Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Florida Atlantic University

Graduate Practice Programs Committee Minutes

February 20th 2012

**Members Present**: Lynne Palma, Rosario Medina Shepherd, Rhonda Goodman, Terry Eggenberger, Nancy France, Rose Sherman, Deb Hain, Charlotte Barry, Ruth McCaffrey

By poly-com: Josie Weiss, Jill-Winland-Brown, Susan Dyess, Anne Vitale

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| **NP Faculty Meeting** | | |
| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **DNP/NP PROGRAM TRACKS** |  |  |
| **OLD BUSINESS** |  |  |
| Alumni Survey-Dr. Winland-Brown | It is not written up yet. Lisa will be presented it. Over half of the graduates are working in acute care setting approximately 25% of the time. | No action |
| Review of NP syllabus for enhanced gero content and essentials subcommittee-Dr. McCaffrey | Pharmacology-Lynne Palma  Pathophysiology- Deb Hain  Health Assessment- Rosario Medina-Shepherd  NGR 6200- Ruth McCaffrey  NGR 6605-Josie Weiss  NGR 6634-Rhonda Goodman  There was some confusion as what was needed to be done for this meeting. There are 2 courses advanced pharmacology and pathophysiology that do not have approved syllabi or have the CON objectives. This will be voted on by faculty assembly to determine if these are nursing classes and require the objectives. The topical outlines for the above courses were discussed and assignments were made for the following to incorporate enhanced gero content and the Master’s Essentials:  NGR 6891 Role Policy -Anne Vital  NGR 6811 Theory- Nancy France NGR 6812 Research- Ruth NGR 6110 Caring-Charlotte Barry  NGR 6611-Family-Charlotte Barry NGR 6251 Perspectives of Aging Terri Touhy  The Leadership and Education courses will be assigned later | Ruth will send a template with columns demonstrating how to tie the topical outline, sub objectives and the essentials together. |
| NEW BUSINESS |  |  |
| Capstone Project Topics | We have 30 DNP students coming up that will need to be assigned to faculty members. Most will not go through IRB according to their new guidelines. They can still publish the information if they don’t go through IRB. The students can still ask for consent. Program evaluation does not need to go through IRB. They are trying to limit the amount of projects that come through the IRB process. Guidelines for the capstone are on the website. The IRB is following the Iowa model and there is a fine line that makes research distinct.  Review of Capstone Project Titles for Approval  1.Effect of caring based educational program on caring self efficacy among law enforcement officers-approved with changes  2. Evaluate the process of opening a NP psych practice looking at credentials, barriers, EMR, reimbursement and so on-approved with changes  3. The effect of a walking activity in on glucose control in adult with diabetes. This will probably need IRB. This sounded like “research.” Approved with changes. The title needs to be changed  4. Transitional Care-APN guided care coordination of the chronic heart failure patient. The change in title is a patient with chronic heart failure-approved with changes.  5. Three DNP students will create a public service announcement to provide information on the DNP. There are other schools that have 6 students in one group. Ruth thinks that in 5 years the students will do portfolios instead of Capstone projects. The decision to have 3 in a group was discussed-approved  6. Effects of crisis training program for police officers to help them identify patients with mental illness-approved with changes using the caring language and trimming the title  7. Advancing excellence in caring to use “Stop and Watch” to recognize early changes-approved  8. Fall prevention in patients in long term care-approved  9. Dialysis based project to individualize care to improve outcomes using tools that are well established-approved with changes in the title  10. Development of a home education program for patients with dialysis-approved with changes (the word adapted- was questioned as not being in the caring language) | Ruth will bring guidelines for the Capstone project to next meeting.  Ruth will have Pat Leihr address the committee regarding the “fine line”  Title recommendations:  What is self-efficacy? Include a description of the “caring course” the student will provide.  Remove the verbage re technology from the title.  Include the population to be assessed in the title.  Remove objectifying language “chronic health failure patient” and replace with patient/client with chronic heart failure.  Revise title to make more succinct  Revise very long title.  Reflect on the word “adaptation” and replace with a word that symbolizes the patient’s growth during this illness experience.  Dr. McCaffery will communicate recommended changes to the students |
| **GENERAL MEETING** |  |  |
| Minutes | The January minutes were reviewed. No changes | The January minutes were approved as read. |
| Student Petitions | 1. A student is petitioning to have caring from 2001 count towards her degree-approved 2. The same student would like to remove an “F” from her transcript from NGR 6251 and took it again with an A-. The petition was NOT approved. | We would like to know what the university policy is regarding courses over 10 years old at the Graduate level  Petition denied. |
| Student Admissions-Summer 2012 | Dr. Sherman had 2 admissions for summer. They were approved. Rose thinks we have fewer applicants. The deadline was Feb 1st. Rose thinks the application cut off was too soon and would like to have the dates extended. The summer deadline is June 1st. | Dr. Gordon will be asked to have the deadlines and admission process revisited. |
| **OLD BUSINESS** |  |  |
| Student Readiness for Advanced Courses | Tabled | Tabled |
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| **NEW BUSINESS** | There was concern from Dr. Sherman about the individualized track. Those students may not be able to meet the Master’s Essentials. | The topic will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. |
| **Announcement** |  |  |
| Reach Health Fair is on Saturday  March 3, 2012 Belle Glade  The same event is on  March 4th, Pahokee  Bilingual volunteer needed |  |  |
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| **Future Meeting: March 19th 2012** |  |  |