

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
17373 PERKINS ROAD  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70810

MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2008  
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 9:25 a.m. on July 22, 2008, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing located at 17373 Perkins Road, 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 (arrived at 9:51 a.m.)  
Executive Director

Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN  
Director of Education/Licensure

Crystal Patterson  
Licensing Analyst, Education Department

Stacey Pleasant  
Licensing Analyst, Education Department

**Guests:** Cheryl Myers, RN, MN (Delgado Community College)  
Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (Northwestern State University)  
Dr. Elizabeth Battalora (Louisiana College-Pineville)  
Melanie Green, PhD, RNC (OLOL College)  
Norann Planchock, PhD, RN, CS, FNP (Northwestern State University)  
Cathy Lopez (LSU Health Sciences Center)  
Demetrius Porche, DNS, RN (LSU Health Sciences Center)  
Gaye Dean, RN, MBA (Willis-Knighton Health System)  
Claire Rebouche, MSN, RN (Willis-Knighton Health System)  
Dorothy Lary, DNS, APRN, BC, MSN (LSU-Alexandria)  
Dr. Larry Tremblay (Board of Regents)

Chairperson asked that the agenda be reordered when Dr. Tremblay arrives.

Chairperson requested that page numbers be added to the minutes.

**Review and Approval**

**of Previous Minutes:** by Dr. Poirrier that the minutes of April 22, 2008 be accepted.

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

**New Business:**

**Site Visit Report-Our Lady of the Lake College-Nurse Anesthesia Program:** Staff commented on the visit.

**Motion:** by Ms. MacMillan to accept the site visit report from Our Lady of the Lake College Nurse Anesthesia Program and grant full approval status.

**Amended Motion:** by Ms. Johnson to accept the site report from Our Lady of the Lake College Nurse Anesthesia Program and grant full approval status and commend them on 100% pass rate of their graduates.

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

**Requests from Willis-Knighton Health System and Christus Schumpert Health System Related to Qualifications for Preceptors:**

Ms. Rebouche and Ms. Dean of Willis Knighton Health System requested that an ASN degree and four years experience be accepted as the minimum qualifications for a preceptor for a 5<sup>th</sup> level BSN student. The ASN staff would be under the direction of the MSN faculty.

Discussion ensued at length.

**Motion:** by Ms. Johnson that the Board accepts withdrawal of the request related to qualifications for preceptors after clarification of Board rules and regulations  
Seconded by Dr. Poirrier  
Voice vote: Poirrier-yes; Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes; Motion carried.

**Nursing Shortage:**

Dr. Tremblay of the Board of Regents was invited to the meeting and gave an overview of the Continuum for All Louisiana Learners (CALL) initiative. He also discussed how this initiative might impact implementation of articulation plans across the state.

(10:40 a.m.-break)

(10:56 a.m.- reconvened)

**Request from  
Louisiana State  
University Health  
Sciences Center School  
of Nursing Related to  
Faculty Qualifications :**

Dr. Porche requested the Board consider recognizing individuals who have earned a BSN and a DNP or PhD without a master's degree, as meeting the requirements to serve as faculty in Louisiana.

Discussion ensued at length.

It was suggested that the graduate faculty that volunteered to work on the revision of the graduate annual report form could provide input on this issue.

**Chairperson deferred item pending collection of additional information on accreditation, Board rules and national trends.**

**Request to Conduct  
Clinical Experiences in  
Louisiana by  
University of Arkansas  
for Medical Sciences  
College of Nursing:**

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing requests to conduct clinical experiences at Christus Schumpert Health System in Shreveport.

Staff commented on the issue.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to approve the request by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing to conduct clinical experiences at Christus Schumpert Health System in Shreveport. Seconded by Dr. Poirrier

Chairperson proposed an amendment that this approval is good for one (1) year, then the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing must contact the other schools in the area to assure there are no conflicts.

Discussion ensued.

**Amended Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing request to conduct clinical experiences at Christus Schumpert Health System in Shreveport be accepted providing that they submit evidence of coordination with other nursing programs in the areas as specified in Rule §3536.2 prior to the start of clinical in October

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

**Termination of the Associate of Science Nursing Program at Nicholls State University:**

**Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to recommend approval of the termination of the Associate of Science Nursing Program at Nicholls State University in accordance with LAC:46:XXLVII.3531.A.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

**Amended Motion:**

by Ms. Johnson to request that the Nicholls State University provide the name of the Interim or the new Department Head that will be accountable for the ASN Program until its termination due to the retirement of Dr. Cheryl Franklin.

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

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

**Nurse Refresher Courses:**

Staff commented on this issue.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:**

by Dr. Poirrier to continue this discussion and receive clarification about accountability related to the Board's actions related to nursing refresher courses.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson

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

**Nursing Shortage:**

Dr. Poirrier discussed the findings from the task force on Improving Matriculation in Nursing Education: General Education through Distance Learning for Nursing.

Dr. Poirrier recommended the Board needs to re-examine if all nursing programs have implemented a mandated articulation plan.

Another recommendation was that the Board asks the nursing programs to submit their issues of what's blocking their articulation program from producing more numbers to Dr. Booth, chair of the sub-committee on Articulation of Nursing Supply and Demand.

**Old Business:**

**Policy on Conditional Approval for Programs in Nursing:**

Discussion on two versions of a revision for the *Conditional Approval for Programs in Nursing* policy.

**Chairperson deferred item for more editing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> C. option, by the Board lawyers and request them to attend the next committee meeting.**

**FYI:**

Our Lady of the Lake College has partnered with East Jefferson Hospital to admit an additional 50 students in the Accelerated ASN Program, New Orleans campus, in the fall of 2008.

Southeastern Louisiana University School of Nursing will offer the RN to BS curriculum as a fully on-line program beginning fall 2008.

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing has been organizationally restructured. New appointments include: Dr. Deborah Garbee as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs; Dr. Denise Danna as Associate Dean for Professional Practice, Community Service, and Advanced Nursing Practice; Dr. Marsha

Bennett as Associate Dean for Nursing Research, Scholarship and Science; Rose Schaubhut as Assistant Dean for Clinical Nursing Education; Catherine Lopez as Assistant Dean for Student Support Services; and Elizabeth Spivey as Director of the Nursing Skills and Technology Center. Three nursing professorships were also appointed: Dr. Gloria Giarratano as the P.K. Scheerle Professorship in Nursing; Dr. Leslie Pejic as the Sister Henrietta Guyot Professorship in Nursing; and Dr. Yvonne Sterling as the St. Charles General Hospital Auxiliary Professorship in Nursing.

Louisiana College submitted a copy of their “Continuous Improvement Progress Report” required by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Notification received from Louisiana College on the retirement of Dr. Oswald A. Ferry and the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Battalora as Chair of the Division of Nursing.

ANCC has changed the name of the Public/Community Health CNS certification to Advanced Public Health Nurse certification.

Dr. Ronald Wright was approved as Chancellor of Delgado Community College.

McNeese State University College of Nursing reported reorganization of their BSN curriculum.

Dr. Nora Steele, Board Member, has been appointed as a member of the Innovations in Education Regulation Committee of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

**Adjournment:**

12:17 p.m.



**Respectfully submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Approved: 10/22/08**

*Nora F. Steele*

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP