

Nursing Student Council (NSC) Meeting Minutes
December 8th, 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
- FNP Rep: Jennifer Goldstein
- WHNP Rep: Lizeth Baudin
- ABSN Rep: Daniel Acasuso
- Student Representative for FPSACN and Evaluations Faculty Committees: Carol Wei

With quorum present, Victoria Ayvazian called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

The following were discussed:

1. **Carol Wei Committee Discussion.** What are the responsibilities of the students who sit on Faculty Committees? What do they do with the information they receive? How is communication conducted between Student Council and Committee Representatives? The responsibility of a Faculty Committee Student Representatives is to represent the student body and its perspectives to the Faculty Committee. After a Faculty Committee meets, Student Representatives may compose a report to be reviewed by the Council. If Faculty Committee Representatives require a way to communicate with students, NSC program representatives can help.
2. **White Coat Ceremony Debrief.** The White Coat ceremony went beautifully; Rebecca did a great job pulling it all together. The speaker was incredible and the feedback from students was excellent.
3. **Spring Semester Scheduling Updates.** Chancellor Malatras announced that SUNY colleges will be off-campus until February 1st, but Downstate has not yet released a statement, nor have they announced whether the decision will be Downstate University-wide or College-specific. Therefore, the College of Nursing does not have enough information to provide students with a start date for the Spring semester or inform them whether there will be a Spring break. The College of Nursing acknowledges the scheduling difficulties this provides for students and Faculty.
4. **Program issues in communication.** Some students have had negative experiences in their cohort chats. Each program's needs are unique, and no casual communication channel is perfect for every program.
Students may use unofficial means of communication for casual matters, and certainly, CON will not prevent that. However, the Office of Student Affairs and the College of Nursing only support official Downstate communication through official downstate channels, like Outlook and Blackboard. IT has still not yet updated the Outlook List Serves, but all students have the ability to email their colleagues via Blackboard by following this pathway: Home-> Course-> Tools-> Send Email-> Select Users.

Additionally, students are never required to disseminate information on behalf of the faculty.

5. **Incorporating Council meeting transparency.** All Council meetings are scheduled on the Calendar for Student Organizations. Nursing Student Council would like to ensure additional transparency. Tzipora will email all Nursing students approximately a week prior to each meeting, with a date, time, and location (Zoom link). There will be a time slot at the beginning of each meeting for clubs to request money for programming. Additionally, students will be welcome to stay for the remainder of a meeting and listen to the happenings. Students should be made aware that these meetings will not be a Student Forum, so that Council may keep meetings limited to an appropriate time frame.
6. **End of Semester Events.** Leandra is working with the President of DSNA on the opportunity for nursing students to participate in Holiday gift wrapping for Pediatric patients at UHB. Students can be on the lookout for further information.
7. **Spring ABSN Event.** We would like to arrange a panel of ABSN 2020 students to speak to current ABSN students about their experiences with the NCLEX and job applications.
8. **Graduate Event.** Lizeth is working on an event for 1st and 2nd year Graduate students to meet one another virtually during the break between Fall and Spring semesters.
9. **Teacher's Assistant (TA) Program Update.** A sample application for TAs was created by Rebecca and Tzipora and sent to Dr. Hickey. Dr. Hickey suggested an additional two questions to be added to the application. Dean Escallier and Faculty are interested in incorporating TAs, and it is reasonable to assume that this can be implemented as soon as the Spring semester.
10. **Individual Cohort Concerns and Updates.**

Jen Goldstein - FNP Deeka-Gaye Graham is the acting representative for the FNP 2022 cohort. However, Jen Goldstein is the FNP Student Representative who sits on the Student Council and represents all FNP students. Some faculty do not have clarity about this, and therefore, Jen has not been kept informed of FNP 2022 cohort going-ons. Dr. Hickey will email Deeka, Jen, and Dr. Shafarost, specifying that Deeka may act as student liaison, but must communicate with Jen.

As a side note to all communication difficulties discussed today: The benefit of being remote is that we are seeing cracks in the communication processes traditionally used at the College. There are many flaws and the Faculty and Student Council now have the opportunity to address them.

Lizeth Baudin - WHNP

Is there an official deadline for graduation? There is some error in the Typhon log that causes discrepancies in the number of hours listed in different locations. Many students lost their clinical sites with the rise in cases of COVID-19.

The official deadline for graduation is set by the registrar. Lizeth will send a screenshot of a Typhon log for Dr. Hickey to review. National Certification Corporation (NCC) reduced the number of required clinical hours. Students should try to get some 60 direct clinical hours this semester, but they may focus on indirect hours for the time being.

Dan Acasuso - ABSN

There are still two students who were moved to a Friday clinical section, but will not be able to attend due to religious restrictions. Dr. Hickey will address this.

Students should be in the same clinical section (ex: 2a) for both OB and Pediatrics. Some students are stuck in opposing sections. Dr. Hickey will get the complete list of these students from the registrar so this may be addressed.

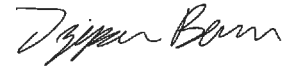
11. **Congratulations.** The NSC congratulates its Faculty Advisor, Dr. Mary Hickey, upon being honored by the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH) with the 2020 WHNP Inspiration Award in Education!
12. **Next Meeting.** We will meet again on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Time TBA.
13. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the following motion was made by Victoria Ayyazian.

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:20 PM

Seconded by: Tzipora Berman

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Respectfully submitted by:



Tzipora Berman, NSC Secretary