

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Committee
Wednesday, January 31, 1979
3:00 p.m. Conference Room, Dean's Office

Present: Dr. Hill, Dr. Baldino, Mr. [redacted], Dr. Richley,
Dr. Scriven, Dr. Kougl, Mr. [redacted]

Actions:

1. Dr. Baldino moved that the January 27 minutes be approved on the contingency of the right of any absent member to make revisions. Unanimously approved.
Seconded by Dr. Kougl. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Baldino moved for approval of the January 24 minutes, same condition.
Seconded by Mr. Quinby. Unanimously approved.

2. Continuing Education:

Dr. Hill discussed the invitation from the Continuing Education Committee to attend their next meeting. Dr. Hill suggested inviting Dr. Swan, also, as he had concerns with their policy statement.

3. Nursing Program:

Dr. Hill summarized a discussion with Dr. Edgar. It concerned the new degree (BSN) proposed through YSU's department of nursing, and not, as traditionally, through a School of Nursing. Dr. Edgar anticipates no problems in initiating this program. He sees no difficulty in adding the upper-division program to the Applied or Associate degree.

Dr. Hill was concerned that there may be a challenge to the new Bachelor's degree from the College of Arts and Science.

Dr. Baldino asked if this committee was capable of dealing with Dr. Faraska's concern of making an exception for those who wish to also receive the new degree.

Dr. Hill answered yes.

Ms DeCapita was present to answer any committee questions. She discussed the exact breakdown of requirements and required credits for the proposed nursing program.

Dr. Hill asked how the new curriculum paralleled the BS degree in A&S.

Ms DeCapita answered that she paralleled it with the nursing departments current degree, BSAS.

Dr. Richley pointed out that it differs from the A&S degree, in the language requirement.

Ms DeCapita added that the NLN looks for a free-standing BSN degree.

Dr. Baldino asked if work experience as an RN is recommended or required for entrance into the new program.

Ms DeCapita answered that entrance requirements are passage of the State Board and validation exams, the work experience is mentioned as a guideline for those who do intend to work and attend school part time.

Dr. Hill asked about the relationship between the State Board and validation exams. Both are required for entrance into the third year, what happens if the validation exam is not passed.

Ms DeCapita answered that there will be a syllabus set up for them to follow. Remedial help will be available and there is a second chance for passage offered.

Dr. Scriven added that those who have received diplomas have taken academic courses on campus (or at accredited institutions) to supplement their diploma training.

Dr. Baldino asked if there is an outline of required courses and hours available for these students. Where can it be seen in writing?

Dr. Scriven answered that these (nursing) institutions do offer the required courses, and academic transcripts are available. He added that the professional diploma schools are all accredited by the NLN. The course work and experience are considered at least equivalent to our own academic programs.

Dr. Hill pointed out that we will be accepting the NLN as the accrediting agency. He asked if we have any parallel policy for other departments or programs.

Ms DeCapita answered that this is the reason for validation exams, credit by examination is established in the University. She also pointed out that in order for our students to be accepted in Graduate School, we need this accreditation by the NLN. Our major is currently not recognized as upper division. We'd like to separate from the present degree.

Dr. Scriven added that many of our students have left the area, because they can not receive recognition for their degree work.

Dr. Hill asked if there could be a case where a student would complete the general education requirements outside an accredited University.

Ms DeCapita answered no, these courses are taken on campus.

Dr. Scriven felt that perhaps the Unit may soon move into the 20th century and award degrees for appropriate experience.

Dr. Richley added that credit by exam is common practice in many departments. Every student must meet the 45 hours major requirement, either by course work or by exam.

Dr. Baldino asked if the nursing validation exams were all written.

Ms DeCapita answered in the affirmative and added that they are hoping to establish clinical exams also.

Dr. Scriven felt that it is an inappropriate circumstance for the nursing department to test their students in all subject matters. He felt there should be departmental exams which relate exactly to the course work.

Dr. Baldino added that he has profound reservations that everything can be dealt with in written exams.

Dr. Scriven stated that it is up to the academic department to decide whether credit will be given.

Ms DeCapita pointed out that the NLN tests are available. It is up to departments to approve them.

Dr. Baldino asked if there were any obstacles to the degree title of the program.

Dr. Richley answered that the title is Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a tagged degree. I can't imagine problems with it.

Ms DeCapita added that we want to separate ourselves from the current, 24 hour upper division degree.

Dr. Scriven pointed out that it is a new degree, it should have a new title. He asked, if this committee meets strong opposition on the BSN proposal, should the program be approved with the old degree title.

Ms DeCapita answered that the pressure is from the community, they want the prestige degree (BSN).

Dr. Baldino thinks we should fight for the nurses' position, and get the BSN through the Senate.

Dr. Hill feels the AAC should go forward and recommend the proposal. However, if the Senate demands to retain the old degree title, should the new program be initiated?

Ms DeCapita answered that it is important to nurses to change the title. They want the BSN, the title is all-important.

Dr. Baldino felt it would be well to give us full a committee as possible before voting on the proposed nursing program. He asked the chair to advise Dr. Edgar.

Motion:

Dr. Baldino moved to table the nursing program until the next meeting.

Mr. Quinby seconded. Unanimously approved

4. Sociology / Anthropology

Motions:

Dr. Baldino moved to remove this issue from the table.

Dr. Kougl seconded. Unanimous approval.

Dr. Baldino moved acceptance of Dr. Swan's motion, Part 1.
No second.

Dr. Baldino moved acceptance of Dr. Swan's motion, Part 2.
No second.

Dr. Hill pointed out that the sociology/ anthropology proposal will be on the agenda for next week.

5. The next meeting was called for next Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.