

Nursing Subcommittee
Academic Advisory Committee on Health Professions
Minutes of meeting Friday March 14, 2003

Meeting was opened in due form by the President, Dr Pam O'Neal. Members present:

Linda Grimsley, Albany State University
Lydia McAllister, Clayton College & State University
Kay Hampton, Coastal Georgia Community College
Trudy Swilling, Dalton State College
Jean Mistretta, Georgia Perimeter College
Rebecca Corvey, Georgia College & State University
Pat Brown, Gordon College
David Bennett, Kennesaw State University
Katherine Nugent, Medical College of Georgia
Debbie Green, Middle Georgia College
Jill Hayes, North Georgia College & State University
Linda Osban, South Georgia College
Pam O'Neal, Macon State College
Judy Gift, Coastal Georgia Community College
Camille Stern, Armstrong Atlantic State University
Kimberly Cribb, Darton College
Barbara Rees, Floyd College
Jean Bartels, Georgia Southern University
Marla Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University
Mary Ann Reichenbach, Valdosta State University

All attendees introduced themselves, giving their institution affiliation and any new activities occurring at their institution.

Minutes of meeting September 27, 2002 were approved as corrected.

Elections: Dr David Bennett, Kennesaw State University was elected Chair Elect for the coming academic year, by unanimous vote of committee members present.

Area F requirements: The ad hoc committee charged with surveying state nursing programs for courses included in Area F thanked committee members for submitting information – this survey was only done for information at this time

White paper response: The final version of the white paper response to the chancellor's mandate for a NCLEX pass rate of 95% was discussed – the committee chair – Dr Jean Bartels – reported that the response has not yet been mailed pending a final review by the Committee. Discussion ensued and revisions were suggested. The response will be reviewed electronically by committee members prior to being mailed to Dr Dan Papp at the System Office.

Invited guests Robyn Crittendon and Karen Robinson from the System Office – discussion related to HIPAA requirements:

Robyn discussed the HIPAA requirements and their impact on clinical contracts. She also reported that the current MOU from the GHA will probably be revised in the near future. Robyn circulated a letter clarifying the HIPAA requirements relative to clinical educational contracts with GHA agencies and suggested that nursing programs not sign the consent which hospitals are asking us to, binding our students and faculty as “business associates”. Robyn clarified that students and faculty are not “business associates” and that therefore we do not need any additional agreements outside of the current MOU. Robyn will send all committee members an electronic copy of the letter, suggests that we attach that letter to the clinical contract renewals and recommend that agencies contact her with any questions. For contract renewals with hospitals currently not recognizing the GHA MOU, Robyn suggested nursing programs start negotiations with the current GHA MOU and then revise it as needed. Robyn also clarified that for renewal contracts with the same agencies which have not changed substantively, a letter of renewal is sufficient at year one and year two of renewal. A new contract is required every 3 years.

Dr Pam O'Neal asked for committee members to volunteer to serve on the task force working on revisions of the current GHA MOU – Dr David Bennett, Dr Katherine Nugent, Dr Lydia McAllister, Dr Kay Hampton, and Dr Pam O'Neal will serve on the committee.

The summer retreat is scheduled for June 10 and 11 at Sea Palms Resort on St Simon's Island – information and registration forms were distributed.

The next meeting will be held at Macon State College Friday September 19, 2003. The Nursing Subcommittee will meet from 9:30am – 11:00am, to be followed by the AACHP meeting.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted

Dr Jill Hayes

Secretary