN
Oswald (Alex) Ferry, EdD, CRNA, RN
Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP
Karen Moody, PhD, RN C (absent)
- Staff:** Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Credentialing Director for Education/Licensure
- Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN
Executive Director
- Lydia Favorite, Licensure Analyst for Education
- Guests:** Carolyn Wright, MSN, RN, CFNP (Executive Director, LANP)
Laura Garin, MSN, RN (William Carey)
Mary Ware, EdD, RN (William Carey)
Constance Hendricks, PhD, RN (SU Graduate Program)
Norann Planchock, PhD, RN (NSU)
Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (NSU)
Vicki Durku (LADCC)
Jan Corder, DSN, RN (ULM)
Theresa deBeche, MN, RN (LSU at Eunice)
Phillis Chelette, PhD, RN (LA College)
Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN (Board Member)
Mary L. Abadie, MSN, RN (SU) arrived at 9:20 a.m.
Edwinda Frank, EdD, PhD, RN (Dillard) arrived at 9:40 a.m.
- Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of October 22, 2002 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections or revisions.
- Motion:** by Dr. Steele that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the October 22, 2002 minutes as distributed.

Seconded by Dr. Ferry.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Ferry-yes. Motion carried.

Review of Annual Reports:

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the Associate/Baccalaureate Degree programs annual reports as distributed.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the 2001-2002 annual reports for the following associate and baccalaureate degree programs and continue full approval:

Associate Degree Programs

Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing
Louisiana State University at Alexandria
Louisiana State University at Eunice
Louisiana Tech University
Northwestern State University
Our Lady of the Lake College

Baccalaureate Programs

Dillard University
Louisiana College
Louisiana State University Health Science Center
McNeese State University
Nicholls State University
Our Lady of Holy Cross College
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern University
University of Louisiana at Monroe
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
William Carey College

Seconded by Dr. Ferry.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Ferry-yes. Motion carried.

Review of McNeese State University, 2001 – 2002 Annual Report:

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the annual report of McNeese State University, ADN program as distributed.

Motion:

by Dr. Ferry to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the 2001-2002 annual report for McNeese State University, ADN program, and restore “full approval” based on a 95% NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2002.

Seconded by Dr. Steele.

Voice vote: Ferry-yes; Steele-yes. Motion carried.

**Review of Baton Rouge
General Medical
Center, School of
Nursing, 2001–2002
Annual Report:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the annual report of Baton Rouge General Medical Center, School of Nursing, Diploma program as distributed.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the 2001-2002 annual reports for Baton Rouge General Medical Center, School of Nursing, Diploma program, continue full approval, and commend them for 100% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN for 2002.

Seconded by Dr. Steele

Voice-vote: Ferry-yes; Steele-yes. Motion carried.

**Review of Nicholls
State University, ASN
Program, 2001-2002
Annual Report:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the annual report of Nicholls State University, ASN program as distributed.

Motion:

by Dr. Ferry to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the 2001-2002 annual report for Nicholls State University, ASN program, continue full approval, and commend them for 100% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN for 2002.

Seconded by Dr. Steele:

Voice-vote: Ferry-yes, Steele-yes. Motion carried.

**Review of Grambling
State University (BSN),
2001-2002 Annual
Report:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the annual report of Grambling State University, BSN program as distributed.

Discussion ensued concerning when Grambling should submit a plan for compliance to the Committee based on an NCLEX-RN pass rate less than 80% for 2001-2002. The Education Committee decided that the plan should be submitted 30 days after the full Board acts on the recommendation.

Staff stated she spoke with Dean Smith who stated that they had verbally identified some of their problems and they were seeking consultation. Dr. Smith also stated that they are attempting to identify their problems and solve them.

The Education Committee directed staff to inquire about the use of preceptors.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the annual report for Grambling State University, BSN program and place them on conditional approval for the second consecutive year due to an NCLEX-RN pass rate below 80%. (LAC 46:XLVII:3523.B) Further, that Grambling State University submit a plan to the LSBN within 30 days of the LSBN Board Meeting that identifies the reasons for the performance of their graduates on the NCLEX-RN and the proposed actions to assure compliance with LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B.

Seconded by Dr. Ferry:

Voice-vote: Steele-yes, Ferry-yes. Motion carried

Review Northwestern State University (BSN), 2001-2002 Annual Report:

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the annual report of Northwestern State University, BSN program as distributed. Dr. Planchock was present to answer any questions or concerns. Dr. Planchock stated that the program was blindsided when they received the news that the pass rate on the NCLEX was below 80%. Dr. Planchock stated that they have now eliminated the waiting list. Dr. Planchock reported that they are evaluating a lot of different avenues (the testing centers, sciences, attitude of the students, etc.).

Motion:

by Dr Steele that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the 2001-2002 Annual Report for Northwestern State University, BSN program, and place them on “conditional approval” status due to a NCLEX-RN pass rate below 80% for 2002.

Seconded by Dr. Ferry.

Voice-vote: Steele-yes; Ferry-yes. Motion carried.

Review of the Graduate Program Preparing Candidates for APRN Licensure, Annual Reports for 2002:

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the annual report of the Graduate Programs in Louisiana preparing candidates for Advanced Practice Licensure.

A lengthy discussion followed. Staff stated that no CNM programs exist in Louisiana. Louisiana has NP, CNS, CRNA for advance practice licensure. Staff reported that this year a site-visit will be conducted at Northwestern for at the Graduate program. Staff will establish site-visit schedules with the programs.

Motion: by Dr. Ferry to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the 2001-2002 annual report for the following Graduate Programs preparing candidates for advance practice nurse licensure and continue “full approval” status as listed:

Grambling State University
Loyola University
McNeese State University
Northwestern State University
Southeastern Louisiana University
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Seconded by Dr. Steele
Voice-vote: Ferry-yes; Steele-yes. Motion carried.

Review of Louisiana State University Health Science Center (MSN), 2001-2002 Annual Report:

The 2001-2002 annual report of Louisiana State University, MSN Program as distributed.

Discussion ensued concerning the evaluation of students graduating from the grad program. Staff stated that the Board would like the programs to collect data from the students who have taken the certifying examination as part of their evaluation of their program because they are preparing graduates for certification. The program did not provide this information and stated it was not available.

Motion: by Dr. Steele to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the 2001-2002 Annual Report for Louisiana State University Health Science Center, Graduate Program and continue full approval, and request that they collect and submit to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, information on the pass rate of their graduates on the national certifying examinations for which they are prepared.

Seconded by Dr. Ferry.
Voice-vote: Steele-yes; Ferry-yes. Motion carried.

Louisiana College Coordinated LSBN/CCNE Site-Visit Report:

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the Louisiana College coordinated LSBN/CCNE site-visit as distributed. Staff stated the visit took place November 4-6, 2002 and was a joint visit with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Dr. Phyllis Chelette was present to answer any questions or concerns. Staff stated that the faculty was well prepared. Dr. Chelette stated that it was a very positive experience having to prepare for a coordinated visit.

Motion: by Dr. Steele, that the Education Committee recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, accept the coordinated LSBN/CCNE site-visit of the Division of Nursing, Louisiana College, and grant “full continuing” approval with two suggestions:

1. Continue to review faculty workloads relative to the workload of other college faculty and in light of the other responsibilities of the faculty in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3515.H.
2. Seek to enhance and expand learning resources.

Seconded by Dr. Ferry.
Voiced-vote: Steele-yes; Ferry-yes. Motion carried.

Break 10:05

Re-convene 10:18

Southwest Mississippi Community College, ADN Program, Summit, MS, Request Utilization of Louisiana Clinical Facilities: Ms. Bourgeois reported on Southwest Mississippi Community College, ADN Program request to continue utilization of Louisiana clinical facilities as distributed. Staff stated that Southwest Mississippi Community College has been using clinical facilities in southwest Louisiana in the Hammond area for several years. A representative of that program has always met with the programs in the area and they work their schedule around Southeastern and Hammond Technical College. Staff also stated that they meet the criteria and have paid their fee.

Motion by Dr. Ferry, that the Education Committee recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, approve the request of Southwest Mississippi Community College, ADN Program, Summit, MS, for the use of Louisiana Clinical facilities for Fall 2003 through Fall 2005.

Seconded by Dr. Steele.
Voice-vote: Ferry-yes, Steele-yes. Motion carried.

Louisiana State Penitentiary Request Re-Approval Statue as a C.E/Provider: Ms. Bourgeois reported on Louisiana State Penitentiary, request for two years re-approval status as a continuing education provider. Staff reported that Louisiana State Penitentiary was initially approved and a site-visit was conducted. Staff reported all criteria were met.

Motion: by Dr. Steele, that the Education Committee recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, accept the request of Louisiana State Penitentiary and grant re-approved provider status for two years, beginning April 2003 through April 2005.

Seconded by Dr. Ferry.

Voice-vote: Steele-yes, Ferry-yes. Motion carried.

**LSU at Eunice Request
Approval of Minor
Curriculum Changes
and Announce Change
in Degree from ADN to
ASN:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the request from LSU at Eunice to approve minor curriculum changes and degree awarded change from associate degree in nursing to associate of science in nursing.

Ms. Teresa deBeche was present to answer any questions or concerns.

Ms. deBeche stated that the Board of Regents changed the associate degree requirements and felt that their curriculum was a better fit for the ASN. LSUE added humanities and fine arts electives to their present curriculum. Ms. deBeche stated that neither the philosophy nor the mission changed, only the name of the degree being issued.

Ms. Bourgeois reported that the curriculum changes are being made to comply with the Board of Regents requirements for Associate of Science programs and to keep the curriculum within the 72 credit hours accepted by the NLNAC. A allied health course and a medical terminology courses are being dropped as are two separate pharmacology courses. The content of these courses will be integrated into a new introduction to Nursing course as well as in two other existing courses.

Motion:

by Dr. Ferry, that the Education Committee recommend to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, the approval of the request of LSU at Eunice for minor curriculum changes and accept notice of intent to change title of degree awarded from associate in Nursing to Associate of Science in Nursing.

Seconded by Dr. Steele.

Voice-vote: Ferry-yes, Steele-yes. Motion carried.

**Evaluation of
Academic Credentials
to Determine
Equivalency of a
Baccalaureate and a
Masters in Nursing to
Meet qualifications for
a Faculty Position:**

Ms. Bourgeois reported on the request of Rebecca Harris-Smith to recognize her credentials as equivalent to a Bachelor's and a Master's in Nursing according to LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.4, to qualify her for a faculty position. Staff stated that Ms. Harris-Smith was an LPN who earned a degree in Education from Dillard University and subsequently earned an Associate of Science in Nursing from LSUHSC in 1983. Ms. Harris-Smith completed 24 credit hours at the 300 and 400 levels at the University of South Alabama. After completing 24 hours of transition courses, she was eligible to enter the University of Phoenix where she earned a master's in nursing.

A lengthy discussion ensued. The Committee recalled that requests

for academic equivalency are coming up at every meeting.

Motion:

by Dr. Ferry, that the Education Committee recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, approve the request of Rebecca Harris-Smith to recognize her academic credentials as equivalent to a bachelor's and master's in nursing in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII .3515.B.4, to qualify her for a faculty position.

Seconded by Dr. Steele.

Voice vote: Ferry=yes, Steele=yes. Motion carried.

Staff stated that if Ms. Harris-Smith applied for a faculty position she would have to submit her official transcripts with her application. Staff was directed to find out how many credit hours are required from the University of Alabama for the BSN transition program.

**Old Business:
Report on Impact on
Louisiana Programs by
Out-of-state Schools
Using Clinical
Facilities:**

Staff stated that she had written both William Carey College and the facilities used by Pearl River Community College. Pearl River's Dean spoke with Staff and stated that they would work the conflict out with William Carey and apologized for any conflict they may have caused.

Adjournment:

10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Credentialing Director for Education/Licensure**

**Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN
Chairperson, Education Committee**