

**College of Natural and Health Sciences  
Curriculum Committee  
Minutes  
November 4, 2009**

**Present:** Ann Bentz, Joe Elkins, Juliet Fried, Richard Schwenz, Igor Szczyrba, and Cindy White

**Absent:** Audrey Bopp and Missy Parker

**Guest:** Janice Hayes, Assistant Director of Graduate Programs, School of Nursing and  
Kathy LaSala, Director, School of Nursing

Richard called the meeting to order.

**PROPOSALS FOR REVIEW**

**New degree: Doctor of Nursing Practice**

- NURS 618**    **Epidemiology in Advanced Nursing Practice**  
A new course required for the DNP.  
**Joe Elkins/Richard Schwenz moved to approve the course.**  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**
- NURS 628**    **Information Technology in Health Care**  
A new course required for the DNP.  
**Richard Schwenz/Cindy White moved to approve the course.**  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**
- NURS 638**    **Concepts in Advanced Evidence-Based Practice**  
A new course required for the DNP.  
**Cindy White/Igor Szczyrba moved to approve the course.**  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**
- NURS 658**    **Applied Nursing Genomics**  
A new course required for the DNP.  
**Igor Szczyrba/Juliet Fried moved to approve the course.**  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**
- NURS 668**    **Population Centered Health Care**  
A new course required for the DNP.  
**Juliet Fried/Joe Elkins moved to approve the course.**  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**
- NURS 678**    **Professional Practice and Healthcare Finance Seminar**  
A new course required for the DNP.  
**Joe Elkins/Richard Schwenz moved to approve the course.**  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**

**NURS 685 DNP Practicum**  
A new course required for the DNP.  
**Richard Schwenz/Cindy White moved to approve the course.**  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**

**NURS 688 Advanced Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems**  
A new course required for the DNP.  
**Cindy White/ Igor Szczyrba moved to approve the course.**  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**

**NURS 696 DNP Capstone Project**  
A new course required for the DNP.  
**Igor Szczyrba/Juliet Fried moved to approve the course.**  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**

**NURS DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice) Program Package**  
The School of Nursing is accredited through the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). In 2004, the AACN endorsed the *Position Statement on the Practice Doctorate in Nursing* which moved the level of preparation necessary for advanced nursing practice from the master's degree to the clinical doctorate level by the year 2015. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the nation's premier accrediting agency for baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs, will no longer accredit nursing programs with master's level APN programs. Therefore, currently more than 200 schools nation-wide are converting their master's level APN programs into DNP programs to be in compliance with the 2015 change in accreditation guidelines. The School of Nursing is proposing moving from the Master's FNP emphasis to the DNP. We would like to be able to offer this program beginning Fall semester 2010. We are scheduled for program accreditation review in 2012. In order to have the DNP program accredited at this review, the program will need to be in existence for 1 year prior to this review. Accreditation is not retroactive so achieving accreditation prior to the first graduation is our goal so that students who graduate will do so from an accredited program.  
**Juliet Fried/Joe Elkins moved to approve the program.**  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**

Discussion ensued about the role of the college curriculum committee. The committee would like to see more of a relationship between course content and assessment with a detailed explanation of course requirements. Ann mentioned that a required degree of specificity on syllabi is not outlined by the university, which allows for instructor flexibility. This discussion is ongoing across campus. Ann will discuss the committee's concerns with the Dean.

### **Electronic Approval of Course**

**ASLS 508 Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring**  
A workshop variable titled course.  
**Committee recommended approval by consensus.**

**Curriculum Deadline for NHS Proposals (for 2010-2011 Catalog)**

All course/program proposals for the 2010-2011 Catalog are due to the NHS Dean's office by Wednesday, November 25, 2009. Catalog copy deadline is February 1, 2010.

*Next meeting* – November 18, 3:30-5:00 - Gunter 1120 (Dean's conference room)

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Pope  
Recording Secretary