

White Coat Ceremony 2021 Meeting Minutes
November 1st, 2021, 3:00 PM
Zoom Conference Meeting

Present were:

- Dr. Escallier
- Dr. Steinfeld
- Dr. Rohan
- Dr. Teitel
- Dr. Messina
- Shazia Peters-Steele
- Jamelia Small
- Nyleptha De Souza
- Kelsey Lau
- Jeanne Shotzbarger
- Meredith Barba

With quorum present, Dr. Escallier called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

The following were discussed:

1. **Area for CON to improve:** coordinating test dates for the ABSN program between the different classes. The problem is resolved; going forward in spring semester test dates and assignment dates will be coordinated.
2. **Ways for NSC and class representatives to give suggestions:** Suggestion box, anonymous feedback, or email them with concerns/rumors
3. **White Coat Ceremony would not viable for the following reasons:**
 - Cannot invite friends/family due to space issues
 - There are over 500 students, we do not know how many will join physically
 - We do not have the physical space to accommodate more than 100 people
 - It is not in the budget to allow an in-person ceremony
 - Health and safety concerns
 - Would like to do things unified as CON
 - Holiday conflicts
 - Not enough time to plan for what would be 3 days worth
4. **NSC President Shazia brought up a suggestion:** By following the medical school white coat ceremony model, we could also separate our white coat ceremony by programs. However, this is not possible due to not enough financial resources. Important to note that at the moment, no food is allowed in the building and the weather does not permit outdoor seating.
5. **The Downstate faculty are planning for better future celebration:** They said they can possibly split the convocation into two sessions and make the pinning ceremony more

special. CON budgets for food, flowers, AV sound and media, while NSC budgets for lamps and white coats.

6. **What NSC and Student Class Representatives need to do:**

- Contact Carline Thomany
- Contact Luke for virtual
- Need to search for 3 possible dates
- Meet and develop outline for presentation
- Program directors need to be involved in presentation (Dr. McHugh, Dr. Kitchener, Dr. Nataliya Shaforost, Dr. Murphy)
- Need to submit a Keynote speaker
- AACN tab referring to white coat ceremony
 - Taped national presentation
- Town hall: figure out 3 dates and times before the end of the semester (1 date for Fall and Spring each)

7. **Faculty discussed lab coats:** There will be a new logo, new color, and new patch that will not be rolled out til mid-December. Students can wait to receive our lab coats at the end of the semester. This would make sense especially for the graduate students to wait and receive the newer lab coats. Important to note that the embroidery is charged by the letter. Faculty has advised that all nursing students should be wearing lab coats over scrubs for sim lab and clinicals.

8. **NSC and Student Class Representatives have gathered two possible dates:** December 8th, 2021 (Wednesday) and December 10th, 2021 (Friday). We were unable to make contact with RN-BSN students.

9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the following motion was made by Dr. Escallier.

Motion: To adjourn at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kelsey Lau, NSC Secretary

