

**Nursing Student Council**  
**September 23, 2024, 4:00 PM**

**Zoom Meeting**

**Voting Members Present:**

Jake Britton

Lauren Seidman

Diya Verma

Jillian Craig

**Meeting Attendees:**

Dr. Barbara Kitchener

**Meeting Initiation:**

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 4:14 PM by **Dr. Kitchener**.

The following was discussed:

1. Congratulations:

a. The council congratulated Treasurer **Jillian Craig** for assisting her neighbor with a successful natural home birth!

2. NSC Meeting Dates:

a. The remaining meeting dates for this semester are to be determined and confirmed soon.

b. October 22nd has been set as the tentative date for the White Coat Ceremony for the new cohort, with plans for the event needing to be finalized. October 7<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting for NSC.

3. White Coat Ceremony Discussion:

a. **Schuyler Hooke** and **Adam Burgman** pointed out that the White Coat Ceremony is scheduled earlier this year, as last year's event was held on November 1.

b. NSC members expressed the need for the new cohort's involvement in the White Coat Ceremony, suggesting that the next meeting may be held earlier than initially planned.

c. **Dean Escallier**, who canceled her meeting with **Jake Britton** today, has rescheduled her meeting with **Jake Britton** for next week. Talks on both the White Coat Ceremony and Pinning Ceremony will take place after next Monday's meeting.

4. NSC Nominations and Elections:

a. Nominations for new NSC members are due soon, with elections expected on October 3rd or 4th to ensure the new cohort can get involved.

- b. Discussion on time-sensitive tasks for events led to a call for more proactive planning.

#### 5. White Coat Ceremony Planning:

- a. Cupcakes and soda were suggested as favors for the ceremony.
- b. New NSC applications are expected to be brief, detailing the applicant's background and suitability for the position, given the tight timeline.

#### 6. Pinning Ceremony Update:

- a. **Dr. Kitchener** shared updates on the Pinning Ceremony: **Patricia Johnson** has ordered the pins, lamps, and roses for the event in the past for previous years.
- b. Traditional elements, including dimming the lights for the Nightingale Pledge, were discussed.
- c. Further discussions about food choices for the ceremony will be confirmed by the next meeting.

#### 7. Budget and Approvals:

- a. **Jillian Craig** submitted the budget, which **Adam Burgman** approved. Some minor changes were made, but nothing outside of what was previously noted.

#### 8. NCLEX Prep and Social Event:

- a. Dr. Kitchener emphasized the importance of equal opportunities for graduate students to be involved in the NCLEX Prep social events.

- b. Tentative dates for the NCLEX Prep social are in late October or early November. Narda and Arnelle will be contacted for their input.
- c. Adam expressed willingness to assist in organizing the event. Karina is willing to reach out to food vendors, including kosher options for pizza.

#### 9. Flu Shot Drive:

- a. The flu shot drive is expected to be held in early October or November. More details to follow.

#### 10. Future Events:

- a. There was a suggestion for new NSC leadership to coordinate a Thanksgiving Mixer for the incoming and senior students, with the possibility of a social event for both undergraduate and graduate students, along with faculty.
- b. With two months left to plan, a target date for the event was set for early December, following the end of clinicals.
- c. The council discussed the importance of taking a break before finals, which are scheduled from December 9th to 13th.

#### 11. New Cohort Involvement:

- a. A Google Drive for the new cohort to access files and resources was suggested.
- b. Jake will follow up with Adam to ensure preparations for the new cohort are on track, increasing the likelihood of successful event planning.

#### 12. Community Involvement:

a. The food pantry and community education initiatives were highlighted as areas of opportunity for further NSC involvement.

b. The need for flu shots in the community was reiterated.

Meeting Adjournment:

The end of the meeting is motioned by **Jake Britton**.

Seconded by **Lauren Seidman**.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Next Meeting:

October 7, 2024, for White Coat Ceremony planning.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diya Verma". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diya Verma  
Secretary of the College of Nursing Student Council 2024  
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