

**St. Petersburg College  
College of Nursing  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
April 16, 2012, 8am  
HEC 238**

**Members Present:** Dr. S. Baker, Dr. P. Nicotera, Ms. G. Burt, Dr. J. Wittman, Ms. T. Spagnola, Dr. M. Delgato, Ms. A. Brush, Ms. R. Becchetti, Ms. L. Taylor

**Present via Conference Phone:** Ms. D. Covert

<b>Members Absent: Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action/ Outcome/Person Responsible/Timeframe</b>
<p><b>Welcome: Dr. Susan Baker</b></p> <p><b>Call to order by the Chairperson: T. Spagnola</b></p> <p><b>Introductions</b></p>	<p>Dr. Baker welcomed the Advisory Committee and thanked them for their support.</p> <p>The meeting was called to order by T. Spagnola.</p> <p>The Advisory Committee members introduced themselves.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p>
<p><b>State of SPC and the Baccalaureate Programs: Dr. Baker</b></p>	<p>Baccalaureate programs continue to grow steadily. A new Dean will be starting in the Health Sciences Administration Program July 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently there is a search for a Dean in the Natural Science department. Dr. Baker was just named Dean of Nursing. Curriculum will be adjusted this summer and legislature is mandating program reviews</p>	<p>These changes will be positive for our student success. Dr. Baker is looking forward to taking the program to the next level.</p>
<p><b>State of HEC: Dr. Nicotera</b></p>	<p>Dr. Nicotera congratulated Dr. Baker on her new appointment as Dean of Nursing. He expressed congratulations with the two College of Nursing Program Directors, Dr. Wittman and G. Burt's retiring at the end of May and said they will be missed.</p> <p>HEC: There seems to be a dramatic increase in applicants for every program. At the last Nursing admission cycle, students with a 3.5-3.7 GPA were accepted. A task force has been appointed to discuss Nursing admission policies where new criteria for admissions may be added.</p> <p>Health Programs: All health programs except for EMS, Human</p>	<p>Applicants are being reviewed and interviews for the Program Director positions should be conducted by the end of this month.</p> <p>There will be more information regarding admission policies provided at the next Advisory Meeting.</p>

	<p>Services and Health Information Management have gone to a competitive selective admissions procedure due to the number of applicants applying.</p> <p>There is a decrease in enrollment on the general education side of the college which may be due to the economy but none in the health programs are in jeopardy.</p> <p>SPC: The main concern at the college is the budget. We are waiting for the Governor to sign off on a tuition increase.</p>	<p>As enrollment trends decrease, an increase in tuition will offset the deficit college wide.</p>
<p><b>Advisory Newsletter; Workforce Websites: A. Bush</b></p>	<p>Every Committee member should be receiving an Advisory newsletter via email. It shares information about the college and the community. The fall joint Advisory Committee will be September 6. Their department was able to move money around and they were able to buy equipment for Dental Hygiene, Radiography and Connections. They will also be able to purchase a Vita-Sim for Nursing (cost \$6,000).</p>	<p>Email G. Graham if you have not received the newsletter and email him if you have an article/information you would like printed in the newsletter. Nursing thanked them for buying the Vita Sim as it allows faculty to set up scenarios and helps students with right or wrong assessments,</p>
<p><b>Minutes of November 4, 2011</b></p>	<p>No discussion.</p>	<p>The minutes of November 4, 2011 were approved as written.</p>
<p><b>Employer Graduate Survey completion</b></p>	<p>Surveys are not available at this time but will be available at the September meeting.</p>	<p>Informational.</p>
<p><b>Status of the CON: Dr. Baker</b></p>	<p>Dr. Baker is very excited to begin a fresh new journey as Dean in the College of Nursing. The Program is looking at the curriculum and faculty changes. She is very proud of Dr. Wittman and Ms. Burt and their amazing dedication and accomplishments with the program. Dr. Delgado will be leaving in August to fulfill the Program Directors position in the Natural Science department. She will make a great impact there. There is new hiring of faculty in the ADN and BSN programs. Some of the current adjunct faculty are going to full time status; two will be starting in the BSN Program and three in the ADN program.</p> <p>Student Success: Dr. Delgado Dr. Delgado applied for a grant through CETL Innovations, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and received \$2,000 towards some writing workshops this summer. The workshops will meet in the evenings and Saturdays. It will be a refresher for students currently enrolled in the program and new information for beginning students to help them become</p>	<p>Informational.</p> <p>The College of Nursing is enhancing the program through these writing workshops, which will help with student success.</p>

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<b>Status of ADN: Enrollment</b>	Gail Burt: 650 Students were enrolled in Spring 2012 Boards scores for 2011 were: SPC: 87.66% National Pass Rate: 87.89	Informational
<b>Master Rotation</b>	Dr. Wittman: She appreciates the support of our hospitals and partners. Master rotation continues to be a challenging experience due to the large number of private schools from Tampa and north regions expecting clinical spots in Pinellas County (we do not enter Hillsborough county for clinical). Hospitals are asking for smaller numbers of students on the clinical unit/floor. Even with the complex Master rotation process, conflicts have been handled nicely. Dr. Wittman felt the best way to arrange student rotations is this way rather than each school going to the hospital separately.	If there are master rotation issues, R. Boyer, can be contacted for information as she is an excellent resource person.  Dr. T. Spagnola felt the current Master Rotation process should continue as it is and thanked Dr. Wittman for her excellent efforts. All Children's Hospital is looking at the schools that meet their criteria and needs.
<b>Equipment Approval</b>	As per agreement with our Advisory Committees, the CON would like permission to purchase equipment/items over \$1,000 if needed. We are in the process of purchasing IV pumps since the Baxter IVs have been recalled.	The Committee moved to approve any purchase of equipment over \$1,000. G. Burt will email A. Brush the quote she receives for the pumps as they may be able to help with the purchase.
<b>NCLEX Pass Rates</b>	NLNAC visit, February 2012: There was a collaborative effort in writing the self study with each faculty member's involvement in writing to the criteria. SPC received an outstanding report with an 8 year continued accreditation being recommended.	Curriculum revisions are needed and faculty are in a good place to start working on those changes.
<b>Status of RN to BSN Enrollment/Recruitment</b>	Dr. Baker: 811 Students were enrolled in Spring 2012. There are new admission requirements. All general education and support courses must be completed before entrance into the program. With the new requirements, smaller classes in January and August will be expected.	With the general education and support classes completed before entrance into the program, it should help with student success.
<b>Retention/Faculty</b>	To date there are 952 graduates. The percentage of students who graduated within the two year or five year benchmarks is not glowing (see attached)  There are nine full time faculty with the two new hires.	With the new admission criteria, the benchmark should rise since we have found many students who have not graduated are those who have not completed their general education and support courses.  Informational.

<b>Job Market Statistics</b>	<p>Community partners discussed current hiring practices/needs in the community.</p> <p>All Children's: They continue to hire new graduates. They are trying something new with this cohort. Instead of the new graduate going directly into an ICU position, they are placed into a Med-Surg floor first where they will be transitioned for one year with a preceptor. This is a pilot where they will have didactic and hands on experience before actually going to ICU. This will be evaluated before the next cohort is hired.</p>	Informational.
<b>Advisory Committee Concerns and/or Recommendations</b>	<p>Advisory Committee survey has not been completed by all Committee members. This information helps the Committee know what the community needs and what to improve on.</p>	A. Brush will send out another link to the survey.
<b>Reports from attending Members</b>	<p>Morton Plant Mease-D. Covert: She would like a copy of the new admission requirements</p> <p>P-Tech-L. Taylor: P-Tech doing well; she is proud of SPC and appreciates them. There is no problem with recruitment as hundreds of applicants come to their information sessions.</p> <p>Pinellas County Schools-R. Becchetti They always have vacancies. Pay scale is not great They do not hire new graduates</p>	<p>Dr. Baker will send the information to her.</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>If we know of any graduates with experience, please send to Pinellas County schools.</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	All members	There were no announcements
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	All members	Joint meeting on September 6, 2012
<b>Advisory Committee Evaluation</b>	All Advisory Members	Link to be emailed

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wichlenski, Recorder