

## **Nursing Student Council Meeting Minutes - July 21st, 2025 at 4PM**

**Meeting Start:** 4:04PM

**Meeting End:** 4:57PM

Attendees:

- Adanma Ngadi (Presiding Officer)
- Ashanti Louis (RN-BS Rep)
- Kathleen Kelly (Graduate Rep)
- Jeremiah Reilly (ABSN Rep)
- Jasmine Yu (University Council Rep)

Meeting Called to Order by Adanma Ngadi, Presiding Officer at 4:04 PM.

### **Graduate Program Updates (Kathleen)**

- Ongoing issues with clinical sites and placements.
- Administrative delays affecting clinical hour completion and assignment deadlines.
- Students received site information significantly late (e.g., promised May 22nd, received June 21st).
- Townhall meeting with Latrice and Dean Roberts was unproductive and dismissive; issues may need escalation to Dean Escallier.
- Students expressed frustration with lack of support and professionalism; 20 students spoke up at the townhall before concerns were acknowledged.
- Kathleen reports lack of communication from Dr. O'Hagan-Murphy and being discouraged from advocating for the cohort.
- Concern about Ms. Solomon's lack of nursing experience affecting site vetting (e.g., patient availability, PPE).
- Greater graduate student involvement is needed for future changes.

### **RN-BS Updates (Ashanti)**

- End of semester approaching; students finalizing clinical hours.
- One student without preceptor and no faculty response.
- Adanma suggested joint email (student + Ashanti + Sherwood + Latrice).

- General concern over weak communication/support for clinical hour completion.
- Suggested: Course evaluations to provide feedback on placement process and need for faculty support.

#### **ABSN Updates (Jeremiah, Adanma, Jasmine)**

- NSC provided strong leadership this semester with deadlines and assignment coordination.
- Similar administrative issues reported:
  - 3 scheduled simulation labs, 2 canceled last-minute (students were already on-site).
  - Bellevue clinical professor issues and a missed clinical day; students received mixed or no responses from Latrice/Dr. McHugh.
  - Clinical sites shifted last minute with poor communication.
  - Med-Surg course had challenges with exams, inconsistent grading, and late communication.
  - Grade curving appears inconsistent.
- Faculty attendance at NSC meetings is poor; students encouraged to contact faculty/admin directly.
- Students encouraged to provide honest feedback in course evaluations and speak out individually rather than rely solely on NSC to voice group concerns.

#### **University Council Updates (Jasmine)**

- No meetings during summer.
- Next meeting in September.

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## **Events and Planning**

### **Meet and Greet Event**

- Intended for ABSN 2025 and new ABSN 2026 cohorts.
- Locations considered: Student Center rooms, basketball court, PHAB Hall, FAB.
- Contact: Adam (for vendors/rooms).

#### **Mentorship Program (Jeremiah)**

- Issues with sign-up process for current ABSN mentors.
- Switch to opt-out method.
- Two tables for orientation day: NSC and BFC.
- Determine supplies needed (some BFC items in supply closet).

#### **Orientation Day (New ABSN Cohort)**

- NSC and BFC tables planned.
- Ask McHugh what is needed.

#### **End-of-Semester Event**

- Scheduled for **8/14 at 7 PM**.
- Graduate program ends exams at 12 PM that day—some can attend.
- Tasks:
  - Adanma – food request.
  - Jeremiah – room request.
  - Fei – flyer.

#### **Graduate & ABSN Event**

- Q&A panel with MSN/DNP students and faculty.
- Both ABSN cohorts invited.
- Kathleen to confirm graduate interest and coordinate with Dr. O'Hagan-Murphy.

### **Convocation Pins / Combo Cohort Event**

- Need to apply for room (event includes 2025-2026 ABSN combo class).
- Consider a set menu event (up to \$220).
- Possibly include study technique programming.
- White coats to be worn by outgoing cohort.
- Jeremiah to submit one room request form for multiple events.

### **Fall 2025 End-of-Semester Party**

- Plan during break or early next semester.
- Adanma – food request.
- Fei – flyer once room is confirmed.

### **Alumni Graduate Event**

- Possible event with Downstate nursing alumni as speakers/panelists.
- Format ideas: panel, dinner-style tables, or rotating "speed dating" format.
- Dr. Sherwood expressed interest in helping plan.

## **Action Items**

### **Kathleen**

- Escalate graduate clinical issues to Dean Escallier if needed
- Confirm graduate panel participants and coordinate with Dr. O'Hagan-Murphy
- Coordinate potential alumni graduate panel or table-style event with Dr. Sherwood

### **Ashanti**

- Send joint email regarding unassigned preceptor (with student, Sherwood, Latrice)

### **Jeremiah**

- Request shift to mentorship opt-out model
- Submit room request for 8/14 end-of-semester event
- Submit one room request form covering multiple fall events
- Coordinate room request for combo cohort 2025–2026 event (convocation pins, study programming, etc.)

#### **Adanma**

- Submit food request for 8/14 end-of-semester party
- Submit food request for Fall 2025 end-of-semester party
- Wait for cohort size update to determine space needs

#### **Fei**

- Create and send flyer for 8/14 end-of-semester event once room is confirmed
- Create flyer for Fall 2025 event once details are finalized

#### **Jasmine**

- Reach out to Adam for event space/vendor coordination (meet & greet)

#### **All Students**

- Submit honest feedback via course evaluations
- Directly contact faculty and leadership about unresolved issues instead of relying solely on NSC

#### **McHugh (to be asked)**

- Clarify what is needed for orientation day (NSC/BFC tables)

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**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 18th, 2025, at 4:00 PM

Minutes prepared by Jeremiah Reilly, ABSN Representative during live meeting.

Minutes prepared, reviewed and edited by:

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Secretary

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