

Nursing Student Council (NSC) Meeting Minutes
October 2nd, 2019, 11:00AM
HSEB Room 8F/G

Present were:

- NSC Faculty Advisor: Dr. Maria Rosario-Sim
- President: Jennifer Herrmann
- Vice President: Chaya Weinstein
- Treasurer: Kerry Hosford
- Secretary: Vivian Hoang
- ABSN Undergraduate Representative: Emily Zheng
- RN-BSN Undergraduate Representative: Susanna Scalise
- FNP Representative: Saundra Jones
- DSNA President: Tina Lee
- DSNA Treasurer: Barbara Byrne

With quorum present, Jennifer Herrmann called the meeting to order at 11:15AM. The following were discussed:

1. **NSC Election Results.** Congratulations to the newly elected NSC members. Welcome new RN-BSN and FNP representatives.
2. **DSNA Budget.** DSNA presented with budget request. Two major events trying to host: CON Career Fair + Annual Careers in Nursing Panel.
 - Planning to host CON Career Fair in March 2020, possibly in HSEB Atrium or Student Center Gym
 - i. Brought up that certain locations have restrictions on food
 - Annual Career in Nursing Panel - 3 nursing professionals w/ alternate careers
 - Major expenses: food, refreshments, decorations, promotion
 - i. CON Career Fair - lunch for representatives coming from hospitals, other schools, etc. Taking over printing expenses?
 - ii. Annual Career in Nursing Panel - lunch
 - iii. Total requested: \$374.00
 - Planning to fundraise
 - Advertising with posters and flyers throughout school. Planning to involve Dean Escallier to help with promotion.
 - DSNA currently still has \$85.52 in our Programs and Projects line and will be using some of that to reimburse funds used for Student Activities Fair.

Following discussion, Jennifer Herrmann introduced the following motion:

MOTION: to approve the proposed budget request of \$374.00, as per DSNA.

Seconded by: Kerry Hosford

Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

3. **NSC Constitution.** Officially approved and in final phase of certification to be posted on SUNY Downstate website.
4. **CON Undergraduate Open Forum.** Dean Escallier suggested it may be beneficial to have a forum/meeting with the Dean involving all students so that any concerns/questions can be addressed.
 - Best days will be Tuesdays or Wednesdays during lunch time (maybe 11:30AM).
 - Graduate students will have a separate forum.

- Jennifer Herrmann mentions NSC can have an open forum so students have an opportunity to meet us. Tentatively for November 6th, 2019 at 11:30AM-12PM; NSC meeting afterwards at 12PM.
- 5. **Mid-semester Survey for Graduate Students.** Saundra Jones mentioned graduate students would benefit from a midterm evaluation survey; she will reach out to Dr. Stec.
- 6. **White Coats.** Ready for pick up at University Bookstore.
- 7. **NSC DSNA Liaison.** Jennifer Herrmann currently acting as DSNA Liaison. Need to delegate - Chaya Weinstein willing to take over.
- 8. **Curriculum Committee.** Dean Escallier suggested a student join Professor Jennas, who is on the curriculum committee, because the undergraduate curriculum is currently under review. This was prompted as a result of student concerns regarding misuse/underuse of course materials that students were mandated to purchase. Kerry Hosford will be joining in on Curriculum Committee meetings.
- 9. **Other committees.** Student involvement requested with 3 other committees. Require availability on Mondays. Can be opened up to other CON students. Possibly offer positions to candidates who were running for NSC or students who seem proactive and would like to become involved.
 - Admissions and Recruitment Committee
 - Education Policy Committee
 - Nominations, Elections, and Ballots and Bylaws Committee
- 10. **Fall Service Learning Project.** Giving back to Downstate community. Chaya Weinstein and Emily Zheng will take on a school supplies drive.
- 11. **ABSN Med-Surg 2 Professor.** Students in the ABSN program are requesting for Professor Jennas to teach Med-Surg 2. Need a letter or statement of interest from students and Professor Jennas to be brought to program director and to move forward with this process.
- 12. **Upcoming events/Use of Funds.** Discussion regarding how to use funds for the remainder of our term. Discussed possible Thanksgiving Potluck, Secret Snowman, Coffee House/Talent Show.
 - NSC can use funds to provide additional things. Invite professors. Open to entire CON.
 - Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch will be organized by Vivian Hoang, Kerry Hosford, and Saundra Jones - have to set a date and book a room. Most students will be here on a Tuesday.
 - Secret Snowman for respective programs - will revisit next meeting.
- 13. **Emergency Preparedness Event.** Dean Escallier suggested possibly putting together a mock crisis drill. May also be in the form of a training. Can be an interdisciplinary experience, including even EMS and NYPD. Chaya Weinstein suggested it should be more nursing-related, "street" nursing and how nurses can help in these emergency situations. This will probably provide more incentive for CON.
- 14. **ALS.** CON can organize ALS training for ABSN students the summer before graduation.
- 15. **Adjournment.** The next meeting will be November 6th, 2019 at 11AM. There being no further business, the following motion was made by Jennifer Herrmann:

MOTION: To adjourn at 12:50PM.

Seconded by: Emily Zheng

Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



Vivian Hoang, NSC Secretary