Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Florida Atlantic University

Graduate Practice Programs Committee Minutes

November 21th, 2011

Approved January 23, 2012

**Members Present**: Lynne Palma, Rosario Medina Shepherd, Shirley Gordon, Rhonda Goodman, Marguerite Purnell, Cynthia Blum, Rose Sherman, Marlaine Smith

By poly-com: Josie Weiss, Ann Vitale, Susan Dyess, Ruth McCaffery, Charlotte Barry

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| **NP Faculty Meeting** | | |
| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| **OLD BUSINESS** |  |  |
| Alumni Survey | Data analysis is not completely finished. | It will be emailed when it is completed – to be discussed at the January Meeting. |
| ANP/GNP Update | ANP/GNP Task Force met and there was consensus about the final courses for the ANP/GNP program. Syllabi were reviewed for the didactic and practicum courses (see attached). Dr. McCaffrey suggested we need to demonstrate how gero content is infused throughout the entire NP program. Dr. McCaffrey will ask faculty teaching the NP courses make sure the gero content is visible on their topical outline and will convene a subcommittee to reciew syllabi prior to the January Meeting.  There was a motion to accept the syllabus. The motion passed. | The syllabi for the ANP/GNP didactic and practicum courses will be forwarded to the Committee on Programs. |
| Electronic logs | Faculty agreed there were no programs reviewed that would meet the needs of the graduate and undergraduate programs. NP Faculty will look at the venders again at NONPF and recommend adopting one of the programs to start using it in the Fall of 2012. |  |
| **NEW BUSINESS** |  |  |
| Curriculum Plan for DNP Students Entering in Spring | Ruth gave an update on the program. A concern was raised about students not having epidemiology before the population course. Dr, Gordon is talking with an MD (Dr. Kumar) from the Health Department to teach the epidemiology course. Dr. Peck who currently teaches the course does not have a terminal degree and has accepted another job. It is not a prereq for the population class. | Curriculum Plan for DNP Students Entering in Spring approved. |
| Interdisciplinary (IPE) Report | There was a suggestion that the NPs were further advanced in clinical and the combination was not idea. Faculty agree it is important for NP students to have interdisciplinary experiences. Dr. McCaffrey suggested the NP students might be a better fit with M4 rather than M1 students.  Another event is planned for Feb 7th and 9th. The work will continue with different levels of all students. | Dr. Gordon will report suggestions to the steering committee. |
| Admission for DNP | The plans are to admit in the fall and in the spring for that program. |  |
| **GENERAL MEETING** |  |  |
| Minutes | The October minutes were reviewed. | Minutes approved as read. |
| Student Petitions | None | Petition day scheduled for December 12th at 11:00 am. |
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| **OLD BUSINESS** |  |  |
| CCNE Recommendations from Master’s Retreat | Tabled until January |  |
| Student Readiness for Advanced Sources: Survey | Survey being placed on Survey Monkey. | Plan to send out before end of the semester. |
| Release of Spring 2012 Schedule | Some vacancies exist for clinical faculty mostly in the NP program. | No committee action. |
| Review of Direct Care Core pre/co requisites and syllabi-Dr. Weiss | Dr. Weiss looked into other programs and found that there were not prerequisites for the 3 Ps. See handout on the changes for the prereqs and co-requisites consistent with area schools and earlier decision to remove pharm and HA as admission requirements and recommend that patho and pharm be taken for the NP and advanced holistic students.  Dr. Weiss raised a suggestion that there could be a combined course for CNL & educators, that covered advanced pharm, patho, and HA that might better suite their needs. Dr. Smith did not think it would be a very meaningful course. | Recommendations approved with changes ( see attached ) to go forward to the Committee on Programs. |
| Plan to Place Direct Care Courses in online format | Advanced Pharmacology-Palma Summer 2012  Advanced Patho-Dr. Hain to be developed Spring 2012  Advanced Health Assessment-Goodman to be developed Spring 2012  There was discussion regarding HA lab online. Challenges and concerns were discussed along with impact on distance tracks if HA lab is not available in a distance format. Dr. Vitale will look into models for teaching the lab online or in a hybrid format.  Roles Policy and Finance is already online | Shirley will put out an email to remind students that the HA course in the spring is available in and every other week format on Thursday.  Dr. Vitale will report back to committee in January |
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| Recommendations from Education Track Subcommittee | Dr. Barry gave a report elaborating courses that would have a direct focus for the education students as required by the new CCNE Essentials. Faculty would guide students as they work with approved clinical, masters prepared experts to develop advanced knowledge in selected direct care clinical focus areas. The nurse educator track will include a 3credit didactic and 3 credit practicum course in the focus area. The didactic course will take the place of the current adult health course that was developed for Nurse Educator students. There would be 39 credits for the program. All would have the 3 Ps. Rose suggested that students may need more direction and suggested adding development of their clinical focus to the portfolio and developing self related to published competencies for their selected areas. | Syllabi approved ( see attached ) to go forward to the Committee on Programs. |
| ADM Track | Adv. Nursing Practicum change from 2 credits to variable 1-2 credits to accommodate the needs of the new emerging leader program.  Faculty discussed the varying credit allocations for the tracks.  1 credit for 60 hours – NP & Education direct care focus  1 credit 120 hours – Education practicum  1 credit 45 hours - DNP and CNL | Syllabus and credit change approved ( see attached ) to go forward to the Committee on Programs.  Dr. Gordon to bring recommendation forward in January to address ways standardize credits. |
| Emerging Leaders New Syllabi | The new course is an elective designed for the Emerging Leaders track enhancement. Emerging Leader students will be advised to take the course in place of a 3rd business course cognate/elective. Dr. Dyess described the course. The syllabus is attached. There was a suggestion to shorten the course description. | Syllabi approved with shorted course description ( see attached ) to go forward to the Committee on Programs. |
| **Announcements** | Reach Health Fair  March 3, 2012 Belle Glade  March 4 Pahokee  Childhood Asthma and Skin Cancer Screening needed  Bilingual volunteers needed |  |
| **Next Meeting December 12th for petitions at 11:00 AM** |  |  |

**Action Items Progress:**

**Tracking Graduate Practice Programs Recommendations to Committee on Programs/Students/Faculty**

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| **Topic** | **Recommendation** | **Forward Date/Outcome** | **Approved COP/COS** | **Approved FA** | **Approved FSS/FS** | **Comments** |
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| DNP Supervised Clinical Hours Documentation Form  Catalog Change: | Approve the attached DNP Supervised Clinical Hours from and change DNP admission criteria in include completion of the form as part of the supplementary CON application packet beginning Fall 2012.  DNP students admitted prior to Spring 2012 to submit the documentation will be asked to submit the form prior to development of their Plan of Study. | September 19, 2011 for October COP meeting | October 2011 | October 2011 |  |  |
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| GRE/MAT recommendations awaiting follow-up from Programs committee  Catalog Change: | “Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores are required for applicants with a GPA of < 3.0. GRE or MAT scores should be within the last five years of the date postmarked on the application. If the GRE or MAT score is older than five years, the applicant may petition the Graduate Practice Programs Committee to consider acceptance of the older score.” | Re-forwarded September 19, 2011 for October COP meeting | October 2011 | October 2011 |  |  |
| Master’s Program Objectives  Catalog Change: | See attached recommended Master’s Program objectives changes. | September 19, 2011 for October COP meeting | Tabled to Nov agenda |  |  | Tabled until January |
| Direct Care Core  Catalog Change: | Establish a Direct Care Core for all Master’s Tracks with the exception of ADLD. [See attached format]  Begin requirement Spring 2012. | September 19, 2011 for October COP meeting | October 2011 | October 2011 |  |  |
| NP admission requirements for BSN pharmacology and HA  Catalog Change: | Remove the NP admission requirement for undergraduate health assessment and pharmacology. | September 19, 2011 for October COP meeting | October 2011 | October 2011 |  |  |
| Nurse Educator Track: Direct Care Focus Courses  Catalog Change: | Add 2 required course categories in place of existing cognate courses: [in addition to the direct care core courses approved earlier]  Direct Care Focus Course 2 credits  Direct Care Focus Practicum 1 credit.  Begin Spring 2012. | September 19, 2011 for October COP meeting | Approved with changes: Direct Care Focus Course 3 credits  Direct Care Focus Practicum 3 credits  October 2011 | October  2011 |  |  |
| Graduate Handbook Changes | Approve graduate handbook changes forwarded last year. | Re-forwarded  September 19, 2011 for October COS meeting | October 2011 |  |  | Michelle to make changes to online handbook. |
| Structure of Master’s tracks | Approved Master’s track structure to include: Core, Direct Care Core, Cognates/Electives and Concentration | Forwarded to COP October 17th | November 2011 |  |  |  |
| ANP/GNP Track | The syllabi for the ANP/GNP didactic and practicum courses will be forwarded to the Committee on Programs. | Forward to COP 11/21/11 |  |  |  |  |
| Review of Direct Care Core pre/co requisites and syllabi | Recommendations approved with changes ( see attached ) to go forward to the Committee on Programs. | Forward to COP 11/21/11 |  |  |  |  |
| Recommendations from Education Track Subcommittee  3credit didactic and 3 credit practicum course in the focus area. | Syllabi approved ( see attached ) to go forward to the Committee on Programs. | Forward to COP 11/21/11 |  |  |  |  |
| ADLE Variable credit change | Adv. Nursing Practicum change from 2 credits to variable 1-2 credits to accommodate the needs of the new emerging leader program approved. | Forward to COP 11/21/11 |  |  |  |  |
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