

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
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SUITE 6  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70809

MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2006  
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 9:05 a.m. on April 26, 2006, 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  
  
Frankie Rosenthal  
LSBN President
- Staff:** Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN  
Nurse Consultant for Education/Research  
  
Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN  
Executive Director  
  
Crystal Berry  
Licensing Analyst for Education
- Guests:** Oswald Alex Ferry, EdD, RN (LA College)  
Elaine Vallette, Dr.PH, RN (Baton Rouge Community College)  
Dr. Bradley Ebersole (Vice Chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College)  
Dorothy Lary, MSN, RN (Louisiana State University- Alexandria)  
Dana Robinson, RN (Woman's Hospital)  
Cassie Wyre, RN (Woman's Hospital)  
Peggy Wolfe, PhD, RN (McNeese State University)  
Cheryl L. Taylor, PhD, RN (Southern University-Baton Rouge)  
Mary Abadie, MN, RN (Southern University-Baton Rouge)
- Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of January 24, 2006 meeting were reviewed.
- Motion:** by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of January 24, 2006.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

## Old Business

### **Guidelines Relevant to Exceptions to LAC 46: XLVII.3515:**

Staff stated that this item came up in last meeting and went to the Board and that the Board sent it back because there were other changes recommended in the interim. The recommended changes exceeded the rules so revised policy brought back to Education Committee for direction. One year to two year exception change requires the initiation of rule making. The changes in the guidelines are primarily editorial except the change from five years of clinical practice to three years.

Dr. Steele interjected that she wanted a motion to be made on the guidelines and then on the years of clinical practice separately. Dr. Porrier recommended that the rule making change from one year to two years.

### **Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing adopt the policy recommended which includes authorization of staff to approve requests for faculty exceptions in accord with LAC:XLVII.3515 and consistent with the *Guidelines Relevant to Exceptions to LAC 46:XLVII.3515:FacultyOrganization*.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

### **Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend to the Board, the initiation of rule making to change from one year to two years in section §3533.B.7.a and also for consideration during rule making, an RN who holds a baccalaureate degree in nursing and has already served as a faculty exception may re-apply for a two year only, exception provided:

1. A period of five years has lapsed since the last exception.
2. Submission of an approved curriculum plan for a master's degree in nursing.
3. Submission of evidence of completion of 50% completion of

the approved curriculum

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Baton Rouge  
Community College  
Proposal:**

Staff stated that Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) has received SACS accreditation.

Staff stated that the school is asking for recognition of where they are in the planning process and to accept their proposal to establish a program, not actually approving a program yet.

Dr. Ebersole stated that BRCC is anticipating the program and is looking forward to it and that he hired Dr. Valette to help steer the program in the right direction.

Dr. Ebersole also stated that there is a large demand for the program. Dr. Valette stated that BRCC has over 600 students enrolled who indicate that they want nursing and 350 on a list who are not enrolled but are inquiring about the program. Dr. Valette also stated that the students who want to enroll in the nursing program will not be able to complete studies there, but will have to transfer.

Staff stated that they need to collaborate and cooperate with the other four programs in Baton Rouge to assure access to clinical facilities.

**Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the proposal to initiate an associate degree in nursing program at BRCC, acknowledge that §3533.B.1-3 have been accomplished and that the Board is to be provided data to document completion of §3533.B. 4-5.

Seconded by Dr. Porrier

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

**Board of Regents  
Review of LPN  
Programs:**

Staff stated that this item was placed on the agenda to make the Board aware that the Board of Regents did commission a study. The Board of Regents did seek input from the Board through Ms. Morvant. Staff asked if any one had any input to guide the Board in it's response for the study. The Board of Regents permitted an extension of time to have input. Staff asked for suggestions.

Ms. MacMillan stated that the report was enlightening from a concerned perspective in the lack of consistency reported between the programs.

Ms. Johnson stated that she applauds the collaborative efforts and seeing that the curriculum is more dynamic and that it meets the needs of adult learners. She also applauds the efforts to get a highly qualified faculty. One of her concerns is resources available to the programs. Her other concern is lack of continuity across the state. She applauds the use of decreased administrative levels. Ms. Johnson also encourages a ratio of less than 1:10. She added that she did not see any reference to particular ratios for safe patient care. She has a concern for patient welfare.

Dr. Ferry stated that he would like to obtain a copy of the report as it sounded very interesting to him.

Staff stated that the information was made public on March 23, 2006.

Dr. Poirrier stated that a report on the retention of faculty would be wonderful for programs to have, along with someone who understands articulation because there has been difficulty getting LPNs and CNAs to that level.

Staff attended a meeting where the Board hopes that whatever comes about would promote articulation.

Ms. Johnson commented on national accreditation.

Staff commented that on page 27, articulation was covered as much as possible.

Staff stated that the LSBN initiated the task force to develop an articulation model and invited the LPN Board to participate. A model was adopted and all RN programs made adjustments to facilitate the use of that model.

Dr. Ferry stated that the RN programs made massive attempts to articulate in the late 1980s, early 1990s when the original supply and demand commission took place.

Staff stated that now all the programs follow the model. All of the programs have submitted documentation except Southern.

Ms. Abadie stated that they do have LPNs.

Ms. Johnson stated that there seems to be some confusion in the consultants recommendations.

There was consensus that Ms. Morvant draft a response to the report in consultation with Ms. Rosenthal for submission to the Board of Regents.

(break-10:05 a.m.)

(reconvened-10:37 a.m.)

**New Business:**

Baton Rouge General Medical Center- no representatives  
Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing

**Review of the 2004-**

**2005 Annual Reports:**

Staff stated that there were more students admitted in 2005 than are currently enrolled due to Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. Steele recused herself from any voting on Delgado. She stated that on October 15, 2005, there were about 90 graduating students taking classes at East Jefferson and West Jefferson. In January, enrollment was about 80% of what they had in August.

Louisiana State University-Alexandria- Dorothy Lary reported that there a great number of students who want to enroll. 70 students were enrolled this year but enrollment has gone back down to 60. All applicants were not enrolled. Adjunct faculty was used for clinicals. LPN articulation and OBNP were also used.

Louisiana State University-Eunice-Bonnie Johnson stated that the report speaks for itself.

Staff reported that Louisiana State University- Eunice had one faculty exception and are making tremendous efforts to achieve 100% and that they have 97.83% NCLEX pass rate.

Staff also reported that Louisiana State University-Alexandria has a 94.78% NCLEX pass rate.

Louisiana Tech University- no representatives.

McNeese State University-Dr. Wolfe has a high enrollment in both BSN and ADN. They are the only school that did not have to turn

students away in the ADN.

Ms. Rosenthal thought that it was interesting that McNeese did not have to turn students away. She also brought forth her concern with attrition rates and the causes and solutions.

Dr. Wolfe interjected that McNeese does not admit by GPA.

Dr. Steele stated that Delgado looked into retention issues as a goal to identify retention strategies. 10% students get picked at random.

Ms. Lary stated that there is a higher retention rate in the LPN accelerated program. She also stated that Louisiana State University-Alexandria has written a grant to look at retention.

Dr. Poirrier interjected that Board of Regents is looking at retention.

Nicholls State University- no representatives

Northwestern State University- no representatives

Our Lady of the Lake College- no representatives

Southern University-Shreveport- no representatives

Staff indicated that Southern-Shreveport is the only program that is operating under initial approval in accord with our rules. They have not yet graduated a class which is required to request full approval. They have no faculty exceptions.

Dillard University- no representatives

Grambling- no representatives

Louisiana College- Dr. Ferry stated that they are progressing well and they have 125 students enrolled. There are eleven in the graduating senior class. They have not refused admissions and they need two new instructors.

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center- no representatives

Our Lady of Holy Cross College- no representatives  
Staff indicated that they are back in operation.

Southeastern Louisiana University- no representatives

Southern University-Baton Rouge- Dr. Taylor and Ms. Abadie  
There is increased enrollment. There are two PhD students.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette- Dr. Porrier  
They continue to grow but decrease in graduates in 2005 due to change in curriculum and only one class was graduated for the whole year.

University of Louisiana at Monroe- no representatives

William Carey College- no representatives  
Staff stated that the New Orleans nursing courses are not operating, however they are teaching general education classes.

Graduate programs were named.

Staff recommendations based on review of data from annual reports:

**Motion:**

1. by Ms. Macmillan to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT*, continue full approval of the diploma program in nursing at Baton Rouge General Medical Center, and recommend an annual report to LSBN of efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty. (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4)

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

Motion carried.

**Motion:**

2. by Ms. Johnson to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT*, continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing, and recommend an annual report to LSBN of efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty. (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4)

Seconded by Ms. Macmillan

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

**Motion:**

3. by Dr. Porrier to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT*, continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, and recommend an annual report to LSBN of efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty. (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4)

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Motion:**

4. by Ms. MacMillan to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT*, continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University at Eunice, and recommend an annual report to the LSBN of efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing faculty. (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4)

Seconded by Dr. Porrier

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

**Motion:**

5. by Ms. Johnson to recommend 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 with an annual report on two previous recommendations: 1. Seek to attain 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4) and, 2. continue to seek to employ a faculty prepared at masters in nursing level in psych/mental health nursing.

Seconded by Ms. Macmillan

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

**Motion:**

6. by Dr. Porrier to recommend 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 recommend that LSBN be notified when NLNAC acts on accreditation..

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Motion:**

7. by Ms. MacMillan to recommend 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.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Motion:**

8. by Ms. Johnson to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT*, continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Northwestern State University, and recommend an annual report to the LSBN of efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty. (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4)

Seconded by Dr. Porrier

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

**Motion:**

9. by Dr. Porrier to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the regular and the accelerated associate degree in nursing program of Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing, recommend an annual report to LSBN of the efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty, (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4), and recommend that a report be submitted identifying names and credentials of faculty teaching in the accelerated program.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

- Motion:** 10. by Ms. MacMillan to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full 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 Ms. Johnson to recommend 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 second consecutive year for less than an 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate in 2005. (LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B)

Seconded by Dr. Porrier

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

- Motion:** 12. by Dr. Porrier to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue conditional approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Grambling State University for less than an 80% NCLEX pass rate, (LAC46:XLVII.3523.B.1), and recommend an annual report to LSBN of efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4).

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

- Motion:** 13. by Ms. MacMillan to recommend 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 Ms. Johnson to recommend 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 Dr. Porrier

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

**Motion:**

15. by Dr. Porrier to recommend 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, and recommend an annual report to LSBN of the efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty. (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4).

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Motion:**

16. by Ms. MacMillan to recommend 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. Johnson

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

**Motion:**

17. by Ms. Johnson to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT*, continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Northwestern State University, and recommend an annual report to LSBN of efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty. (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4).

Seconded by Dr. Porrier

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

**Motion:**

18. by Dr. Porrier to recommend 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. MacMillan to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT*, continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Southeastern Louisiana University, and recommend an annual report to LSBN of the efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty. (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4).

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

- Motion:**
20. by Ms. Johnson to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue conditional approval that was imposed in February 2006 on the baccalaureate program in nursing at Southern University in Baton Rouge due to less than an 80% NCLEX pass rate for 2005 (LAC46:XLVII.3523.B.1).

Seconded by Dr. Porrier

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

- Motion:**
21. by Ms. MacMillan to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT*, continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and recommend an annual report to LSBN of efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty. (LAC46:XLVII.3515.B.4).

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

- Motion:**
22. by Ms. Johnson to recommend that the Louisiana State

Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT*, continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at University of Louisiana at Monroe, and recommend an annual report to LSBN of efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty. (LAC46:XLVII.3515.b.4).

Seconded by Dr. Porrier

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

**Motion:**

23. by Dr. Porrier to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from the baccalaureate program in nursing at William Carey College, continue conditional approval for the second consecutive year for less than an 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate in 2005, (LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B), and recommend that they seek masters in nursing prepared faculty in the areas appropriate to childbearing and childrearing families.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN NURSING PREPARING  
CANDIDATES FOR APRN LICENSURE

**Motion:**

24. by Ms. Johnson to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from Grambling State University masters program in nursing and continue full approval of the graduate program to offer the Family Nurse Practitioner program.

Seconded by Dr. Porrier

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

**Motion:**

25. by Dr. Porrier to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from Louisiana State University Health Science Center masters program in nursing and continue approval of the graduate program to offer the following specialties and roles:

Nurse Anesthesia	CRNA
Primary Care	Nurse Practitioner
Adult Health	CNS
Neonatal	Nurse Practitioner
Psychiatric/Community Mental Health	CNS
Parent/Child	CNS

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Motion:**

26. by Ms. MacMillan to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from Loyola University masters program in nursing and continue approval of the graduate program to offer the Family and the Adult specialties preparing for the role of nurse practitioner.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Motion:**

27. by Ms. Johnson to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from McNeese State University masters program in nursing and continue approval of the graduate program to offer the following specialties and roles:

Adult Health	Nurse Practitioner
	Clinical Nurse Specialist
Adult Psychiatric Mental Health	Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Motion:**

28. by Dr. Porrier to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from Northwestern State University masters program in nursing and continue approval of the graduate program to offer the

following specialties and roles:

Family Health	Nurse Practitioner
Women's Health	Nurse Practitioner
Pediatric	Nurse Practitioner
Acute Care	Nurse Practitioner
Adult Health	Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist
Mental Health/Psychiatric Nursing	Clinical Nurse Specialist
Critical Care Nursing of the Adult	Clinical Nurse Specialist
Maternal/Child Family	Clinical Nurse Specialist

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Motion:**

29. by Ms. MacMillan to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue initial approval of the masters program in nurse anesthesia at Our Lady of the Lake College.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Motion:**

30. by Ms. Johnson to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* and continue full approval of the masters program in nursing at Southeastern Louisiana University to offer the following specialties and roles:

Adult Health	Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist
Adult Psychiatric Mental Health	Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist

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

**Motion:** 31. by Dr. Porrier to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from Southern University in Baton Rouge masters program in nursing and continue full approval to offer the following specialties and roles:

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| Family Health | Nurse Practitioner                                  |
| Gerontology   | Nurse Practitioner and<br>Clinical Nurse Specialist |

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

**Motion:** 32. by Ms. MacMillan to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the *ANNUAL REPORT* from University of Louisiana at Lafayette and continue full approval of the masters program in nursing to offer the following specialties and roles:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Adult Health                    | Nurse Practitioner and<br>Clinical Nurse Specialist |
| Adult Psychiatric Mental Health | Nurse Practitioner and<br>Clinical Nurse Specialist |

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

There was discussion scheduling regarding site visits and

accreditation.

Staff was asked to make a list of graduate programs and when they are scheduled for national accreditation visits to schedule LSBN visits in collaboration if possible.

There was discussion of a recommendation to look at factors that may impact decrease of NCLEX pass rate. Staff stated that admission standards may be a factor.

Faculty preparation as it related to NCLEX performance will be reviewed by Staff.

**Recognition of MSN program at Loyola as equivalent to a BSN and MSN degree to meet nurse faculty qualifications (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.4:**

Staff stated that the board received an application exception for a faculty who has a Masters in Nursing from Loyola but a bachelor's in a health related field. Staff contacted Dr. Wilson on that issue. There is a bridge program with certain stipulations. There are four, 400 level courses that must be taken to apply for the bridge program of RN to Masters.

Staff stated that Loyola does have a BSN program.

Staff asked that the Board act on the question, will the bridge program be equivalent to a baccalaureate and masters for purposes of meeting criteria for a faculty appointment.

**Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recognize the MSN degree at Loyola as equivalent to a baccalaureate and a master's degree in nursing to meet faculty qualifications (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.b.4)

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Participation in NCLEX Quick Results Service:**

Staff presented comments from boards who use the service of NCLEX Quick Results. Staff stated that this service is provided by NCSBN and the board has to authorize participation. Results are unofficial but results are available to candidates in about twelve hours.

A candidate may get his results after paying a fee to the company. There is no expense to the Board.

**Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing participate in the NCLEX Quick Results Service and advertise appropriately for candidates to participate in the program.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Woman’s Hospital  
request re-approval  
provider status:**

Staff stated that Woman’s Hospital was one of the first providers of continuing education. Their providership was extended due to the storm. New providers can only apply for two years, but those who have been providers for a while may apply for four years.

Staff stated that it is an excellent program and meets all required standards.

**Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to approve the request of Woman’s Hospital as a provider of continuing education for four years, commencing May 1, 2006 and ending on April 31, 2010.

by Ms. Johnson to ratify the gap of staff extensions for their approval through May 1, 2006 due to continued excellence pending review of application.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**FYI:**

Dr. Tate reported on the items distributed for information as follows:

1. Baton Rouge Community College: Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) received December 2004, retroactive to January 2004
2. Baton Rouge Community College: Dr. Elaine Vallette named Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, January 30, 2004
3. McNeese State University, College of Nursing: Becky Riley named Acting Department Head for Undergraduate Nursing Degree Programs and Laurie

- Groves named Acting Assistant Department Head, effective January 20, 2006
4. Southeastern LA University, McNeese State University, and University of LA at Lafayette announce implementation of the Adult Psychiatric Mental Health program that was approved by the Board in 2004.

There was discussion regarding attrition, NCLEX scores, and Katrina effects on students and their graduation dates.

**Adjournment:** 11:57 a.m.

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

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Respectfully submitted by:**



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**Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN**  
**Nurse Consultant for Education/Research**

**Approved: July 26, 2006**