

Nursing Student Council (NSC) Meeting Minutes
April 14th, 2021, 6:30PM
Zoom Conference Meeting

Present were:

- President: Victoria Ayvazian
- Vice President: Rebecca Kaye
- Treasurer: Leandra Laundry
- Secretary: Tzipora Berman

With quorum present, Victoria Ayvazian called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

The following were discussed:

1. **Narcan training initiated by ABSN student Olivia Wynne.** Olivia Wynne is acquainted with the people at Keep It Moving, an organization that aims to train as many people as possible in Narcan administration, and gives out free Narcan kits. NSC will partner with Keep It Moving to provide a free training to CON students. The following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian:
MOTION: To partner with Keep It Moving to provide a free Narcan training to students.
Seconded by: Rebecca Kaye.
Vote: Unanimously Approved.
2. **Grad/Undergrad Virtual Panel.** NSC would like to host a virtual event during which Undergraduate students will gain from Graduate students through hearing about their various post-bachelors degree experiences, including their work experiences on various units, and their graduate school journeys. Council members have not yet received a response from Faculty members as to whether graduate students could receive indirect clinical hours for participating in this Professional Development event. Therefore, the event will be postponed until Summer semester.
3. **Research Assistant Program.** NSC will create a job board upon which Faculty members can post research opportunities for students. This will be a wonderful way for students to engage in research and learning.
4. **Special Interest Groups.** In response to a need for programs that will increase faculty-student interaction, Faculty member Dr. Cimino has suggested the creation of Special Interest groups. NSC members feel that implementing this program with the admission of the next cohort in September 2021 will be more practical and meaningful for building faculty-student relationships. In the meantime, Rebecca will create a template to allow the initiation process to progress more smoothly come September.
5. **Downstate May Graduation Ceremony.** President Riley has announced that a suitable outdoor venue has been secured in Brooklyn for graduation. The commencement ceremonies will be separated into groups and held over 2-days during the morning and afternoon on Tuesday, May 25 and/or Wednesday, May 26. The entire CON will participate on the same day, which is to be announced.
6. **Pinning Ceremony.** A great number of ABSN students are interested in an in-person pinning ceremony. NSC will do its very best to ensure this is possible. Tori will reach out to Dean Escallier and ABSN Program Director, Dr. McHugh, to encourage them to allow

an in-person pinning. Additionally, some Faculty/Administration members have expressed an interest in holding the ceremony in May. However, many ABSN students feel that a May ceremony would be less significant to them as they will not complete their coursework and clinical rotations until August. NSC will continue to encourage Faculty to hold the ceremony during the Summer semester.

7. **Lamps and Pins.** During the pinning ceremony, ABSN students will light a lamp to signify providing light and comfort to patients. Students will also be pinned as a symbolic welcoming into the nursing profession. NSC may sponsor both the lamps and pins for students. The following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian:

MOTION: To sponsor lamps and pins for Pinning ceremony, pending cost.

Seconded by: Leandra Laundry

Vote: Unanimously approved.

8. **NSC Council Transition and Constitution Changes.** All but one current NSC member will be graduating this May or August. This creates a challenge, as the seats of President and Treasurer must be filled at all times, according to NSC Constitution. Therefore, it is crucial that we consider how to facilitate a smooth and effective transition between the current NSC members and the voted-in members come Fall. Council Executive Members will meet with Adam Burgman of the Student Center to brainstorm ideas for the transition. It is the Council's mission to ensure a democratic election and transition and we will have this in mind every step of the way.

9. **Summer Meetings.** In the summer it will be possible for NSC to meet in-person. This will be a nice opportunity for NSC, as all of the current Council's meetings have been held virtually.

10. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held in the afternoon or evening on Tuesday, May 4th.

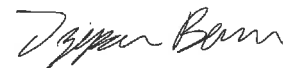
11. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, the following motion was made by Victoria Ayvazian:

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Seconded by: Rebecca Kaye.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



Tzipora Berman, NSC Secretary