

## MINUTES

### UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE BOARD OF NURSING

August 14, 2008

Room 475 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 7:30 a.m.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

**CONVENED:** 7:42 a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 10:15 a.m.

**Bureau Manager:**

Laura Poe

**Secretary:**

Shirlene Kimball

**Conducting:**

Diane Forster-Burke

**Guests:**

Carolyn Lewis, UCC

Traci Hardell, Stevens-Henager

Katherine Dimmock, Ameritech College

Linda Petersen, Ameritech College

**Committee Members Present:**

Peggy Brown

Diane Forster-Burke

Pam Rice

Mary Williams

#### **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

June 27, 2008 and July 18, 2008 Minutes:

The June 27, 2008 minutes were approved as written.  
Ms. Forster-Burke abstained.

July 18, 2008 Minutes:

The July 18, 2008 minutes were approved as written.  
Ms. Rice abstained.

##### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Carolyn Lewis,  
Utah Career College:

Dr. Lewis reported faculty member turn over has been almost 100% since last fall. She reported full-time faculty is now completely staffed and she feels this is a cohesive group. She indicated faculty members are actively participating in the self study report and the goal is to have the self study completed by the first week in September and the final draft to site visitors no later than December 15, 2008.

Debra Edmunds,  
Mountainland ATC:

Ms. Edmunds reported Mountainland ATC received NLNAC candidacy status and is moving forward with the self study report. Ms. Edmunds indicated the 1<sup>st</sup> cohort will be graduating in December. The second cohort started classes on Monday. Ms. Edmunds indicated her program meets all the requirements in the new rules and feels they are doing well.

Dr. Katherine Dimmock,  
Linda Petersen -  
Ameritech College:

Dr. Dimmock reviewed the NCLEX pass rates and reported these are students from several different cohorts. She indicated none of the students are from the June graduating class.

Dr. Dimmock indicated there was a problem identified by ABHES for Ameritech College. She indicated an audit showed all money transactions were appropriate, but the audit had been done incorrectly and the auditors have to redo the 2006 and 2007 audits. She stated she can not move forward with NLNAC accreditation until they have cleared this situation with ABHES.

Dr. Dimmock indicated administration has met with the students to explain the probationary status with the Board of Nursing and the Division. She indicated general education students have expressed the most concern and the Division and the Board may receive calls from these students.

Committee members reviewed the curriculum. Dr. Williams stated she had a difficult time following the curriculum. Ms. Forster-Burke stated the number of clinical hours in Fundamentals of Nursing is not clear. Dr. Dimmock stated she was having a hard time also. Committee members indicated if she is having a hard time seeing the program outcomes, the students will also have a hard time seeing them. Committee members indicated she needs to develop the appropriate curriculum with appropriate outcomes that are easy to follow. She needs course descriptions and program objectives. The current draft is inconsistent and Committee members do not understand the program objectives. Committee members suggested Dr. Dimmock may want to bring in an expert at writing objectives and have the faculty work with them.

Dr. Dimmock indicated the program has also change policies regarding tardiness and classroom behavior. If the student is playing games on the computer or reading a novel, the student will be asked to leave the classroom.

Traci Hardell,  
Stevens-Henager College:

Ms. Hardell was out of town and submitted a written report. She reported there are 72 students, 50 students in general education courses and they will have 22 students graduate in September. Dale Keller is a new faculty member and his resume will be submitted to the Board. Ms. Hardell reported they have been assigned a mentor for NLNAC candidacy status. She indicated they are looking at developing a relationship with a regionally accredited institution to meet the requirements in the new rule.

Western Governor's University

Canceled. They will be scheduled to meet with the Committee next month.

Donna Lister,  
Southern Utah University

Dr. Lister met with the Committee to discuss the concerns regarding low pass rates. Ms. Lister provided an overview and history regarding the nursing program at Southern Utah University.

Dr. Lister indicated she feels the low pass rates were due to a change in learning strategies and the elimination of testing. She indicated she feels the students have an adequate time in clinicals and feels the curriculum is appropriate. Dr. Lister stated she has encouraged faculty to implement testing, and the learning strategies were changed in earnest after the May 2007 group graduated. She also reported there is a problem with support from administration. Administration does not want the students to be unhappy and her department received a lot of complaints when testing was implemented. She indicated she has tried to make the administration understand how important testing is in relation to helping the students. Dr. Lister also indicated the admission criteria had been changed to open admission and if the student had taken all pre-requisites and had a 3.0 they were admitted to the program. Dr. Lister indicated she was told she could not go back to the old admission criteria, however this has recently changed and the students admitted this

quarter were admitted under the original admissions criteria. The group graduating in December will be the first group that will have had solid testing in the program.

Carmel White,  
Fortis College:

Ms. White indicated the IASIS group requested Education Affiliates and Fortis College look at the Salt Lake area for opening a nursing program. She reported she has letters regarding clinical placement from nurse executives at IASIS hospitals, but has not met with the clinical coordinators. She stated she currently has 8 contracts or pending contracts and several more in discussion. Ms. White stated she is aware of the issues with clinical placements. Ms. White indicated the program would be year around and there may be options to use clinical sites when other schools are out of session.

Ms. White reported lab hours are separate from the clinical hours. There would be some simulated activities and some observational hours. She indicated the amount of hands-on hours varies with the availability of clinical sites. She indicated they would like to accept at least 20 students three times a year with one PN cohort. She indicated they would like to begin the program in May or June of 2009, depending on how soon approval is granted. She stated if the intent to begin a program is approved, they would hire someone in Salt Lake City to run the program. Ms. Poe informed Ms. White that the rules will require that prerequisite courses be completed at a regionally accredited program. Ms. White stated they have a program in Denver that is seeking North Central Accreditation but she would look for a program to sign an articulation agreement. Ms. Poe indicated if approval was granted to accept the intent to begin a program, the next step would be to submit curriculum. If they want to open by May, they would have to have the curriculum submitted for review by January 2009. Ms. Rice made a Motion to recommend the letter of intent to begin a new program be accepted and to allow Fortis College to move ahead with the development of an ADN program. Ms. Brown seconded the Motion. All Board members in favor.

Discussion regarding Rules comments:

Ms. Poe indicated she has not received any further

comments regarding the Education rules. She reported changes have been made as suggested and the rules will go into effect August 27, 2008.

Ms. Poe discussed giving programs 6 months to put an articulation agreement for prerequisites in place. Ms. Poe also discussed temporary license for out-of-state new graduates. Committee members stated they would not grant out of state graduates a temporary license because it would be hard to keep track of which schools are accredited. Committee members discussed eliminating the temporary license for new graduates and would recommend the temporary license be eliminated. Ms. Poe also indicated the APRN consensus group recommendation was not to grant an APRN intern license.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

October 9, 2008  
Date Approved

(ss) Diane Forster-Burke  
Diane Forster-Burke, Chair, Education Committee Board of  
Nursing

October 9, 2008  
Date Approved

(ss) Laura Poe  
Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &  
Professional Licensing