

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2007
SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- 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 9:31 a.m. on February 16, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Select located at 4728 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge, LA.
- 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
- Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Nurse Consultant for Education/Research
- Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN
Director of Education/Licensure
- Crystal Berry
Licensing Analyst for Education
- Guests:** Sandra Tucker, PhD, RN, JD (Southern-Shreveport)
Beverly Barnett, MSN, RN (Southern-Shreveport)
Francine Thomas, MN, CCRN (Our Lady of the Lake)
Joan Ellis, PhD, RN (Our Lady of the Lake)
Rebecca Riley, MS, RN (McNeese)
Peggy Wolfe, PhD, RN (McNeese)
Melinda Oberleitner, DNS, APRN, CNS (ULL)
Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (Northwestern)
Norann Planchock, PhD, RN, CS, FNP (Northwestern)
Donnie Booth, PhD, RN (Southeastern Louisiana University)
Barbara Moffett, PhD, RN (Southeastern Louisiana University)
Dianne Thames, DNS, RN (Delgado/Charity School of Nursing)

Patricia Egers, MS, RN (Delgado/Charity School of Nursing)
Patricia Prechter, EdD, RN (Our Lady of Holy Cross)
Florencetta Gibson, PhD, APRN, LMFT (ULM)
Marilyn Cooksey, PhD, RN (William Carey)
Mary Stewart, PhD, RN (William Carey)
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN, CRRN (Southern-Baton Rouge)
Carol Tingle, MSN, RN (Baton Rouge General)
Cynthia Bienemy, PhD, RN (Southern-Baton Rouge)
Rhonda Hensley, EdD, APRN, BC (Grambling)
Karin Jones, PhD, RN (Grambling)
Dorothy Lary, APRN, BC, MSN (LSU-Alexandria)
Betty Dennis, DrPH, RN (Dillard)
Toni Manogin, DHSc, RN (Baton Rouge Community College)
Melanie Green, MN, RN (Our Lady of the Lake)
Demetrius Porche, DNS, RN (LSU Health Sciences Center)
Velma Westbrook, DNS, RN (Nicholls)
A request was made that the agenda be reordered.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier that the agenda be reordered.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Clarification of LAC
46:XLVII.3535.
relative to conditional
approval:**

Staff advised that at the January Education Committee meeting the action was tabled until this special meeting. Each program head was given a packet which included the Board rules related to conditional approval.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding when students should not be admitted to a program due to conditional approval status, what type of action should be taken when an institution is put on conditional approval, and when a hearing should be conducted.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing staff set up a procedure that would include having a site visit and a report the first year the school is placed on conditional approval, and that the staff take under consideration timing events for notifying schools; especially those going into the third year so that there will be time enough to notify students

about any changes in admission.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson, who amended the motion to propose an escalation as follows:
first time on conditional approval-site visit with a written report
second time on conditional approval-self study
third time on conditional approval-denial of admission

Discussion ensued.

(10:29 a.m.-break)

(10:41 a.m.-reconvened)

Amended Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier that the Board establish a written procedure that will give guidance to schools who are placed on conditional approval. During the first year the school is placed on conditional approval, the Board staff will conduct a formal meeting with the nursing program regarding the area of deficit and request a written report be submitted to the Board.

During the second consecutive year the school is placed on conditional approval, there will be a site visit conducted by the Board staff.

During the third consecutive year of conditional approval the school will be requested to provide a focused self study in writing, and the Board will conduct a site visit at that time.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

Chairman made final clarification that no students should be admitted to a program that is entering its fourth year of conditional approval.

**Recommendation on
four programs on
Conditional Approval:**

Southern University in Baton Rouge and William Carey College provided written reports of their plans to correct their conditional approval status.

Grambling State University met with the Board after the January Education Committee meeting and shared their written assessments and initiatives to correct their conditional approval status.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend that Southern University Baton Rouge submit a written report by June 15, 2007 in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3535.I. relative to their plans for meeting LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B. due to second year conditional approval; and in addition request that the annual report be accepted and place them on second year conditional approval.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

*written report received February 16, 2007

Motion:

by Ms. Johnson to recommend that Grambling State University submit a written report by June 15, 2007 in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3535.I. relative to their plans for meeting LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B. due to second year conditional approval; and in addition request that the annual report be accepted and place them on second year conditional approval.

Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

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

Staff stated that Grambling has requested a site visit.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the annual report as presented from Dillard University and place Dillard University on third consecutive year conditional approval status; and recommend that Dillard University submit a focused self-study according to the standards in LAC 46:XLVII. Chapter 35, and that a site visit be scheduled no later than August 1, 2007 due to third year conditional approval status.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

Dillard verbally listed its initiatives and plans for improvement; and also voiced its hardships due to Katrina as a factor in its status.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the annual report as presented from William Carey University New Orleans campus and place them on third year conditional approval status; and recommend that William Carey University New Orleans campus submit a detailed self-study according to the standards in LAC 46:XLVII. Chapter 35, and that a site visit be scheduled no later than August 1, 2007 due to third year conditional approval status.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

Presentation from William Carey.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding William Carey and the fact that some of the New Orleans campus students who graduated have the Mississippi campus information on their transcripts. Also the issue was brought up that William Carey New Orleans Campus did not graduate a class in 2006 and will not graduate a class in 2007.

The motion was withdrawn.

Motion:

by Ms. Johnson to consider NCLEX-RN pass rate of those New Orleans campus students who graduated from a Mississippi William Carey campus as the 2006 percentage pass rate for William Carey, which would bring the pass rate to 82% for the calendar year 2006, and consequently restore full approval.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

Motion carried.

Motion:

by Ms. MacMillan to accept the annual report and include the addendum from today to be included in their annual report granting full approval.

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

(11:21 a.m.-break)

(11:47 a.m.-reconvened)

**Definition of “Faculty”
for Programs in
Nursing:**

Staff stated that issue was raised at the last Education Committee meeting based on the site visit that was conducted at ULL relative to faculty exceptions.

It was recommended that there be no recommendation relative to meeting faculty standards when an institution does not exceed the permitted percentage of faculty exceptions.

SCR 134-Response:

Staff shared that SCR 134 includes the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurses, and the Board of Regents for a response relative to producing more nurses.

Staff stated that the number of RN graduates has increased and stipend programs have been significant; also capitation dollars have helped.

1:09 p.m.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted by:



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

Approved: 4/25/2007