

**Nursing Student Council (NSC) Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21st, 2021, 3:00PM**  
**Zoom Conference Meeting**

Present were:

- NSC Faculty Advisor: Mary Hickey
- President: Victoria Ayvazian
- Vice President: Rebecca Kaye
- Treasurer: Leandra Laundry
- Secretary: Tzipora Berman
- DNP Representative: Saundra Jones
- FNP Rep: Jennifer Goldstein
- ABSN Rep: Daniel Acasuso

With quorum present, Victoria Ayvazian called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

The following were discussed:

1. **Incorporating Council meeting transparency.** Beginning with NSC's February 2021 meeting, Secretary Tzipora will notify the entire CON via email, informing them of the time and location (Zoom) of NSC meetings.
2. **Updates from Dr. Hickey.** Dr. Hickey will be transitioning to a Faculty role and will no longer serve as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. She will continue to serve as Faculty Advisor to the NSC and will present its concerns and suggestions to Faculty Leadership when appropriate. The Nursing Student Council wishes Dr. Hickey the best of luck in her new role and looks forward to its continued relationship with her.
3. **Teacher's Assistant (TA/RA) Program Update.** Dr. Hickey has presented the TA/RA idea to the Faculty Leadership Team. Vice President Rebecca will put together another proposal for Dr. Hickey to present at the next Leadership meeting.
4. **Spring Break changes.** We are aware that Spring Break has been canceled by SUNY and SUNY Downstate, to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In place of these days off, the College of Nursing has announced that Spring 2021 semester will conclude one week earlier than listed on the Academic Calendar. Spring 2021 final exams will finish on Friday, May 7, 2021.
5. **Graduate and Undergraduate Clinicals:** Pediatric and OB-GYN rotations have proven to be some of the most difficult to acquire. Graduate and undergraduate students are both having difficulty finding placements for Spring semester. Graduate students should network with each other, rotating between their placements, and informing their colleagues if their workplaces are willing to take students. The College of Nursing is developing a plan for Undergraduate students.
6. **NSC ABSN Alumni Panel Date.** The Nursing Student Council would like to host a panel of ABSN '20 students to speak to ABSN '21 students about their experiences with NCLEX examinations and job search. We are considering the weeks of March 15th or March 22nd, after midterms and 8-week-course finals.
7. **Next Student Forum Date.** Last semester's Student Forum was a great success; NSC would like to hold a Student Forum as soon as possible, possibly at the end of February.

Undergraduate Student Forum can be held on a Monday or Wednesday. Graduate Student Forum can be held on Thursday.

8. **SUNY-Wide Virtual Concert.** Students who would like to request an artist can fill out the survey that was sent by University Council.
9. **NSC Spring Event.** Undergraduate students have shown interest in connecting with, and hearing from, experienced nurses. Thankfully, there are wonderful, experienced nurses in the Graduate programs who are willing to speak to Undergraduate students. NSC would like to host an event during which Graduate students will serve on a virtual panel, exploring a variety of topics (navigating your first job, choosing a specialty, applying to graduate school, etc.). Graduate students can then separate into Breakout Rooms based on specialty (pediatrics, critical care, home care), where undergraduate students may visit to ask specialty-specific questions.  
Graduate students will receive indirect clinical hours for Professional Development. A raffle can be held, with rewards provided for questions or answers. To get started, a spreadsheet will be sent to Graduate students, where they can sign up for topics they would be willing to discuss, and specify their specialties for the Breakout Rooms. We will follow-up at our February meeting.
7. **ABSN Mentor/Mentee Program.** Tori will reach out to Dr. McHugh to find out when ABSN 2022 will begin, and how many students will be in the cohort. Then we will collect a list of ABSN 2021 students who are interested in serving as their Mentors.
8. **DSNA Reimbursement Request.** DSNA requested reimbursement for a game night held as a stress-relief event following midterms, on Friday, November 13, 2020. The following motion was made by Leandra Laundry:  
**MOTION:** To approve to spend \$75 on DSNA event and to reimburse LaToya Campbell for said purchase from “Downstate Student Nursing Association,” account number: 40-70371-014-30001. Invoice attached.  
**Seconded by:** Saundra Jones.  
**Vote:** Unanimously approved.
9. **Individual Cohort Concerns and Updates.**  
**Jen Goldstein - FNP**  
Students are having difficulty acquiring direct clinical hours for OB-GYN. Students should continue to network with each other. Students may also count hours completed in a Primary Care setting, during which they see women.  
**Dan Acasuso - ABSN**  
Students are concerned about Pediatrics and OB-GYN being only 8-week courses. They should be informed that if they do enter any specialty, they will receive extra training at their work facility. The Med-Surg education is the most crucial, and students are receiving an extensive amount of this.  
A number of students do not have access to the Pediatrics Course. IT is slowly fixing it.  
**Saundra Jones - DNP**  
Most doctoral students have no complaints because they are already nurse practitioners. The ‘Masters-track’ students have similar concerns to the FNP students.
10. **Next meeting.** The NSC would like to meet again at the beginning of February, possibly Thursday, February 11, 2021.

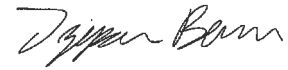
11. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian:

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 4:55 PM.

**Seconded by:** Jennifer Goldstein.

**Vote:** Unanimously Approved.

**Respectfully submitted by:**



**Tzipora Berman, NSC Secretary**