

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

MINUTES OF JULY 24, 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 9:01 a.m. on July 24, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Select located at 4728 Constitution Avenue, 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
- Staff:** Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN
Executive Director
- Deborah Olds, MS, RN, CPHRM
President
- Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN
Director of Education/Licensure
- Crystal Berry
Licensing Analyst, Education Department
- Guests:** Pamela Moore, MSN, RN (Louisiana Tech University)
Marcia Guidry, MSN, RN (L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College)
Mary Stewart, PhD, RN (William Carey University)
Patricia Prechter, EdD, RN (Our Lady of Holy Cross College)
Barbara Jones, PhD (Louisiana Delta Community College)
Cynthia Bienemy, PhD, RN (Southern University-Baton Rouge)
Donnie Booth, PhD, RN (Southeastern Louisiana University)
Toni Manogin, DHSc, RN (Baton Rouge Community College)
Kay Lopez, DSN, RN (LSU Health Sciences Center)
Debra Smith, MSN, RN (LSU-Alexandria)
Patricia Egers, MS, RN (Delgado Community College)
Dianne Thames, DNS, APRN (Delgado Community College)
Marilyn Cooksey, PhD, RN (William Carey University)
Francine Thomas, MN, CCRN (Our Lady of the Lake College)
Betty Dennis, DrPH, RN (Dillard University)
Elaine Barham, MSN, RN (Southern University-Baton Rouge)

Travis Lavigne, Jr. (Chancellor, L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College)

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion: by Dr. Poirrier that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the minutes of April 25, 2007.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

New Business:

Site Visit Report- Loyola University School of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner Program:

Staff stated that Loyola has nurse practitioner students with preceptors almost all over the state. Also, Loyola has had a 100 percent pass rate for the past four years on their certification exam. The visit was a joint visit with NLN.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by Dr. Poirrier to accept the site visit report and recommend continuing full approval of the Nurse Practitioner Program at Loyola University School of Nursing with the following commendations:

1. Commend the faculty on high program satisfaction ratings
2. Commend the faculty on high NP pass rates

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

Site Visit Report- William Carey University School of Nursing, Baccalaureate Degree Program, New Orleans Campus:

Staff stated that even though the campus was devastated by Hurricane Katrina, the school administrators are committed to keeping a campus in the Greater New Orleans area.

Staff stated that the school has a very active nurse student association. The visit was a joint one with CCNE.

Motion: by Ms. MacMillan to accept the site visit report and recommend continuing full approval of the Baccalaureate Degree Program at William Carey University School of Nursing, New Orleans campus

with the following commendations:

1. Commend the university administration for its support of the New Orleans campus following Hurricane Katrina.
2. Commend the school of nursing on its Carey Student Nurses Association and active participation in the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Site Visit Report-
Southeastern Louisiana
University School of
Nursing, Baccalaureate
Degree Program :**

Staff stated that the school receives overwhelming community support and also has a large number of doctoral prepared faculty. Staff also stated that the visit was a joint one with CCNE.

Motion:

by Ms. Johnson to accept the site visit report and recommend continuing full approval of the Baccalaureate Degree Program at Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing with the following commendations:

1. Commend the school of nursing on the number of doctorally prepared faculty (of 52 currently employed part-time and full-time faculty, 22 hold the doctorate-42.3%)

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

**Request to Consider
the ADN to MSN (MSN
Bridge Programs)
From the University of
Phoenix as Equivalent
to Having the BSN:**

Staff stated that the Board received a request from an individual who has an MSN degree from the University of Phoenix and wants to teach but does not have a BSN degree. She completed one of the MSN bridge programs.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:
Old Business:
Reports from Schools
on Conditional**

Action deferred pending the receipt of further information.

Staff gave brief report on the current stats of the NCLEX pass rates of the schools on conditional approval which include Dillard, Grambling, and Southern in Baton Rouge. Currently Dillard is at a

Approval:

100% pass rate.

Discussion continued at length regarding clarification of the policy and requirements of conditional approval status.

Section 3. C. of the Policy Statement was amended to read:

After being placed on conditional approval for the third year, 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) and provides opportunity for an administrative hearing.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to make that revision to the conditional approval for programs in nursing policy statements and procedures.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier that the Board notify the schools (FYI) about the conditional approval policy and procedure for programs in nursing.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan with an amendment as follows: that the Board staff to follow up with the schools that are in their second year of conditional approval to seek copies of their process and their notification that they have disseminated that information to the applicants and to the public...

amendment overturned; original motion accepted without the amendment

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

Staff stated that a visit was made to Dillard in May 2007. A number of strides have been made to increase the NCLEX pass rate. Discussion ensued.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the focused report from Dillard and commend them on their efforts and also accept the site visit report for Dillard University. Discussion ensued.

Motion withdrawn

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the focused report from Dillard and commend them on their efforts to increase their NCLEX-RN pass rate and accept the site visit report from Dillard University and also recommend continuing conditional approval for Dillard University until the next committee meeting in October when NCLEX results of the May 2007 graduates can be reviewed.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

(10:23 a.m.-break)

(10:40 a.m.-reconvened)

Grambling State University-action deferred until arrival of program head

Staff stated that Southern University submitted a report in June of 2007. The report lists the actions that have been made to increase the NCLEX pass rate.

Staff stated that the NCLEX pass data from May is incomplete at this time; however of the five students that the Board has received results, all five have passed.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the focused report from Southern University and recommend continuing conditional approval for Southern University until the next committee meeting in October when NCLEX-RN results when the May 2007 graduates can be reviewed (“and we can look at the site visit”-interjected by the Chairman).

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

continued by Dr. Poirrier- and that the Board conduct a site visit based on the policy and procedure for programs on conditional approval for two consecutive years.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

Grambling deferred until the end of the agenda.

Implementation of

Chairman deferred until the next Education Committee Meeting

Criminal Background Checks for Students:

Update on Louisiana Delta Community College Proposal to Initiate an Associate Degree in Nursing Program:

Staff stated that the original letter of intent from Delta was received in October of 2003 with an update in July 2004. Staff had a telephone meeting in June of 2007 with the president, vice chancellor, and dean of instruction who informed us that LDCC had received SACS candidacy status in April of 2007. The school has the appropriate approvals from the Board of Regents and LCTCS.

Discussion ensued.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend that LDCC continue to follow the steps for establishing a new program as stated in LAC46:XLVII.3535 and that staff conduct a site visit following hiring of a director and faculty.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

Nursing Shortage:

Discussion at length ensued regarding the causes of the nurse shortage problem and ways to correct it.

Motion:

by Chairman to discuss further concepts which include enhancing the Louisiana Articulation Model by supporting an exit point that would allow students to sit for the NCLEX-PN exam, a mentoring program, and increasing accessibility of offerings of general education and support courses. Also that ADN programs consider shortening the LPN to RN tracks to one calendar year.

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

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

Ms. Johnson requested that this item be deferred until the next Committee Meeting.

Update on L.E. Fletcher Community College Proposal to

Initiate an Associate Degree in Nursing Program:

The school submitted their letter of intent in October of 2003. They now have received initial SACS candidacy and approval from LCTCS Board.
The curriculum is ready to start in January 2008.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend that L.E. Fletcher Community College continue to follow the steps for establishing a new program as stated in LAC 46:XLVII.3535 and that staff conduct a site visit as soon as possible in order to determine if a January 2008 admit date for students is feasible.

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

Update on Revision of the LSBN School Annual Report Form:

Staff stated that she presented this item at the last LACANE meeting and that she has several volunteers to aide in the revisions.

Old Business: Reports from Schools on Conditional Approval:

Staff reported that Grambling submitted a report that the Board received last week. They also met with Dr. Vallette, Dr. Tate, and Mrs. Morvant in early Spring at the Board of Nursing.

Motion:

by Dr. Poirrier to accept the focused report from Grambling State University and recommend continuing conditional approval for Grambling State University until the next committee meeting in October when NCLEX-RN results from the May 2007 graduates can be reviewed and recommend that the focused site visit takes place reminding them again about the second year procedure.

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

FYI:

McNeese State University College of Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing Program awarded initial accreditation as of Fall 2006 for five years from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

Appointment of Dr. Demetrius J. Porche as Dean of the School of Nursing at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Appointment of Ms. Laura S. Bonanno, CRNA, MS as Acting Director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Notification from Grambling State University of the appointment of Dr. Afua Ahrin as the Associate Dean for the School of Nursing. Dr. Rhonda Hensley is returning to the position of MSN Program Director and Dr. Karin Jones to remain as the BSN Program Director

Initiation of a "Break Term" for undergraduate, generic nursing students at William Carey University

Notification from Our Lady of the Lake College of their intent to increase enrollment of the New Orleans campus Accelerated ASN Program by an additional 50 students in January 2008 through a clinical partnership with West Jefferson Hospital.

Notification of the development of an Advanced Technical Certificate in Sepsis Awareness and Education course at St. Petersburg College in Florida.

Motion: by Dr. Poirrier that the Education Committee adjourn.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

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

Adjournment: 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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

Approved: October 23, 2007