

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
3510 N. CAUSEWAY BOULEVARD
SUITE 601
METAIRIE, LA 70002

MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2005
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. Steele at 9:02 a.m. on April 26, 2005, at 3510 North Causeway Blvd, Suite 601, Metairie, Louisiana.
- Presiding:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP, Chairperson
- Roll Call:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP
Tommie Ashby, BSN, RN
Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN – Board President for Karen Moody, Committee Member
Deborah Olds, RN – Board Member
Elsie Crapanzano, MSN, RN - Absent
- Staff:** Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Nurse Consultant for Education/Research
- Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN
Executive Director
- Peggy Griener, MPH, APRN
RN Regional Manager/Credentialing
- Lydia Favorite, Licensure Analyst for Education
- Guests:** Dorothy Lary, (LSUA)
Peggy Wolfe, PhD, RN (MSU)
Elaine Vallette, Dr.PH, RN (MSU)
Marilyn M. Cooksy, (WCC)
Pam Moore, MSN, RN (LA Tech)
Deanna Pulver, MSN RN (Sowela)
Clarence Hughes, EdD, MA, BA (Sowela)
Carol Tingle, MSN, RN (BRMCSON)
Patricia Prichter, EdD, RN (OLOHCC)
Idena Carroll Perez, CRNA, RN (OLOL)
Joan Ellis, PhD, RN (OLOL)
Diane Webb, MSN, RN (NSU)
Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (OLOL)

**Review and Approval
of Previous Minutes:**

The Minutes of January 26, 2005 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections or revisions.

Motion:

by Ms. Ashby that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of January 26, 2005 with no corrections or revisions.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

Voice vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois -yes. Motion carried.

Agenda:

Ms. Ashby requested that the Committee be allowed to reorder agenda if needed.

Motion:

by Ms Ashby that the Education Committee reorder the agenda.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

Voice vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois -yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

**Site-visit Report
LA Tech University:**

Dr. Steele reported on the site-visit report as distributed for Louisiana Tech University, ASN Program. Staff stated that it was a positive visit. Ms Moore and her faculty made all of their resources available for review. Ms Pam Moore, Director, was present to answer any questions or concerns. Ms. Moore thanked the Board for making it possible to have a concurrent visit of the LSBN with the NLNAC. She stated that it was a positive meeting and having LSBN staff present made everything go smoother.

Motion:

by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend continuing full approval of the Associate of Science in Nursing program at Louisiana Tech University with two recommendations, two suggestions and one commendation as follows:

Recommendations:

1. Seek to attain 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty, LAC 46:XLVII.3515.A.4, and document efforts to do so in the 2005 Annual Report of the program to the LSBN.
2. Continue to seek to add a faculty masters in nursing prepared in psych/mental health nursing, LAC 46:XLVII.3515.A, and document efforts to do so in the 2005 Annual Report of the program to the LSBN.

Suggestions:

1. Expand physical facilities to assure adequate space for the conduct of the program. (LAC 46:XLVII.3519.A.B.C).
2. Increase secretarial services to meet the needs of the program (LAC 46:XLVII.3519.F).

Commendation:

Commend the Director and faculty of the Division of Nursing for their positive and effective relationships with students.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

Voice vote: Ashby-yes; Bourgeois -yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Bourgeois, President, LSBN, stated that she was serving on the Education Committee in the absence of Karen Moody. Ms. Bourgeois thanked Ms. Moore, Director of LA Tech for her continued support for her tenure on the Board.

Ms. Morvant asked what is Louisiana Tech doing to hire more masters prepared faculty. Ms. Moore stated that they have put out some inquiries and are involved in a hiring freeze; she has received some resumes and as soon as the freeze is lifted, will begin interviewing. She also stated that they were going to continue to encourage nurses to go into nursing education tracks in graduate programs. Also, she will work to get salaries elevated.

**Site-visit Report
Louisiana State
University at
Alexandria (LSUA):**

Dr. Steele reported on the site-visit report as distributed for Louisiana State University at Alexandria, ADN Program. Staff stated that it was a very positive visit, conducted concurrently with the NLNAC. Ms. Lary and her faculty made all of their resources available for review and they are very much respected by the community. Ms Lary, Department Chair, was present to answer any questions or concerns. Ms Lary thanked the Board for making it possible to have a concurrent visit of the LSBN and NLNAC.

Motion:

by Ms. Bourgeois that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend continuing full approval of the associate of science in nursing program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria with five (5) commendations, one(1)suggestion, and two (2) recommendations, and that the recommendations be addressed in the 2005 Annual Report to the Board:

Commendations:

1. Extensive physical and learning resources

2. Stable and experienced faculty and department head
3. Strong and positive supportive relationships of faculty and students
4. Positive and extensive interface with the community
5. Leadership role of the faculty within the University

Suggestions:

1. Review adequacy of support services in light of 31% of University enrollment in nursing and in light of plans to propose a BSN completion program (LAC 46:XLVII.3519.F)

Recommendations:

1. Continue to seek 100% masters prepared faculty (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.4).
2. Revise mission and/or curriculum to assure appropriateness of “caring for the community” and if retained, identify and assure consistency throughout curriculum.

Seconded by Ms. Ashby

Voice vote: Bourgeois –yes, Ashby-yes. Motion carried.

**Site-visit Report
Our Lady of Holy
Cross College
(OLOHC):**

Dr. Steele reported on the site-visit report as distributed for Our Lady of Holy Cross College, BSN Program. Staff stated that it was a joint visit with the NLNAC and was an extremely positive visit. The documentation of all standards was extra ordinary and they are doing a great job. Dr. Prechter was present to answer any questions or concerns. Dr. Prechter stated that it worked very well to have the combined visit and it was a pleasure to have Dr. Tate there.

Motion:

by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend continuing full approval of the baccalaureate in nursing program at Our Lady of Holy Cross with three (3) commendations as follows:

1. Academically prepared Dean and faculty.
2. Commitment of faculty and students to the mission of the institution.
3. Consistent achievement of program outcomes.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

Voice vote: Bourgeois –yes, Ashby-yes. Motion carried.

**Site-visit Report
Our Lady of the Lake
College (OLOL) Initial
Approval for the
Anesthesia Master’s
Program:**

Dr. Steele reported on the initial site-visit report as distributed for Our Lady of the Lake College, Anesthesia Master’s Program. Dr. Tate and Ms. Griener, RN Regional Manager/Credentialing made the visit. Ms. Idena Carroll- Perez and Dr. Joan Ellis were present. Staff stated that information was received this morning relative to the SACS accreditation status for offering the graduate degree. SACS-COC reported in December that they denied accreditation for the advanced degrees. Ms. Carroll-Perez and Dr. Ellis were aware some information had been submitted on incorrect forms and that the institution was in process of resubmitting the correct forms and have hired a reader to make sure all is in line. They are expecting SACS accreditation in June.

Ms. Carroll-Perez thanked staff for the thoroughness of the visit. Ms. Carroll-Perez spoke to the recommendation that the individual entering the Anesthesia program should hold a BSN. OLOL surveyed 83 programs and 29 of the 83 Anesthesia schools they surveyed allowed BSN or bachelors in related fields. Ms. Carroll-Perez stated that OLOL would request that the Board allow them to admit RN students with a BS in a related field. Ms. Carroll-Perez stated that OLOL would like to request permission to start accepting applications for admission and that all documents will clearly state that they are awaiting accreditation from the Board of Nursing, SACS and COA accreditation in bold print.

Staff stated that they were under the impression when the site-visit was conducted that SACS-COC approval was coming and believed that the requirement of the BSN when pursuing a masters was consistent with higher education standards, namely that the undergraduate degree should be in the area for the individual pursues the masters. Ms. Griener stated that after the visit, she looked into the admission requirements for the two anesthesia schools that are listed with the Board of Regents that have students in Louisiana, namely TCU and Texas Wesleyan and they do not require a BSN for entry; LSUHSC school of anesthesia requires a BSN. We do license students from all three programs. Some who are licensed hold the Masters in Nursing Anesthesia, some the Masters in Anesthesia, and some the MSN. OLOLC is requesting to offer a nursing anesthesia program that grants the Master of Anesthesia.

Staff stated that the institutions would set up requirements for the equivalent of the BSN for entry and inform the Board what they are

doing to meet the BSN requirement.

Break: 9:55 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:15 a.m.

Staff stated that the Committee verified that there was a letter from SACS stating that if the OLOLC Board of Trustees approved the program, they could admit students as soon as Fall 2004. This is the statement that LSBN used to recommend a site visit for initial approval. Dr Steele clarified that the Committee didn't receive the information concerning SACS accreditation until today.

Motion: by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend initial approval of the Master of Science in Anesthesia program at Our Lady of the Lake College to prepare CRNAs for APRN licensure, contingent upon accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, (SACS-COC), and the Commission on Accreditation of Anesthesia programs.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois
Voice vote: Ashby-yes, Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried.

Motion: by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend that the Master of Science in Anesthesia program at Our Lady of the Lake College specify admission requirements requiring candidates to hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing or its equivalent as approved by the Board.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois

Further, Dr. Steele stated that the initial applicants entering should have a BSN; those with equivalency would have to be submitted to the Board for review along with OLOLC's definition of BSN equivalency.

Voice vote: Ashby-yes, Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried

Motion: by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend that the Master of Science in Anesthesia program at Our Lady of the Lake College recommend that program application interviews be approved with the understanding that all materials state that the program may not open without

accreditation from the SACS and COA which is anticipated in June 2005; no student may be accepted before SACS and COA accreditation is received.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois
Voice vote: Ashby-yes, Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried

Staff commented for the visitor that OLOLC didn't just come to the committee and ask approval of this program, but had previously submitted three proposals and the entire faculty that are on board are academically and experientially prepared to conduct graduate education. Contracts are in place with clinical agencies.

Motion: by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommends that the Master of Science in Anesthesia program at Our Lady of the Lake College notify the Board in writing of SACS-COC and COA status.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois
Voice vote: Ashby-yes, Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried

Nicholls State University, Curriculum Changes in ADN & BSN Program:

Dr. Steele reported on the request of Nicholls State University for minor curriculum changes in the ASN and BSN programs as distributed.
Staff stated that they are minor curriculum changes that enable the institution to adhere to the newly adopted Louisiana Nursing Education Articulation Model.

Motion: by Ms. Bourgeois that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend approval of the request of Nicholls State University for curriculum changes.

Seconded by Ms. Ashby
Voice vote: Bourgeois –yes, Ashby-yes Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried

Louisiana Hospital Association, Renewal Provider Status for Four (4) Years:

Dr. Steele reported on the request of the Louisiana Hospital Association for four (4) years re-approval status as a continuing education provider. Staff reported all criteria were met.

Motion: by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, accept the request of the Louisiana Hospital

Association for re-approval of their continuing education provider status, (Provider #39), for four (4) years commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2009.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois
Voice vote: Bourgeois –yes, Ashby-yes. Motion carried.

**Louisiana State
Penitentiary at Angola
Renewal Provider
Status for Two (2)
Years:**

Dr. Steele reported on the request of the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola for two (2) years re-approval status as a continuing education provider. Staff reported all criteria were met.

Motion:

by Ms. Ashby that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, accept the request of the Louisiana State Penitentiary for renewal of their continuing education provider status, (Provider #38), for two (2) years commencing May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2007.

Seconded by Ms. Bourgeois
Voice vote: Bourgeois –yes, Ashby-yes. Motion carried.

**Southwest Medical
Center at Lafayette
Renewal Provider
Status for Two (2)
Years:**

Dr. Steele reported on the request of Southwest Medial Center at Lafayette for two (2) years re-approval status as a continuing education provider. Staff reported all criteria were met.

Motion:

by Ms. Bourgeois that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, accept the request of the Southwest Medical Center for renewal of their continuing education provider status, (Provider #34), for two (2) years commencing July 21, 2005 and ending July 20, 2007; further, recommend that the social security number of the participants be removed from the certificate of continuing education hours awarded.

Seconded by Ms. Ashby
Voice vote: Ashby-yes, Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried.

**McNeese State
University, Resolution
Recognizing 50th
Anniversary:**

Dr. Steele reported on the resolution for McNeese State University, recognizing their 50th anniversary as distributed. Dr. Wolfe and Dr. Vallette were present. Ms. Bourgeois read the resolution into the record.

Motion:

by Ms. Bourgeois that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend adoption of a resolution recognizing and congratulating McNeese State University College of Nursing on its 50th year of operation.

Seconded by Ms. Ashby

Voice vote: Ashby-yes, Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried.

**Baton Rouge
Community College,
Advertisement Prior to
Sanction of the Board:**

Dr. Steele reported on Baton Rouge Community College, advertisement of anticipated program prior to sanction of planning by the Board as distributed. Staff stated that the letter informing the Board that they were advertising came from Dr. Michael Smith from OLOL. Staff contacted Dr. Dorsey, Vice President of Baton Rouge Community College to tell her that it had come to our attention that they were advertising a program that had not been approved as we have only acknowledged a letter of intent. Dr. Dorsey stated that they had been contacted by the Board of Regents and had already pulled the advertising. She also stated that they had received sanction from the Board of Regents to continue to plan and they intend to employ a program head and will follow all of the Board steps to a full proposal.

Motion:

by Ms. Bourgeois that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommends that Baton Rouge Community College be notified that until they complete Step II. of §3533.B. and are sanctioned by the LSBN to proceed with the development of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program, all advertisement of intention to establish an associate degree nursing program shall cease.

Seconded by Ms. Ashby

Voice vote: Ashby-yes, Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

**Proposal from Sowela
Technical Community
College:**

Dr. Steele reported on the proposal form Sowela Technical Community College for sanctioning continued planning for an ASN program as distributed. Dr. Hughes and Ms. Pulver were present to answer any questions. Staff reported that Sowela had notified the Board some time ago of their intent to establish an ASN program and have now followed up with their basic proposal that speaks to the need for the program and responds to some of LSBN standards. The institution does not yet hold SACS accreditation. Dr. Hughes stated

that their proposal has been submitted to SACS for accreditation. It has been in their hands for two months and they have six months to make a decision. Ms. Pulver is on board as the head of the program.

Motion:

by Ms. Bourgeois that the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommend that supplemental information be submitted relative to the following:

1. Status of SACS/COC accreditation
2. Availability of qualified faculty
3. Assurance of adequate funding
4. Plans for the employment of a qualified program head

Further, those public announcements of the opening of the proposed program shall not occur prior to the sanction by the Board to proceed with the development of the program.

Seconded by Ms. Ashby

Dr. Hughes stated that since the proposal was submitted, they have been told by a local philanthropic organization that they are going to commit 2.75 million dollars to Sowela for use in the establishment of an allied health nursing building. Staff stated that the Board needs to be notified in writing of Ms. Pulver's appointment as head of the department of nursing.

Voice vote: Ashby-yes, Bourgeois –yes. Motion carried.

Further, those public announcements of the opening of the proposed program shall not occur prior to the sanction by the Board to proceed with the development of the program.

FYI:

Dr. Steele announced the items distributed for information as follows:

1. Announcement from Southern University at Shreveport of minor curriculum changes
2. Announcement from Our Lady of the Lake College that Melanie Green has been appointed Dean of Undergraduate Studies, School of Nursing, and Dr. Joan Ellis has been named Dean of the Graduate School of Nursing.
3. Announcement from Louisiana College that Dr. Joe Aguillard has been appointed President effective January 17, 2005
4. Announcement from LSU at Alexandria that Dr. Thomas

Armstrong has been appointed Vice-Chancellor and Provost of the University

5. Announcement from LSU at Alexandria of minor curriculum changes
6. William Carey College School of Nursing in New Orleans; new facilities visited

Staff stated that Dr. Cooksey and Dr. Stewart had invited a representative of the Board to view their new facility. It's a wonderful facility with laboratory space, computer labs, offices and classrooms.

Adjournment: 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Nurse Consultant for Education/Research**

**Nora Steele, DNS, RN, PNP
Chairperson, Education Committee**