

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

MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 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 9:00 a.m. on April 15, 2003, at 3510 North Causeway Blvd, Suite 501, Metairie, Louisiana. Ms Bourgeois welcomed Ms. Crapanzano as a new member of the Education Committee and thanked Dr. Ferry in absentia for his many years of committed service as a Member and past Chairperson of the Education Committee.
- Presiding:** Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN, Chairperson
- Roll Call:** Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN
Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP
Karen Moody, PhD, RN C
Elsie Crapanzano, MSN, RN
- Staff:** Ellienne T. Tate, EdD, RN
Credentialing Director for Education/Licensure

Lydia Favorite, Licensure Analyst for Education
- Guests:** Laura Garin, MSN, RN (William Carey)
Jan Corder, DSN, RN (ULM)
Charlene Brouillette, MS, RN (LSUHSC)
Monty Sullivan, ED.D. (LDCC)
Jennifer Beck, MS, RN (OLOLC)
Melanie Green, MN, RN (OLOLC)
Phyllis LeBlanc, PhD, MSN, RN (OLOLC)
Christine Slaven, MSN, RN (OLOLC)
Sue Westbrook, MA, MN, RN (Nicholls State) (left at 9:20 a.m.)
Patricia Egers, MS, RN (DCC/CSN) (arrived 9:10 a.m.)
- Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** The Minutes of January 14, 2003 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 January 14, 2003 minutes as distributed.

Seconded by Dr. Moody.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Moody-yes, Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried.

Review of Special Call Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the March 20, 2003 called Education Committee Meeting were reviewed.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of the special call meeting with corrections on pages 2 and 3 as directed.

Seconded by Dr. Moody.

Voice vote: Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes, Moody-yes . Motion carried.

Dr. Steele stated that positive feedback was received from a number of schools and it was great to see questions answered on the web in a timely manner. Staff stated that National Council, especially Anne Wendt, responded very quickly. Ms. Bourgeois stated that we weren't the only state with concerns.

New Business:

Nicholls State University, BSN Program Coordinated Site-Visit Report:

The coordinated LSBN/NLNAC site-visit report of Nicholls State University, BSN Program was reviewed. Staff stated that Dr. Westbrook was present and that it was a wonderful visit. The entire University administration was aware that site-visitors were on campus and all were cooperative and made themselves available. Ms. Bourgeois stated the strengths of the program identified were:

1. Institutional commitment to quality
2. The excellent leadership provided by the Department Head and Program Director
3. Qualified, experienced and cohesive faculty with a vision for the continued development of excellence
4. Community support
5. Supportive and proud students and alumni
6. Exceptional physical facilities and learning resources
7. Documentation of program outcomes including consistent high NCLEX-RN pass rates.

Motion:

by Dr. Moody to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the coordinated LSBN/NLNAC site-visit of Nicholls State University, BSN program and grant continued, "full approval".

Seconded by Dr. Steele.

Voice vote: Moody-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Steele-yes. Motion carried.

**McNeese State
University (MSU),
ADN Site-Visit Report:**

The site-visit report of MSU, ADN Program was reviewed. Staff stated that it has been proposed that the ADN program be eliminated with a vocational technical college in that area attempting to establish an associate degree program in nursing. MSU applied for NLNAC accreditation a few years ago but was denied largely for their failure to appropriately delineate the outcomes of the ADN and BSN programs. This is now being done. In a meeting with the President and the Provost, they indicated that if the plans to terminate the program do not materialize within a few years, they will consider seeking NLNAC accreditation. Staff reported that they wouldn't terminate the program unless there is another SACS accredited institution in that area. Ms. Bourgeois stated the following strengths of the program:

1. Strong leadership provided by the Dean and the Program Coordinator
2. Educationally prepared and experienced faculty
3. Positive attitude of students
4. Extensive assessment of students and the program
5. Community support
6. Extensive physical resources and learning resources

Further discussion ensued concerning whether or not to recommend that McNeese seek national accreditation.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing grant continuing "full approval" with the following three recommendations:

Recommendations:

1. Addition of one full time faculty to assure that the workload of the faculty permits time for class and laboratory preparation as well as the work of the program. (LAC.46:XLVII.3515.H)
2. Document in program minutes the use of the extensive evaluation data for program improvement.
3. Initiate the process to seek National Accreditation (NLNAC) within two years if it is evident that the program will not close.

Seconded by Dr. Moody

Voice-vote: Steele-yes; Moody-yes; Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried.

**Our Lady of the Lake
College (OLOL)
Request Major
Curriculum Changes:**

Staff stated that after reviewing the curriculum changes proposed by OLOL, one of the course overviews was not consistent with the objectives. Staff communicated with Dr. Joyce and the appropriate changes were made. Dr. Joyce was not in attendance but OLOLC was represented by Jennifer Beek, Melanie Green, Phyllis LeBlanc, and Christine Slaven.

Motion:

by Dr. Moody to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approve the request of Our Lady of the Lake College for major curriculum changes to be implemented in Summer 2003.

Seconded by Dr. Steele:

Voice-vote: Moody-yes, Steele-yes, Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried.

**Our Lady of the Lake
College (OLOL)
Request for
Accelerated Program:**

Staff stated that the information was reviewed and that the curriculum was the same but on a different time frame. After communicating with Dr. Joyce, she replied via e-mail that the only difference is that admission criteria is more stringent and the same curriculum will be taught in trimesters for that group of individuals, thereby accelerating their opportunity to complete.

Motion:

by Dr. Moody that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approve the request of Our Lady of the Lake college to initiate an accelerated program.

Seconded by Dr. Steele:

Voice-vote: Steele-yes, Moody-yes; Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried

**Pearl River
Community College
Request Utilization of a
Louisiana Facility:**

Ms. Bourgeois stated that when Pearl River initially applied to use NorthShore Medical Center, they didn't realize that NorthShore Psychiatric Clinic was not a part of that facility. Ms. Garin, Director William Carey College, stated that they use that facility and that PRCC has not communicated with them. Staff stated that if a problem arose with their use of the facility, she should report it to the Education Committee.

Motion:

by Dr Steele that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approve the request of Pearl River Community College to add NorthShore Psychiatric Clinic to the list of Louisiana Facilities used for clinical teaching.

Seconded by Dr. Moody.

Voice-vote: Steele-yes; Moody-yes; Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried.

**Oscar Daniel Lee
Request for Education
Equivalency:**

The Committee reviewed the information and research material submitted by Staff on the request of Mr. Lee to recognize his credentials as equivalent to a bachelor's and masters in nursing for a faculty position in Louisiana. Mr. Lee holds the Associate Degree in Nursing, a Bachelors in Business Administration, a Master of Science in Nursing and is at dissertation stage for a PhD in Nursing.

Motion:

by Dr. Steele to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approve the request of Oscar Daniel Lee to recognize his academic credentials as equivalent to a bachelor's and master's in nursing in accordance with LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.4, to qualify him for a faculty position.

Seconded by Dr. Moody

Voice-vote: Steele-yes; Moody-yes; Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried.

**Louisiana State
University Health
Science Center
(LSUHSC) Anesthesia
Program Request
Recognition for Ronald
E. Smith as a Faculty
Appointment:**

Ms. Bourgeois stated the request as distributed. Staff reported that Mr. Smith has a PhD in Education, MS in Applied Behavioral Science, BS in Business Management, Diploma in Nurse Anesthesiology, Associate Degree in Nursing and is completing a BSN. He has held a Professorship in a University program in Anesthesia. LSUHSC stated in writing that they believe he has the expertise consistence with their program needs.

Motion:

by Dr. Moody to recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the request of Kathleen Wren, LSUHSC Anesthesia Program, to recognize the credentials of Ronald E. Smith as eligible for faculty appointment in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.4509 .A.1.f.i .ii.iii.iv.

Seconded by Dr. Steele.

Voice-vote: Moody-yes; Steele-yes; Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

**Number of Credit
Hours Needed for BSN
Completion Program
at the University of**

Staff reported that based on the website and in the USA bulletin, a total of 32 credit hours in nursing is required for the RN to BSN program. Of that number, 6 credit hours may be challenged and some credits from the associate degree level either transfer or may be

South Alabama (USA):

validated. An individual may had as few as 20 credits and as many as 26. No action was required.

**Grambling State
University (GSU)
Response to LSBN
Regarding 2002
NCLEX Performance:**

Ms. Bourgeois stated the request as distributed. Staff stated that the changes that were made should impact 2003 graduates' NCLEX scores.

Motion

by Dr. Moody, that the Education Committee recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approve the plan submitted by Grambling State University in response to the performance of their graduates on the NCLEX-RN in 2002 and that they submit analysis of the effect of their actions on the performance of their graduates in one calendar year.

Seconded by Dr. Steele.

Voice-vote: Moody-yes, Steele-yes, Crapanzano-yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Bourgeois announced the items distributed for information as follows:

FYI:

1. Notes from Ellienne newsletter.
A concern was raised about faculty not seeing the newsletter. Staff stated that programs that have Director, Dean, Program Head, etc. would be sent multiple copies.
2. University of Louisiana at Monroe, notification of minor curriculum changes.

Dr. Corder explained that what they now have is a 6 hours course for clinical with 2 hours for pediatrics, 2 hours for community, and 2 hours for OB with theory set up the same way. They have put the

theory and the clinical courses together in separate courses with the same actual contact hours for clinical and theory as they have now.

Adjournment:

10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Credentialing Director for Education/Licensure

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