

Nursing Student Council

November 20, 2023, 4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Jake Britton

Lauren Seidman

Diya Verma

Jillian Craig

Meeting Attendees:

Dr. Barbara Kitchener

Cindy Jiang

Kimberly Anglin

Arnelle Lafleur

Narda Martin

Meeting Initiation: With a quorum present, Dr. Kitchener calls the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

The following was discussed:

1. NSC Dates Discussion:

A. **Jake Britton** and the NSC confirm availability for upcoming dates.

- a. December 18th, 2023 - Monday, 4:00 PM
- b. January 22nd, 2024 - Monday, 4:00 PM
- c. February 26th, 2024 - Monday, 4:00 PM
- d. March 18th, 2024 - Monday, 4:00 PM
- e. April 15th, 2024 - Monday, 4:00 PM
- f. May 20th, 2024 - Monday, 4:00 PM

B. Proposal to maintain meetings on the third Monday from February to May, with the May meeting after finals week.

C. **Jake Britton** will be in coordination with Adam Burgman for summer semester NSC meeting dates.

D. Confirmation of **Dean Escallier**'s town hall meeting on December 7th, 2023.

2. Nursing Student Body Community Engagement Insights:

A. **Narda Martin** suggests contacting various units such as the pediatric units and maternity units for the proposed toy drive.

B. Challenges were discussed in organizing a soup kitchen day, including diet restrictions like gluten intolerance or low sodium diets. **Dr. Kitchener** discusses the initiative in previous years for healthy food shopping for the food insecurity program in East New York.

- C. Brainstorming for potential NSC body events despite online classes and commuting challenges for the nursing student body.

3. Discussions on Nursing Involvement:

- A. **Dr. Kitchener** expressed the challenges in fostering nursing involvement, acknowledging the necessity and desire for increased engagement.
 - a. **Dr. Kitchener** highlighted the opportunity for nursing students to participate in occasional events hosted by Dr. Roberts, the Director of Research at SUNY Downstate.
 - b. **Dr. Kitchener** also emphasized the need for support regarding the Diversity Leadership Project Institute and various faculty projects, seeking brainstorming assistance from the council.
 - c. **Dr. Kitchener** discusses her initiative to conduct a survey aimed at students identifying as disabled. The survey's goal is to understand their sense of exclusion within both the SUNY Downstate College of Nursing and SUNY Downstate as a whole. **Dr. Kitchener** outlined the survey's requirements, including a literature review and focus group meetings, seeking involvement from 2-3 students. **Dr. Kitchener** mentioned her intention to engage faculty members to facilitate student participation.
 - d. **Dr. Kitchener** highlighted the upcoming Faculty Assembly in December, indicating further discussion on this matter, with subsequent relay of information to the council.

4. Specific Engagement Actions and Discussions:

- a. **Jake Britton** proposes open panel discussions and Q&A sessions for nursing levels and specialties.
- b. Discussions circling back to toy drive, food insecurity program, coat drive, and suggestions for execution in the following month will be directed to **Jake Britton** and **Dr. Kitchener**, as well as Adam Burgman for approval.
- c. **Cindy Jiang** takes the task of creating flyers to inform our student body for the toy drive.
- d. **Kimberly Anglin** discusses challenges highlighted in engaging nurses, suggestions for involvement without overburdening them.
- e. **Lauren Seidman** suggests an online registry for the toy drive, suggesting that we can have both in-person and online path to contribute to the toy drive. **Dr. Kitchener** mentions that during the COVID years, the council had toy drives done with a large drop off box outside of the offices in the College of Nursing. Dr. Hagerty is often there in her office, and this helps with having security of the drop box on campus. Plans to make the box and get it to the campus were discussed and will be implemented as the semester comes to a close.
- f. **Kimberly Anglin** and **Jillian Craig** discuss about notes and gift bag for the soup kitchen, to personalize the gifts given without overwhelming the nursing students as well.

Meeting Conclusion:

Dr. Kitchener excuses herself at 5:15 PM for another meeting.

Jake Britton motions to end the meeting.

Seconded by **Lauren Seidman**.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.

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Secretary of the College of Nursing Student Council

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