

Helena College Department of Nursing Education
Meeting Minutes
Nursing Department Community Advisory Board
March 5, 2021

Members Present: Tina Arvish; Mikel Allen; Lynette Davis; DW Stephenson; Greg Thompson; Debra Rapaport; Kristina Kenning; Jamie Valdez; Debera Charlton; Cindy Harlan

Recorded by: Brenda Johnson

This meeting was called to order at 12:00pm

Topic	Discussion	Action
Review of Minutes	No corrections needed	
Welcome	Everyone went around and introduced themselves. Deb Charlton let everyone know that VA is very happy with Helena College Nursing students.	
Update on Cohorts	Deb Rapaport reported on all cohorts. Expressed gratitude on clinical sites opening back up for student clinicals. It was 1 st time current Junior cohort had been allowed into a clinical setting. Jamie Valdez has OB and PEDS doing clinicals at this time. Kristina Kenning reported that students are loving the VA and St. Peter’s clinicals. Lynette Davis (student representative) reported on hearing stories from other nursing cohorts about how great it is to go to clinicals.	
Community Partnerships: Pinning	The Nursing Department will hold our pinning ceremony in May. Due to COVID-19 and the need to social distance we will have a “walking” graduation. Students with up to five guests will enter through the #5 entrance of the college and proceed to stage in the hallway. Then enter into room 108 to sign in and follow a course that brings them to room 109 where the pinning will take place. Once they are complete there they move into room 106 for bottled water and wrapped treats. They will then move on to the fire bay where they will stage until all students have completed their turn pinning. In the fire bay the students will state the Florence Nightingale pledge and then in the same order they entered will file out through the middle hallway and back out entrance #4 of the campus.	
Community Partnerships: Career Fair	The Spring 2021 career fair will be in person again but limited in the number of vendors that will be present. All Covid 19 protocols will be in place with students coming through in smaller groups and sanitation available between student meetings.	
Community Partnerships: Survey	Deb reminded everyone to please fill out the employee/student survey for both LPN and RN. It was sent out	

	as an email handout. Deb explained the importance of this survey to our program and our accreditation.	
Topic RN NCLEX pass rates	Discussion RN pass rates: Calendar 2020 – School 90.3%; State 89.7%; National 86.5% LPN pass rates: Calendar 2020 – School 5 of 7 tested and passed. RN pass rates: Fall 2020 14 out of 15 students took the test and passed. 16 th student will test in April. Deb also reported that the Board of Nursing is looking at allowing 2 nd attempt pass rates to be calculated into overall scoring.	
Topic Board of Nursing update: HC Annual report / ACEN report	Discussion Reporting has been turned in to the Board of Nursing and the HC / Board of Nursing report was emailed to ACEN.	
Topic Curriculum Update	Discussion The program will return to a twice a year acceptance to the ASRN program, and remaining with just a fall application acceptance for the LPN program. The Bridge program will only be by attrition going forward so we can begin taking 16 ASRN student in the spring cohort, this will start spring 2022.	
Topic Faculty	Discussion Deb discussed the open positions the nursing department has and asked that if anyone knows of someone that might be interested to please have them apply. Currently 2 full time positions open; 2 clinical instructors; 1 lab.	
Topic GEERs grant	Discussion Deb Rapaport reported on how the 2022 LPN program will be changing. Starting with the fall 2021 LPN application acceptance Hamilton College and Helena College will merge their applications with eight students being accepted from each college for a total of 16 students in the program. The didactic portion will be online and the lab/clinical component will be handled in Helena for the Helena students and Hamilton for the Hamilton students. Deb reported on how excited everyone is for this to happen but there is a lot of work to still be done.	Action
Topic St. Peter’s Internship	Discussion Deb reported on how excited the students are on getting the opportunity to apply for an internship over the summer. We had one student in the summer of 2020 that loved the opportunity she had.	Action
Topic Articulation Agreements	Discussion Deb is finishing up the agreement with Chamberlin University for an online BSN. We still have online BSN agreements with Montana Tech; Montana State University – Billings and Western Governors.	
Topic	Discussion	

<p>Labs, equipment, space</p>	<p>Helena College moved their Fire / Rescue program to the airport campus and with that move Nursing was given rooms 106 and 216 for Nursing Department use. Room 106 will be a lab while 216 will be used more by faculty / adjuncts to course prep or meet with students. We've also purchased a new OB mannequin that is fully functioning and a fetal monitor. Also purchased was a defibrillator and sim screens. This will all help to better prepare our students for clinical settings.</p>	
<p>Topic Community Feedback</p>	<p>Discussion At this time there was no feedback.</p>	

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm