

**Undergraduate Academic Council Minutes**  
**April 24, 2008**  
**3:30 PM**  
**University College Conference Room**

**Voting Members Present:** Dr. Jeff Spurlock-Chairman, Mr. James Davis, Dr. Amanda Diggs, Dr. Thomas P. Dunn, Dr. Joseph Fielding, Dr. Hank Findley, Dr. Cindy McCoy, Dr. Richard Millard, Dr. Sarah Patrick, Dr. Steve Ramroop, Dr. James Ryan, Dr. Michael Schraeder, Dr. Fred Westfall, Dr. Patrice Williams, Ms. Linda Brown (Dr. Isabelle Warren).

**Voting Members Absent:** Ms. Sheila Bennett, Dr. Becky Jacobson, Dr. Judy McCarley, Dr. Marian Parker, Ms. Donna Schubert, Mr. Chris Shaffer, Dr. Isabelle Warren, Dr. Patrice Williams

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Dr. Hal Fulmer.

**Non-Members Absent:** Dr. Dianne Barron, Dr. Alan Belsches, Dr. Maryjo Cochran, Dr. John Dew, Dr. Earl Ingram, Dr. Lance Tatum, Mrs. Tamera Jones, Dr. Don Jeffrey, Dr. Ken LaBrant, Ms. Vicki Miles, Dr. Curtis Porter, Dr. Edith Smith, Mr. Buddy Starling, Dr. Henry Stewart, Dr. David White.

Chairman Dr. Spurlock called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and called the council roll. The agenda was approved by acclamation.

Dr. Hank Findley moved to accept minutes from 3-27-2008 meeting and Dr. Steve Ramroop seconded the motion. Motion carried by acclamation.

### **College of Health and Human Services**

(1.) Chairman Spurlock recognized Dr. Cindy McCoy to present proposal of the following elective courses to the nursing program inventory:

- BSN 33XX Informatics in Nursing (2 hours)  
*Rationale – Nursing informatics is an integral component in nursing practice. All nurses must be proficient in the skills of data retrieval, computerized documentation systems, and the electronic health record. This course will provide an opportunity for the student to learn these necessary skills. Open to all students.*
- BSN XXXX Nurse Extern Experience (1 hour)  
*Rationale – Several area agencies have implemented nurse extern programs for students to gain additional clinical practice experiences. This course is designed to better to prepare the student for this experience.*
- BSN XXXX Nursing in the International Community (1 hour)  
*Rationale – This course provides an opportunity to engage in learning about nursing in the international community. This is the theory course that can be tailored to meet the needs of the student group and the planned study abroad experience. Open to all students. If the choose to study aboard they must take the “Nursing Study Aboard”.*
- BSN XXXX Nursing Study Aboard (2 hours)

*Rationale – This course will be the course the in which the student is enrolled during the semester of travel. This will allow for course credit and structured academic activities during the study abroad experience.*

*Prerequisite: Nursing in the International Community.*

Motion was made by Dr. Hank Findley to accept the proposal. Dr. Steve Ramroop seconded the motion, after discussion motion passed unanimously.

**(2.) Dr. Cindy McCoy presented the proposal to make course description changes:**

- NSG 2201 Dosage Calculations - delete the phrase “or permission of instructor”. This will result in the student taking the course only after admission to the BSN program. The rationale for this change is that dosage calculation is a vital skill in nursing, and students who take the course prior to entering the nursing sequence are not current in the course content.
- NSG 3306 Perspective of Professional Nursing – delete the phrase “or permission of instructor”. This will result in the student taking the course only after admission to the BSN program. The rationale for this change is that the course can then be complementary to the other first semester courses and provide a more efficient use of the curriculum and resources.
- NSG 4419 Research in Nursing – change prerequisite to “Successful completion of all courses in Semester 1 of the BSN clinical sequence.” This changes the requirement from completion of Semester 1 and 2, allowing greater flexibility in scheduling for the student.

Motion was made by Dr. Hank Findley to accept the proposal. Mr. James Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**(3.) Dr. Cindy McCoy presented the informational item:**

- NSG 4421 Senior Clinical Preceptorship – increase the credit to clock hour ratio 1:4. This will result in the students spending 4 clock hours in the clinical setting for each credit hour, or the equivalent of 12 hours per week. This will have the effect of increasing the total time spent in the clinical setting by 60 hours.

Motion was made by Dr. Hank Findley to accept the proposal. Dr. Richard Mallard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business**

Next meeting will be May 29<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for items to be submitted for the agenda will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no meetings held in June, July or August.

**Council congratulated Dr. Spurlock for receiving the Ingalls Award for classroom teaching excellence.**

Dr. Hank Findley moved to adjourn meeting at 4:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Davis and passed.

## Amendment to the Minutes of the April 24, 2008 meeting of the Troy University Undergraduate Academic Council

By action of the Undergraduate Academic Council on Oct. 23, 2008, the following course prefixes, descriptions and prerequisites approved at the April 24, 2008 meeting are amended:

➤ ~~BSN 33XX Informatics in Nursing (2 hours)~~

~~—Rationale—Nursing informatics is an integral component in nursing practice. All nurses must be proficient in the skills of data retrieval, computerized documentation systems, and the electronic health record. This course will provide an opportunity for the student to learn these necessary skills. Open to all students.~~

**NSG 33xx Informatics in Nursing (2 hours)**

This course focuses on the components of nursing informatics including data, information, and knowledge. Practice applications in nursing will be highlighted, as well as the relationship between nursing informatics and evidence-based practice. Software applications in nursing informatics will also be explored. *Prerequisites: NSG 3313, 3314.*

➤ ~~BSN XXXX Nurse Extern Experience (1 hour)~~

~~Rationale—Several area agencies have implemented nurse extern programs for students to gain additional clinical practice experiences. This course is designed to better to prepare the student for this experience.~~

**NSG 33xx Nurse Extern Experience (1 hour)**

This course prepares the nursing student for the nurse extern experience and presents a practical approach to the development of skills necessary in the role of the nurse extern. *Prerequisites: NSG 3313, 3314.*

➤ ~~BSN XXXX Nursing in the International Community (1 hour)~~

~~Rationale—This course provides an opportunity to engage in learning about nursing in the international community. This is the theory course that can be tailored to meet the needs of the student group and the planned study abroad experience. Open to all students. If they choose to study abroad they must take the “Nursing Study Aboard”.~~

**NSG 22XX Nursing in the International Community (1 hour)**

This course explores issues, philosophies and cultural differences in nursing in the international community and compares nursing and health care in the United States to that of other nations. *Prerequisite: sophomore standing or permission of instructor*

➤ ~~BSN XXXX Nursing Study Aboard (2 hours)~~

~~Rationale—This course will be the course in which the student is enrolled during the semester of travel. This will allow for course credit and structured academic activities during the study abroad experience.~~

➤ ~~Prerequisite: Nursing in the International Community~~

**NSG 22XX Nursing Study Abroad (2 hours)**

This course provides the opportunity for students to experience nursing in the international community. The focus will be on the comparison of nursing in the United States to nursing in the international community. The student will participate in cultural immersion through a study abroad program.