

Minutes of July 9, 2002
Meeting of IUK School of Nursing Administration
and Area Hospital Nursing Administration

The Indiana University Kokomo School of Nursing hosted a luncheon at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 in the Cole Community Room. Administrators in attendance from area facilities were as follows: Sally Piper—Dukes Memorial Hospital; Jeanette Huntoon—Logansport Memorial Hospital; Bob Cosgray—Logansport State Hospital; Bernadine Wallace—Marion General Hospital; Connie Brandes—St. Vincent Frankfort Hospital; and Yvone Vanosdol & Jon Grandstaff-Dunphy—Wabash County Hospital. IUK School of Nursing administration in attendance was as follows: Penny S. Cass—Dean; Lynda Narwold—ASN Coordinator; and Nancy Schlapman—BSN Coordinator.

IU System/Campus Update—Cass shared information regarding IU system changes. The community college initiative within the state of Indiana has not precipitated any changes on the Kokomo campus, however there are a number of IU campuses that either are or will longer be offering the ASN program. IUPUI is the largest campus of the system to phase out the ASN program. IUK will continue to offer the ASN, LPN to ASN, BSN, and RN-BSN programs as in the past. Masters courses are approved for the IUK campus and will also be offered if a cohort can be established.

Kokomo campus has had no administrative changes. The nursing school has moved from the status of division to school of nursing. Personnel changes within the school of nursing are as follows: Sue Symonds retired in May 2002, Lynda Narwold and Bridget Whitmore received promotion to the rank of associate clinical professor, and Susan Hendricks received tenure and promotion to the rank of associate professor. The School of Nursing has two searches underway—one faculty position as well as the coordinator of nursing student services (due to the resignation of Lori Seaman). The School of Nursing has made great strides in moving faculty positions to secured lines from lecturer status.

Enrollment--Enrollment figures for the fall 2002 semester are up in all programs, which are reflected by a dramatic need for increased numbers of faculty in the clinical setting. As a direct result, we will have many new adjunct faculty in the clinical setting and Dr. Cass asked forbearance by hospital personnel, as the new faculty will be attending an extensive orientation session on August 13. Cass requested administrators contact Lynda Narwold should any problems arise in the clinical venue during the fall semester in either program, as Nancy Schlapman will be on sabbatical and Narwold will be assuming coordination of both programs.

International Programs/Exchanges--The Korean exchange program with Margaret Pritchard College of Nursing continues to be funded. Two IUK faculty (L. Wallace & L. Narwold) have visited for 6 months each, and one Korean faculty has completed a year's stay here in Kokomo. The next exchange is scheduled for spring '03 with Lucy Tormoehlen journeying to Korea. Korea will be sending four undergraduate students to Kokomo during the spring '03 semester.

An exchange program with the Kaohsiung Medical University College of Nursing is currently underway. Nine masters students and two faculty are here for a 2-week intensive cultural exchange.

ASN Program Information—L. Narwold affirmed the benefits of the Korean exchange program. Enrollment for the ASN program is doubling from fall 2001 with 88 students in the first year class. Narwold assured administrators that students in the IUK catchment area were receiving priority in admission to the nursing major due to the elimination of the ASN program on other campuses, and that students outside the service area were admitted only if space was available after admitting IUK students. Narwold currently has 68 students enrolled in the LPN transition course over the summer sessions. These 68 students will merge with approximately 30 generic 2nd year students to graduate approximately 100 students in May 2003. Narwold expressed thanks to the administrators present for their assistance in identifying and directing possible clinical faculty to serve in adjunct capacity to accommodate our increased enrollment numbers. Narwold reinforced that the new adjunct/clinical faculty will undergo an extensive orientation.

Community Activities—Narwold shared that the asthma/diabetes camp "Camp Eeze-the-Wheeze" and "KIDDS Kamp" ran for the 6th consecutive year with 33 enrolled. The camp was held at a new location (Sycamore Recreation) this year. Work is currently being conducted to establish evaluative data obtained from the asthma camp.

BSN Program Information—N. Schlapman shared that the BSN program continues to be smaller than the ASN program, but anticipates admitting approximately 25-30 each year. RN-BSN enrollment is stable at 15-20 per year. This year an outreach Pod program was established at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Schlapman informed those present if they could produce a cohort of a minimum of 10 students at their facility that the program could be taken to any regional hospital facility. Schlapman also thanked everyone for the cooperation in providing sites and opportunities for student clinical experiences.

NCLEX—Cass stated that the board has been moving the passing percentage down from 100% over the last few years through increased test rigor. Annual pass rates for both programs for the past academic year were above the national pass rate. Both programs have incorporated board review sessions in to the curriculum to assist students in preparation for the boards.

Possible clinical faculty—Cass encouraged anyone who knew of staff minimally prepared at the BSN level interested in clinical teaching to please notify Schlapman or Narwold.

Continuing Education Activity—A credit Parish Nursing course is being offered this summer, with the possibility of a 2nd offering each year. OR programs are also available through D. Fawcett. We anticipate having two new certificate programs within the next year—an RN refresher course (shared with St. Joseph Hospital) as well as a massage therapy program. Discussion centered around the focus of the refresher course and the need to provide sufficient time in the clinical setting as well as specific areas of pharmacology, documentation and health assessment. Cass envisions the program being modular in format with the curriculum (12-24 credits) under the purview of and certificate to be awarded from IUK. The program could be portable due to the proposed modular delivery format. Those present discussed criteria for admission to the program, and Cass requested input regarding content/ideas/support from those present be forwarded to her via e-mail at pcass@iuk.edu. The massage therapy program will be approximately 24-29 credits, just under the number of hours for which commission authorization is required. The program would require only IU internal approval. The program will be created to meet certification requirements of

the surrounding states, as Indiana currently does not regulate this profession. An academic certificate would be granted. The proposal is anticipated to be written by the end of July and sent to central administration for processing. Implementation date would be no earlier than January 2003.

Open Discussion—Administrators requested additional information from Narwold regarding her experiences during the Korean exchange. Narwold shared multiple experiences encountered during her 4-month stay.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.