

Nursing Student Council (NSC) Meeting Minutes
September 2nd, 2020, 3:00PM
Zoom Conference Meeting

Present were:

- NSC Faculty Advisor: Dr. Mary Hickey
- President: Victoria Ayvazian
- Vice President: Rebecca Kaye
- Treasurer: Leandra Laundry
- Secretary: Tzipora Berman
- FNP Graduate Representative: Jennifer Goldstein
- ABSN Student: Laura Wooley

With quorum present, Victoria Ayvazian called the meeting to order at 3:00PM. The following were discussed:

1. **ABSN student Laura Wooley to discuss Faculty-Student Check-ins.**
Opportunities to connect with colleagues, faculty, and experienced nurses are limited due to social distancing. Students have concerns, questions, and fears about the present and the future. Perhaps faculty could facilitate an opportunity through which students could communicate with one another.
2. **Introduction of Forums.** As a solution to Laura's concern, Council could introduce College-wide forums. Council members would compile a number of topics, structure a themed, focused meeting, allow students to anonymously write and submit their concerns, and then open the floor to discussion. Each group could later split into smaller groups, one group for each program of the College, to discuss program-specific concerns. Will continue to discuss.
3. **Elections.** Secretary will facilitate the election process. Elections will be held during the last week of September. A day needs to be chosen as a deadline for ballot submissions. 2-3 days would be a good time frame to run elections, possibly a Wednesday-Friday. Elections need to be held on a campus electronic program with appropriate voting controls to assure integrity. The following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian:
MOTION: Ballot submissions to be due on September 15, 2020. Elections to be held September 23-25, 2020.
Seconded by: Jennifer Goldstein
Vote: Unanimously Approved
4. **US Elections.** Students will need time to vote on November 3, 2020. Some students also expressed the desire to protest on Election Day. Students are allowed to miss lectures to vote. If students would like to protest, they should individually reach out to professors to receive permission to miss lectures. Program Representatives will reach out to professors to begin this conversation.

5. **White Coat Ceremony.** The White Coat Ceremony is usually held in October. It is reasonable to ask that the cost of patches be covered. Students will need to try on their white coats, which will be difficult due to COVID-19 restrictions. President will reach out to the Dean to discuss how this can be done.
6. **Leadership Meeting.** Leadership Training is tonight at 6:00PM. A number of our members will attend.
7. **FSA Premium Zoom Account Subscription.** NSC may contribute money from its budget to fund the FSA Zoom Subscription. The following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian.

MOTION: To approve a \$200 CON contribution.

Seconded by: Rebecca Kaye

Vote: Unanimously Approved

8. **Constitutional Changes: Introduce a DNP representative to the NSC.** A DNP program representative is needed and the Constitution has already been adjusted to accommodate the new role. Saundra Jones applied for the position.

MOTION: To add Saundra Jones as DNP representative to the Transitional Nursing Student Council.

Seconded by: Jennifer Goldstein

Vote: Unanimously Approved

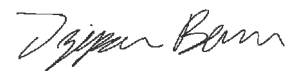
9. **Meeting with Dean Escallier.** September meeting with the Dean will be requested to be held on September 16, 2020.
10. **Diversity Email.** An email was drafted from the Council to the entire College of Nursing, expressing our commitment to respecting students' diversity. President will send this email today.
11. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian.

MOTION: To adjourn at 4:15PM.

Seconded by: Jennifer Goldstein

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Respectfully submitted by:



Tzipora Berman, NSC Secretary