

Graduate Nursing Senate
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2008
5:00PM-6:30PM
SON602

Recorder: Connie Nguyen-Truong

Lyzzy Caley called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm

Present: Lyzz Caley, Connie Nguyen-Truong, Brandon Matz, Jacqui Martin, Kamonthip Tanglakmankhong, Katie Kern, Maureen Moncada, Vivian Liu, Rebecca Scobee, Yupawan Thongtanunam, Melissa Jones (via polycom), Laura Jenson (via polycom), Kathryn Sexson (connected via Lyzz's cellphone)

Introductions & Food

Melissa Jones is a new member representing the MSN in Nursing Education Graduate Program

Old Business

a. *Meeting with Deans re Tort Cap on Tuesday, March 11th at 1-2PM in SN602*

Updates on Tort Cap

Deans were open to meeting with student regarding the Tort Cap, Lyzz and Jacqui will be present, students are invited to attend, this will be an informational meeting

b. *Updates on Incidental Fee Task Force*

Brandon is the liason on this task force. Due to the Tort Cap, the question is 'What does this mean for the Wellness Center?' Currently, a discussion is occurring surrounding investigating options for closing it or contracting it. There will be a reduction in the students' incidental fee, but this amount is unknown at the time. Students are currently paying \$316 for per quarter (term). If the Wellness Center closes, then there will not be fitness center. There will be a town hall meeting where students can discuss what students are willing to pay and what services they would like.

c. *Suggestion Box – Katie Kern*

The idea of a suggestion box was created because students do not have a place to vent currently. At this time, a decision was made to create a flowsheet. Katie spoke with Mary Ann Talbott regarding the roles and responsibilities of the School of Nursing and persons. Katie is thinking about putting on the flowsheet contact names (e.g. Hiliary Holman Kid) and will confirm with these persons that their name is on the flowsheet and will confirm that this is what they provide or what they 'do', GNS echoes 'AWESOME!'

New Business

a. *New GNS Members*

Melissa Jones, MSN in Nursing Education Representative
Allison Terwilliger, Student Health Advisory Representative
GNS has approved Melissa Jones and Allison Terwilliger for their respective appointments

b. *Student Health Insurance*

With the student health insurance, students vote each year regarding what that they want to have, will have both dental and vision in the upcoming academic year, 2008-2009

c. *Financial Report – Brandon Matz*

Final date for submitting receipts is June 1, 2008

(Please refer to the current balance sheet, Brandon will send via email) The GNS will have a budget of \$8,000 for the academic year 2008 to 2009. We have had a \$1,000 increase in our budget annually thus far.

- Students can send their receipts to Jacqui prior to their respective conference. Rebecca will send an email to everyone who has been awarded funding to remind them that they can send their receipts at this time prior to conference attendance. To have everyone help with publicizing the availability of the conference funding support
- Need to adjust budget to match Oracle system
- SON Open House –Maureen
Maureen provided a History: with the Tort Cap, there was an idea of not having a reception after the convocation this academic year. The reception was usually held at the Arnold Schnitzer Hall (\$8,100)

Maureen has talked to the GNS and SNAP regarding recruitment of volunteers for the Open House and for planning the Open House.

The Open House will be held on Mon June 2, (Noon to 4:00pm)

- paying for parking for family
- poster sessions
- having faculty available
- campus tours
- foyer will have food in each place
- Alumni Association will have a class reunion this day as well and thereby, this will be an active day
- live music (e.g. string quartet)

Will need assistance on the day of the Open House (setting up the Open house_e.g.

First meeting will be held possibly Mon 3/10 or Tue 3/11 (Maureen, Brandon, Jacqui, Katie, Connie). Maureen will send an email to confirm time and location for the meeting.

Reports

Social Activities

Members: Connie Nguyen-Truong, Yi Yan, Yupawan Thongtanunam, Kamonthip Tanglakmankhong

- Yi has spoken with Hiliary Holmon-Kid and Mary Ann Talbott and will know by this March how many graduating students there will be. Once we know this, then we can estimate how much the graduation gifts will cost. We anticipate that we will need more funds than what we currently have in the Social Activities budget. Please send any budget that you are not needing to Brandon. We will discuss with Brandon.
- Tonja and Lyzz researched the Venetian pen from the previous year. We will send a direct website link for your review. If there are any concerns, then please send us feedback.
- Connie will send 3 business card cases/holders for the GNS to vote upon since the committee had varying preferences. Tonja and Lyzz researched 2 out of the 3 cases. The voting will open tonight on Mar 4 and will end Fri Mar 14 by Noon.

Life & Learning

Members: Brandon Matz, Tanya Ignacio, Shannon Padilla, Melanie Henriksen

- No reports at this time.

Conference Funding

Members: Kathryn Sexson, Rebecca, Laura Jenson, Jacqui Martin

- **All receipts need to be in by June 1, 2008**, Can use e.g. plane receipts, hotel receipts is okay to show that they are attending the conference, and then they can be submitted for reimbursement

Transitions Committee

ONA Offer

Members: Vivian Liu, Katie Kern, Tonja McGill

- Will set up a meeting to further discuss, one challenge is not having a webmaster, want to align with the Alumni Association
- Katie will contact Patricia Sims and Paula McGiness
- Jacqui concerned that there were no representation of public health nurses, ONA is training focused-acute care nurses
- \$900 in budget, can have food at the meeting

Leadership Succession

Members: Lyzz Caley, Melissa Jones

- To fill vacancies
- Getting close to elections, Lyzz will not be running for Presidency, Lyzz will serve in the mentoring capacity role instead. Can have the option of Co-Presidents
- Will have the following positions open for election: President, Vice President of Doctoral Students, Vice President of Master Students, and 3 At-Large Representatives
- New officers will take effect July 1, 2008

Student Health Advisory Council – Alison Terwilliger

Curriculum Committee – Melanie & Yupwan

- If the topic will relate to the student issues, then it will be discussed, spoke with Yi about the course schedule

Research Council – Kamonthip

- Occurs every month, Kim Jones fibromyalgia and exercise (last month), Kamonthip will try to get students to join the meetings

Open Forum for Student Concerns

a. Katie spoke with Mary Ann Talbott that there are students who are not customer satisfied. Focus groups were used (8 students). Focus groups were used to delve into topics, needing focus groups or survey at the school of nursing or in the graduate programs, to have Dr. Gail Houck come, concern about the communication gap, disorganization issues, to encourage a forum where all faculty can attend, need a Nursing School Townhall,

Dr. Linda Thompson will present Wed 3/5, feedback can be sent via email to Lisa (can refer to the feedback form)

Maureen suggested talking with Tanja, having a face-to-face versus a survey, possibly first send a survey to the graduate student body to see if this is a concern

Can use a survey monkey

1. Would you recommend this program to your friend?
2. If we were to hold a student forum, would you go?

Can have each person from their respective programs be a notetaker

To first talk with Tanya Ostrogorsky and then with the Deans
Vivian will contact Tanja

Email system was down in the previous week, Lyzz will contact the Student Council to see why it took so long, need to send a mass email to Faculty if students' email were down
Laura Jenson asking for feedback, having a possible alternative different time like evenings, having Professors let us out of class

Yupawan reported that the Research Forum has not had a poster presentation from the School of Nursing. The ***Research Forum is held on May 8 & 9***. There will be cash awards, a wine and cheese reception. They raised about \$25,000
April 16 is the deadline for abstracts, Yupawan will send an informational email to Connie and this will be forwarded to the GNS

Next Meeting will be scheduled for the last week of April, Connie will send out dates and times for the GNS to vote upon.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm