

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: February 25, 2016

PRESENT:	Tom Dell	Patricia Vettel-Becker
	Cindy Dell	Francisco Saldivar
	Susan Gilbertz	James Barron
	Andrew Sullivan	Vern Gagnon
	Kelly Shumway	Stephen Coffman
	Sonja Choriki (student)	Barbara Wheeling (ex-officio)
	Clifford Coppersmith (ex-officio)	Robert Hoar (ex-officio)

ABSENT:	A.J. Otjen*	Paul Pope*
	Sarah Keller*	Baudry Metangmo (student)*
	Diane Duin (ex-officio)*	Christine Shearer (ex-officio)*
	Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)*	Matt Redinger (ex-officio)
	Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)	Joe Oravec (ex-officio)
	* <i>excused</i>	

GUESTS:	Cheri Johannes	Susan Floyd
	Mark Nook	

PRESIDING: Susan Gilbertz, Chair

Susan Gilbertz called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The minutes of February 18 were accepted as presented.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

Item 44 NRSB 254 Complex Care Mental Health Client. Change title to Mental Health Concepts, change credits from 1 to 3, change corequisite, and change course description.

Item 44.a NRSB 255 Complex Care Mental Health Client Clinical. Change title to Mental Health Concepts Clinical, change corequisite, and change course description.

Item 44.b NRSB 256 Pathophysiology. Change prerequisite and corequisite, change course description.

Item 44.c NRS 266 Managed Client Care. Change title to Managing Client Care for the RN, remove prerequisite, change corequisite, and change course description.

Item 44.d NRS 267 Managed Client Care Clinical. Change title to Managing Client Care for the RN Clinical, remove prerequisite, change corequisite, and change course description.

Item 44.e NRS 230 Nursing Pharmacology. New course.

Item 44.f NRS 231 Pharmacology for Nursing Lab. New course.

Item 44.g NRS 232 Foundations for Nursing. New course.

Item 44.h NRS 233 Foundations of Nursing Lab. New course.

Item 44.i NRS 234 Adult Nursing I. New course.

Item 44.j NRS 235 Adult Nursing I Clinical. New course.

Item 44.k NRS 236 Health and Illness of Maternity Nursing. New course.

Item 44.L NRS 237 Health and Illness of Maternal Nursing Clinical. New course.

Item 44.m NRS 244 Adult Nursing II. New course.

Item 44.n NRS 245 Adult Nursing II Clinical. New course.

Item 44.o NRS 246 Health and Illness of Child and Family Nursing. New course.

Item 44.p NRS 247 Health and Illness of Child and Family Nursing Clinical. New course.

Item 44.Q NRS 259 Adult Nursing III. New course.

Item 44.r NRS 260 Adult Nursing III Lab. New course.

Item 44.s NRS 261 Adult Nursing III Clinical. New course.

Item 44.t AS in Registered Nurse (ASN). Modification to an existing program.

Item 45 BIOH 105 Basic Human Biology Lab. New course.

Item 45.a M 120 Mathematics with Health Care Applications. New course.

Item 45.b NRS 130 Fundamentals of Nursing. Change credits from 4 to 3, change corequisite, and change course description. (course only offered online)

Item 45.c NRS 131 Fundamentals of Nursing Lab. Change corequisite and course description.

Item 45.d NRS 135 Nursing Pharmacology. Change title to Pharmacology for Practical Nurses, change corequisite, and change course description. (course only offered online)

Item 45.e NRS 140 Core Concepts of Adult Nursing. Change title to Adult Health Nursing, remove prerequisite, change corequisite, and change course description. (course only offered online)

Item 45.f NRS 141 Core Concepts of Adult Nursing Clinical. Change title to Adult Health Nursing Clinical, remove prerequisite, change corequisite, and change course description.

Item 45.g NRS 142 Core Concepts of Maternal/Child Nursing. Change title to Nursing Care of Women and Children, change credits from 2 to 3, remove prerequisite, change corequisite, and change course description. (course only offered online)

Item 45.h NRS 143 Core Concepts of Maternal/Child Nursing Clinical. Change title to Nursing Care of Women and Children Clinical, remove prerequisite, change corequisite, and change course description.

Item 45.i NRS 148 Leadership Issues. Change title to Leadership Issues for Practical Nurses, change credits from 1 to 2, remove prerequisite, change corequisite, and change course description. (course only offered online)

Item 45.j NRS 149 Leadership Issues Clinical. Change title to Leadership Issues for Practical Nurses Clinical, remove prerequisite, change corequisite, and change course description.

Item 45.k NRS 136 Pharmacology for Practical Nurses Lab. New course.

Item 45.L NRS 152 Gerontology and Community Nursing. New course.

Item 45.m NRS 153 Gerontology and Community Nursing Clinical. New course.

Item 45.n AAS in Practical Nursing. Modification to an existing program, including degree type (AAS to Certificate of Applied Science).

Item 45.o AAS in Practical Nursing. Placing program on moratorium. For information only.

⇒ Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Cindy Dell to **approve Items 44 through 44.t on first reading.**

It was noted this is not the RN to BSN program that Dean Duin discussed last week.

Susan Floyd, Director of Nursing at City College, stated that the nursing curriculum has been unchanged for the last ten years. Montana received a state-wide grant to rewrite nursing curriculum, so our nursing programs are also being revised. There have been requests from the community to encourage more students into the Practical Nursing (PN) program. In the past, the PN program was a step into the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), so most students went right on into the ASN, resulting in fewer PNs. The nursing faculty reviewed other states' practices and learned that most have the PN program as a three-semester certificate rather than an AAS degree, so we are moving to the certificate program. Students will be admitted with a lot of up-front advising, and we are making the PN program easier to enter. The two programs will target two different groups of students.

Ms. Floyd noted that there are some tweaks to the PN program curriculum, and about half of the ASN is new content. This curriculum overhaul does not require any new faculty. The updated curriculum will be rolled out one semester at a time, as each old semester finishes. As this rollout starts, there will be one semester where no PN courses are offered, thus allowing the conversion to the new curriculum to begin.

Ms. Floyd stated that the State Board of Nursing allows us to have 80 students in Billings at a time. However, with the program being entirely online, students may do their clinicals where they are, rather than in Billings. The question was raised as to how those distance clinicals will be supervised. Ms. Floyd stated that there is a separate group working on just that, but a procedure has not yet been finalized. One proposal is to bring those students to City College to work in a lab for a few days to make sure they are safe, before sending them into their clinicals. The preceptors of the clinicals will have to be carefully screened as well. City College faculty have not had time to work on the

supervision issues because the whole curriculum change process has been so rushed by the Commissioner's Office. However, the procedures for clinical supervision are up to us, not mandated by the State.

It was noted that the nutrition course is being removed from the program and the content is being distributed across several nursing courses. The nutrition course is taught by a faculty member in Biological & Physical Sciences, and with no nursing students taking the course, that faculty member's FTE will fall below half-time. So, this is basically a faculty line lost to the state nursing changes.

Ms. Floyd noted that the PN Certificate does require BOR approval, but the BOR has authorized a quick-approval process. It is going as a Level I now, and in two years we will have to resubmit the program as a Level II. It was suggested that, in two years when the program is resubmitted, the faculty be asked to report to the Senate on how the supervision is going.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Kelly Shumway to **waive second reading of Items 44 through 44.t.**

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Cindy Dell to **approve Item 45 on first reading.**

The question was raised regarding Items 45 and 45.a, why City College nursing faculty have signed off on courses overseen by Biological & Physical Sciences and Mathematics. The faculty in Sciences and Math who will teach these courses should be the signatories. Ms. Floyd noted that she met with biology and math faculty and worked with them in designing these courses that are specifically for nursing students. These courses have not yet been created, so syllabi are still in progress. Ms. Floyd stated that she also spoke with the chairperson of the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee, as per the directions on the Communication Form, and the chairperson stated that the CAS probably didn't need to review the nursing forms.

It was agreed that the nursing faculty did what they were supposed to do, and this program should not be held up because the various committees were not aware of who needed to review which paperwork. The Senate should communicate to the various curriculum committees, including the college curriculum committees, the importance of having the faculty who are going to teach the courses signing off on the paperwork.

⇒ Motion carried with 1 opposed and 2 abstentions.

⇒ Motion by Francisco Saldivar, seconded by Vern Gagnon to **approve Items 45.a through 45.o on first reading, with the clarification that the nursing faculty did their due diligence but issues were missed in the process of curriculum approval. The Senate in no way concurs with the errors made.**

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Cindy Dell to **waive second reading of Items 45 through 45.o.**

⇒ Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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