ADN Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2015

Members present: Jackie Daniel (recorder), Michelle Edmonds, Felicia Omick, Leslie Jackson, Joni Owens, Karen Hopkins, Elizabeth Anderson, Leigh Moore, Ursula Butts, Hazel Willis, Ginger Downs

1. Dr. Daniel welcomes Billi Jo Wilkinson to the meeting and introduced her to the group. Ms. Wilkinson discussed some of what she is doing with the Simulation center in CC.

2. Dr. Daniel updated the group on the ACEN progress. We are still waiting on our second candidacy approval. Plan site visit this fall is candidacy is accepted.

3. Pinning ceremony: 28 students graduated in May. Mrs. Willis commented that the program was very professional and she applauded the efforts of faculty to ensure this.

4. Admissions:
   a. Discussed our current admission process
   b. 20-22 students going into second year program
   c. Hope to continue to see higher retention rates from first year
   d. Discussed the other variables that impact student success
   e. Student GPA and teas scores not as high for new group entering in the Fall. Discussed concerns.

5. Discussed nursing jobs in the hospitals. Are there any areas that are being saturated with nurses? Mrs. Butts did not feel this was the case. She said they had several positions open and generally does not see this as an issue for ADN students. Mrs. Downs stated that Centra is overall not seeing a lot of turnover and there are not as many positions open in some areas. All of our previous grads have been apply to obtain employment and faculty stated that the feedback from May 2015 grads is the same.

6. Advisory Committee Member Participation
   a. Discussed the need to improve participation by members as their input is vital to our program. Mrs. Butts stated that she felt the meetings were helpful in providing information but did not know what the role was for members. Dr. Daniel asked all members to review the roles and responsibilities found in their folders.
b. All agreed that we need to make sure members are still interested in being on the committee. Dr. Daniel will work with Krystal Patton to develop a survey or postcard to send out to current members. If they are no longer interested in serving on the board, we will ask for them to make a recommendation of an appropriate community leader to replace them. If no recommendations are made, faculty will discuss this and make suggestions to Dean Edmonds and President Staff.

c. All agreed that if members miss 2 consecutive meetings (starting in Fall 2015), they will be removed from the board. Dr. Daniel will update the roles and responsibilities to reflect this change and submit to all members. See below.

d. Discussed developing an Advisory Committee webpage. SVCC is looking into doing this for all advisory committees. We will keep everyone updated on the progress of this. If the college is unable to set up the webpage, faculty will discuss how nursing could do this.

7. Open discussion
   a. Hazel Willis will get with Billi Jo Wilkinson to learn more about simulation and how we can partner with VCU-CMH
   b. Dr. Daniel asked all participants to complete the evaluation and submit this to Leslie Jackson.

8. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be scheduled for Fall 2015 in South Boston. Invitations will be sent.
Advisory Committee for Southside Virginia Community College

Associate Degree in Nursing Program

Purpose:
The VCCS has recommended that local advisory committees for specialized programs and occupational/technical curricula be utilized in the establishment and evaluation of such programs and curricula.

The Advisory Committee for the ADN program is an integral part of our program. Because of this committee, courses are kept up to date, relevant, and designed to meet the needs of our students.

The Advisory Committee provides needed communication, cooperation and better understanding between the school of nursing and community agencies. The Advisory Committee has no legislative or administrative authority. Its purpose is to give advice and support.

Membership Requirements:

Individuals interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Committee should possess:

First-hand knowledge/experience in the healthcare field
Knowledge of healthcare careers in our community
Ability to devote time to committee activities
Positive attitude towards the nursing program and Southside Virginia Community College
A strong sense of responsibility and awareness about Southside Virginia and the nursing profession

Members must be approved by the Local Board of Southside Virginia Community College.

The Dean of Nursing and Health Technology, Program Director and full-time faculty will make up the remainder of the committee membership.

Goal:
The goal of the ADN Advisory Committee is to maintain a cohesive relationship with community agencies that directly impact healthcare in Southside Virginia.

Responsibilities of Southside Virginia Community College and the ADN program:
The ADN Advisory Committee Meeting with meet at least annually. Additional meetings are encouraged if deemed necessary by the program director.

The program director or staff will notify committee members at least 2 weeks in advance of all meetings.

The Advisory Committee will be composed of at least five members from the healthcare community.
The program director will be responsible for developing and distributing the agenda to all members.

The program director will provide college administration with the committee agendas, minutes and list of current membership.

The program director will provide college administration with a list of all members in attendance including their job title or affiliation as well as any members who were not present for the meeting.

**Responsibilities of the Committee Members:**
Advisory committee members will work with faculty and staff to:
- Assist with evaluation of the nursing program
- Identify areas of change or expansion for the curriculum
- Act as a liaison between the community and the nursing program
- Serve as a resource for community resources
- Develop new ways to promote the nursing program
- Advise in the development of program objectives and competencies

Advisory committee members are expected to attend bi-annual meetings. Any member that is absent for two consecutive occasions will be removed from the board. Faculty will make recommendations for an appropriate replacement and submit this to the Dean of Nursing and President Staff.
Southside Virginia Community College's Mission Statement

“Southside Virginia Community College is dedicated to the belief that all citizens should be given an opportunity to acquire an educational foundation that develops and extends their skills and knowledge. The college’s goal is to provide diverse instructional programs ranging from developmental studies to associate degree curricula in academic, technical/vocational, lifelong education, and workforce development. Through various activities, to include distance learning, students will also have the opportunity to develop their roles and responsibilities as participants in a changing society” (www.southside.edu, 2010).

"SVCC is committed to providing a quality Associate Degree Nurse Program. This program will be financially and geographically accessible to students, and will enhance partnerships with business and industry” (Excerpt from “Request for New Curriculum (VCCS-102), College Code: 276, FICE Code: 08661 – October 19, 2000).

Mission of the Nursing Program

The Southside Virginia Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program is dedicated to the belief that all qualified applicants should be given an opportunity to acquire an educational foundation that will enable them to care for individuals, families and communities as Registered Nurses according to the National League for Nursing's, “Educational Competencies for Graduates of Associate Degree Nursing Programs.”

Nursing Program Philosophy

Nursing is an art and a science. The art of nursing is the holistic application of nursing science, behavioral and natural science, the humanities, and the arts. The science of nursing is built on current evidence and professional standards that help promote positive patient and family outcomes across the lifespan.

Nurses use clinical judgment to provide safe, effective, and compassionate care by collaborating with other members of the nursing and healthcare team. We believe in professional accountability and practice within the scope of nursing. Nurses recognize the uniqueness of each person and advocate for their diverse patients and colleagues.

The Associate Degree Nursing education program (ADN) provides students with the knowledge, skills and values needed to practice as beginning nurse generalists. The ADN program prepares a nursing workforce for healthcare organization in Southside Virginia, improving the health of the community.

The faculty facilitates learning by using multiple teaching/learning modalities to meet the needs of our diverse adult student population. Learning involves the interpretation of information to expand knowledge and influence behavior. (SVCC ADN Program, 2011)