

Nursing Student Council (NSC) Meeting Minutes
October 8th, 2020, 2:00PM
Zoom Conference Meeting

Present were:

- NSC Faculty Advisor: Mary Hickey
- President: Victoria Avyzian
- Vice President: Rebecca Kaye
- Treasurer: Leandra Laundry
- Secretary: Tzipora Berman
- ABSN Undergraduate Representative: Daniel Acasuso
- FNP Representative: Jennifer Goldstein

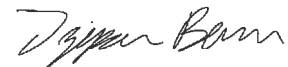
With quorum present, Victoria Avvazian called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM. The following were discussed:

1. **Election Results.** Congratulations to everyone currently on the Council for securing a seat!
2. **RN-BSN Representative.** An RN-BSN Student Representative is still needed. We are considering reaching out to speak briefly about the position during an RN-BSN synchronous class session.
3. **Syllabi.** Students would like to receive fully completed syllabi a week before classes begins, to alleviate anxiety and improve scheduling needs. In reference to the ABSN program, this semester there were faculty changes at the last minute, causing a syllabus to be delayed for dispatch to students. With regard to the graduate program, faculty made a decision in the Spring to transition the Tuesday-Thursday cohort to a one day per week model, but students were not informed. Faculty are committed to improvement. Spring semester is already in the planning stages, which should prevent these kinds of issues from occurring. Once everything has been ironed out, communication will be provided to students.
4. **Faculty-Student Check-ins.** Program directors should meet with the students of their program each month.
5. **Student Forum.** There now exists a virtual suggestion box, or questionnaire, on the CON website, where students can submit concerns. A date for Student Forum is needed as well. Concerns will be aggregated, then voted for, to be rated in priority order, prior to the date of the forum. The following format for October 29th was suggested: 6:00-7:00 PM for undergraduate students, 7:00-7:30 PM overlap, and 7:30-8:30 PM for graduate students should be a good set-up. The following motion was made by Victoria Avvazian:
MOTION: To approve the date and time of Student Forum from 6:00-8:30 PM on Thursday, October 29, 2020.
Seconded by: Jennifer Goldstein
Vote: Unanimously Approved
3. **White Coat Ceremony Summary.** Dean Escallier asked that NSC email her with a list of suggestions and a plan for the Ceremony. Vice President Rebecca Kaye will lead

this initiative. \$3500 of the budget is usually allocated for this event; this money can be used to fund a guest speaker, for the badges for students' white coats, or for another purpose. To be discussed in more detail in the future.

4. **Student Committees.** Seats on Committees officially belong to NSC members, however, the Council members would like to have other students fill these seats to provide a variety of ideas on Faculty Committees. The decision has been made to try and fill these seats with students from the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. NSC members will meet in the future to vote on who will fill these positions.
5. **Constitutional Changes.** ABSN '22 cohort will begin at the same time as other cohorts, in the Fall next year, mitigating the problem of vacancies on the Council with the graduation of members mid-August. The Constitution may need to be amended. This will be discussed more in the future.
6. **NSC Certified Budget.** Treasurer Leandra Laundry reviewed a number of items on the NSC Budget to give Council members a better understanding. The following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian.
MOTION: To approve NSC 2021 Budget.
Seconded by: Leandra Laundry.
Vote: Unanimously approved.
7. **Platform for Communication.** It is possible to use Blackboard to contact students, which may be more efficient than Outlook. Dr. Hickey will add NSC members as 'Instructors' to a Blackboard Course that has recently been created for communication with each cohort.
8. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian.
MOTION: To adjourn at 3:55 PM.
Seconded by: Jennifer Goldstein.
Vote: Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



Tzipora Berman, NSC Secretary