

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

MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 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 9:07 a.m. on April 25, 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 (10:34 a.m.)
- Staff:** Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN
Executive Director (11:22 a.m.)
- Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN
Director of Education/Licensure
- Crystal Berry
Licensing Analyst, Education Department
- Peggy Griener, MPH, APRN
Director of Credentialing/Practice
- Guests:** Pamela Moore, MSN, RN (Louisiana Tech University)
Diane Webb, MSN, RN (Northwestern State University)
Debbie Moore, MSN, RN (Northwestern State University)
Jacqueline Favret, MSN, RN (LSUHSC)
Demetrius Porche, DNS, RN (LSUHSC)
Emily Doughty, MSN, RN (ULM)
Juliet Burgess, MSN, RN (ULM)
Bill Nunez, PhD (Chancellor, LSU-E)
- Motion:** by Ms. MacMillan that the agenda be reordered.
- Seconded by Dr. Poirrier
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; MacMillan-yes. Motion carried.
- Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of January 23, 2007 meeting were reviewed.
- Motion:** by Ms. MacMillan that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept

the minutes of January 23, 2007.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

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

The Minutes of February 16, 2007 meeting were reviewed.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of February 16, 2007.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

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

New Business:

**Louisiana State
University Health
Sciences Center BSN
Program Request for
Approval of Major
Curriculum Change:**

Dr. Porche gave a general introduction and overview of the curriculum changes.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the major curriculum changes as presented for the LSUHSC BSN Program.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Intercollegiate
Consortium for a
Master of Science in
Nursing (ICMSN)
Change in Structure
From Four to Three
Schools and Request
That LSBN Reference
the Three ICMSN
Schools of Nursing as
One Entity for All
LSBN Matters
Including Annual
Reports:**

Dr. Poirrier stated that Southern University has requested to no longer be a member of ICMSN. The ICMSN has been restructured to include only McNeese, Southeastern, and ULL. Dr. Poirrier asked that the three schools be recognized as one entity in terms of annual reports, etc.

(Dr. Poirrier recused; motion deferred until the arrival of Ms. Johnson)

**Louisiana State
University at Eunice
Request for a Pilot
Study on the Use of
Preceptors:**

Dr. Bill Nunez gave an introduction of LSU-E's pilot program in the absence of Ms. Johnson. Discussion and vote deferred until the arrival of Ms. Johnson.

**Performance of
Louisiana Schools on
NCLEX-RN:**

Staff summarized pass rates/averages.
Lengthy discussion ensued. No motions made as further data will be collected and compiled for a report for the next meeting.

**Revision of the Annual
Report Form:**

Chairman suggested a task force to look at the information of the annual report.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to have a task force and invite the chairs and department heads or the appropriate resource from the schools to a meeting to revise the annual report form and that it subsequently be reproduced in an electronic format. Dr. Poirrier stated that the task force should include Dr. Booth, (SLU), to represent the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission and also the President of LACANE (or representative) to that task force.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

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

**Standard for
Calculating Contact
Hours for Continuing
Education Activities:**

Chairman states that ANCC changed to a 60 minute hour per contact hour as did LSNA effective January 1, 2007.

(10:07 a.m.-break)

(10:21 a.m.-reconvened)

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend use of a 60 minute period to equal 1 contact hour of continuing nursing education effective July 1, 2007.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Old Business:
Procedure for Schools
on Conditional
Approval:**

Staff added this item for clarification of what needs to be done when an institution is on conditional approval.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

The procedure was defined as follows:

1. First year of conditional approval:

- A. Board staff will conduct a formal meeting with the nursing program regarding the area(s) of deficit.
 - B. A written report must be submitted no later than 3 months from the date the program was placed on conditional approval indicating their plans for correcting the deficiency.
 - C. In accordance with §3535.I, the program may petition the Board to restore full approval within 12 months if there is evidence that the standard(s) have been met.
2. Second consecutive year of conditional approval:
- A. Board staff will conduct a focused site visit specifically addressing the deficiency(ies) cited.
 - B. Board staff will gather data relative to the program's ability to meet all standards.
 - C. Board requires that the schools disseminate information about conditional approval status to potential applicants and to the general public.
3. Third consecutive year of conditional approval:
- A. A written focused self-study must be submitted no later than 3 months after being placed on conditional approval for the third consecutive year.
 - B. Board staff will conduct a focused site visit to gather data relative to the program's ability to meet all standards.
 - C. After three consecutive years of conditional approval, the program shall not admit any students into the clinical nursing course sequence until the Board determines that all standards have been met (§3535.L).
4. Fees associated with site visits: \$500.00 per site visit is required in accordance with §3505.B.1.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to approve as revised.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

Implementation of Background Checks for Students:

The background check process was discussed at length. Chairman stated that more discussion is needed on this subject; no motion made.

Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN) Change in Structure From Four to Three Schools and Request That LSBN Reference the Three ICMSN Schools of Nursing as One Entity for All LSBN Matters Including Annual Reports:

This item was deferred earlier due to no quorum since Dr. Poirrier is recused.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the notification that the ICMSN has changed structure to include only three schools; McNeese State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and approve the ICMSN request that the three schools be referenced as one entity for all LSBN matters, including annual reports.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

Louisiana State University at Eunice Request for a Pilot Study on the Use of Preceptors:

A presentation (including handouts) was made by Ms. Johnson. Ms. Johnson requested three exceptions to current LSBN rules and regulations.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan that we grant LSU-Eunice exception to the preceptor rule for a one time pilot project for graduating seniors. Discussion ensued.

Chairman stated that the issue needs to be reviewed further with a more detailed plan.

Motion withdrawn; action deferred.

FYI:

Dr. R. Thomas King was appointed as the ninth president of William Carey University effective February 15, 2007.

Baton Rouge Community College received Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approval for the

Associate of Science in Nursing Program.

Notification from Our Lady of the Lake College of the appointment of Melanie Green as the Acting Vice-President for Academic Affairs and of Francine Thomas as the Interim Dean of the Undergraduate School of Nursing.

Dr. Poirrier proposed that a standing agenda item be added to the Education Committee regarding the nursing shortage issue to include pass rates, admissions, and articulation.

Motion: by Ms. MacMillan that this issue be added to the next Education Committee meeting.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier


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

Adjournment: 12:00 p.m.

by Ms. MacMillan that the Education Committee adjourn.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

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: July 24, 2007