

Nursing Student Council (NSC) Meeting Minutes
November 10th, 2020, 5:00PM
Zoom Conference Meeting

Present were:

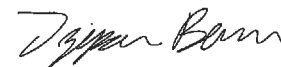
- NSC Faculty Advisor: Mary Hickey
- President: Victoria Ayvazian
- Vice President: Rebecca Kaye
- Treasurer: Leandra Laundry
- Secretary: Tzipora Berman
- WHNP Graduate Representative: Lizeth Baudin
- ABSN Undergraduate Representative: Daniel Acasuso

With quorum present, Victoria Ayvazian called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM
The following were discussed:

1. **Student Forum Debrief.** Excellent student feedback was received about the Student Forum that was held on October 29th. We would like to hold another Student Forum at the beginning of the Spring semester. This will be scheduled during our December meeting. Keeping Student Forum virtual is important, regardless of how social distancing rules change in the future, to allow more students to attend.
2. **Updating Distribution Lists and Rosters.** A number of students complained that they did not receive a link to vote for the mandatory/optional FSA Student Activity fee. The root of this problem is that the list serves were not updated. Dr. Hickey is working on this with IT, and will bring the Dean in as well.
3. **Change the NSC Website.** We would like to update our names on the website as Officers of the Council, with a short biography of each officer. Transparency to Faculty and Students of Downstate is important, especially while most activities are virtual. Additionally, the Constitution is updated on the FSA website, but should be updated on the NSC website as well.
4. **White Coat Ceremony Updates.** White Coat Ceremony will be pre-recorded for YouTube viewing, with a Zoom watch party to be held on December 3rd. Dean Escallier will speak, and a guest speaker will be appointed as well. Students have been asked if they would like to participate, as the video will be available for public viewing. Some students have expressed interest in having their names read aloud as well, to make the virtual event a little more personal. The following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian:
MOTION: Have the names of participating students read aloud.
Seconded by: Tzipora Berman.
Vote: Unanimously Approved.
5. **White Coat Ceremony Funds.** As of right now, there is no requirement of students to buy a white coat, so there is no need to help with the purchase of badges. Perhaps White Coat Ceremony funds can be allocated to graduation.

6. **Committees Update.** Faculty Committee student representatives have been contacted by the chairs of their committees. If a student representative is having trouble reaching their committee chair, they should inform Dr. Hickey.
7. **Student Handbook on Website.** The CON Student Handbook was supposed to go up on the website, but the Office of Student Affairs encountered technical difficulty. The new handbook includes changes to the grading scale for this Fall, based on student feedback. There is some language that speaks to virtual test-taking and Clinical/Sim-lab attendance as well.
8. **Teacher's Assistant (TA) Program Proposal.** Rebecca Kaye and Tzipora Berman put together a proposal that TAs be implemented. Students who are enrolled in MS in Nursing Education already do drop-in lecturing as part of their coursework. We discussed various ideas for TA/RA (Research Assistant). TA positions can be open to any student, as long as they are not enrolled in that particular course or program. Perhaps specifically for work-study students, or maybe, graduate students could use this as indirect clinical hours. An application process is required as well, perhaps based on student interest in a particular subject. Additionally, the opportunity for peer-to-peer tutoring has been discussed by faculty and could perhaps be implemented as work-study or indirect clinical hours.
9. **Holiday Event Ideas and Panel with Graduated ABSN Students.** The WHNP and FNP Graduate class of 2021 could have the opportunity to virtually meet the classes of 2022. We are considering some options for Undergraduate students. To keep the events in the holiday spirit, we could include a contest for the 'ugliest holiday sweater.'
10. **ABSN Class of 2020 Student Panel.** We would like to hold a panel for ABSN students to virtually meet and hear from members of the ABSN 2020 cohort. This will be put on hold until Spring semester.
11. **Individual Cohort Concerns and Updates.**
Lizeth Baudin- WHNP- When can students start to submit clinical requests for Spring? This should be done as soon as possible.
Dan Acasuso- ABSN- Students want to know what their schedule will be in the Spring. The Sections posted on Banner are incorrect. These will be removed and replaced this week with the correct sections and clinical sites.
12. **December Meeting.** We will meet again on Tuesday, December 8th, at 5:00 PM.
13. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian.
MOTION: To adjourn at 6:50 PM.
Seconded by: Tzipora Berman.
Vote: Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



Tzipora Berman, NSC Secretary