MINUTES
Friday, September 18, 2009

PRESENT: C. Kennedy (Chair), M. Wallhagen (Vice Chair), P. Bernal de Pheils, S. Dworkin, J. Hirsch, J. Howie Esquivel, S. Janson, Z. Mirsky (Assoc Dean), M. Smith (Student Rep)

ABSENT: K. Dracup (Dean)

GUESTS: Judy Martin-Holland, Associate Dean

Chair Kennedy called the meeting of the School of Nursing (SON) Faculty Council to order on Friday, September 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Room N 319D. A quorum was present.

The minutes of May 15, 2009 were approved.

Chair’s Report
Chair Kennedy welcomed this year’s Faculty Council members and reported the following:

• Brief orientation to the Faculty Council
• Appointments to the standing and administrative committees are almost complete and will be distributed shortly.
• A report from the external review of the doctoral program has not been received yet but should be available for the next meeting of the Faculty Council.
• A Pathways planning discussion with the Dean will take place in the next meeting of the Faculty Council.
• Report from the Academic Senate Leadership Retreat
• The Faculty Council discussed the call for a walk out on next Thursday, September 24. From anecdotal information, the majority of teachers and students on this campus are not intending to walk out. The Faculty Council (and student representative) and Judy Martin Holland discussed trouble shooting and options for discussion during student orientation next week. To best alert students, they should be notified which classes will not be held, but that is currently unknown. Judy Martin Holland will check which classes are scheduled for Thursday and contact those faculty to determine if they will hold a class that day, and then contact via e-mail the relevant student populations.

Dean’s Report
Associate Dean Mirsky reported on the following:

• Reported on confidential (as it is yet incomplete) planned budgets and budget cuts for the School of Nursing
• The Chancellor will be making more budget decisions and additional information will be forthcoming in October.
• There is the possibility of underfunded student recover via the state’s allocation of federal labor force incentive funding.
Department Reports

Community Health Systems
Bill Holzimer has left to be Dean at Rutgers.
MSO sharing with Family Health Care Nursing has been successful.

Family Health Care Nursing
Sally Rankin will be appointed as the Associate Dean for International Programs.
Faculty search in Acute Care Pediatrics is still open.

Physiological Nursing
Two new faculty searches: Oncology and Critical Care Trauma.

Social and Behavior Sciences
In department meetings, some faculty have voiced concerns regarding the curriculum review process and S. Janson and J. Hirsch were able to address some of these concerns.

Chair Kennedy stressed the need for all faculty to avail themselves to information resources in case they missed the other opportunities for education and participation. Others commented on how reframing the conversation regarding the actual implementation has been shown to be productive.

The department is also beginning a search for Associate/Full position.

Student Report
The Student Council did meet over the summer, and are hosting a wine and cheese event in the Golden Gate Room September 22 at 4:00 and faculty are welcome.

Masters Curriculum Revision Update
J. Hirsch reported on the summer work of the committee and they are prepared to publish a narrated and interactive presentation to Moodle by the end of September, and make a detailed presentation to the meeting of the full faculty on October 23. Curriculum revision is also proposed to be the “hot topic” prior to the full faculty meeting.

The committee is working towards a full implementation by the fall of 2010.

As part of the revision, Admin faculty in CHS will pilot implementing an evidence-based practice course beginning this Fall quarter.

As part of this discussion, Chair Kennedy stressed the importance of improving communication among the faculty.

Old Business
Efficiency task force documents were discussed briefly and will be reviewed again at the next meeting to reassess progress.

New Business

Follow Up Discussion to Efficiencies Ideas
Associate Dean Judy Martin-Holland addressed the Faculty Council regarding the possible efficiencies in programs and work of the various faculty councils and groups: (1) Among the efficiency proposals is that program councils meet two to three times each year rather than nine, and at strategic times. Other groups and committees could still manage the same goals but hold far fewer meetings.
The Faculty Council supported the proposal that Chairs discuss at their first meetings how they might improve their efficiency and ask that they set their calendar with far fewer meetings, or even suspend a committee or committee’s proposed program for a year or so to free faculty to work on the more essential activities.

(2) Judy Martin-Holland raised one of the recommendations made by the School work groups on efficiency, that certain masters specialties with smaller student populations be reviewed or combined. Judy Martin Holland suggested that it is time for conversations on this topic to begin. This will greatly affect what the school offers students as well as recruitment.

Judy Martin-Holland suggested bringing together MPC, Dean’s Council and the Faculty Council to begin this evaluation and to establish a process for this review and to frame the discussion. Discussion ensued regarding these two areas. Chair Kennedy and J.M. Holland will facilitate future meetings regarding changes.

Chair Kennedy called for ideas and suggestions to make the full faculty meetings not only both more efficient and more effective, but also to raise the profile of the meeting and to improve attendance and participation of the full faculty. Further discussion is slated for next months meeting on this item.

**Announcement**
December 11, from 2:00 to 5:00 the Dean will be hosting a ceremony for the conferring of honorary degrees for the Japanese students who were withdrawn from school and interned during World War II

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.