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Members Present: J. Constable, R. Sanchez, J. Parks, R. Maldonado, D. Bukofzer,  
P. Newell

Members Absent: D. Nef (excused), J. Taviano (excused)

Visitors: J. Schmidke, M. Barakzai

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:41 p.m. in Thomas 117.

1. Minutes

MSC to approve the minutes of 27 February 2013.

2. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda with the correction that the new nursing programs and certificates will be discussed with Dr. Barakzai prior to remaining agenda items.

3. Communications and Announcements

None.

4. New Business

A brief discussion resulted in the following:

MSC to support the archiving of UBC documents in the University archive and support Patrick Newell in communicating with Venita Baker to look into a seamless mechanism to complete the process.

5. Discussion of the proposed new Nursing MS degree options and Certificates of Advanced Study.

The Nursing Department in the College of Health and Human Services is proposing:

1. MS option in *Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist / Nurse Educator*
2. Certificate of Advanced Study in *Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist / Nurse Educator*

3. MS option in *Adult-Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist / Nurse Educator*
4. Certificate of Advanced Study in *Adult-Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist / Nurse Educator*

The development of the two new MS options was driven by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) accreditation body that changed from supporting a general **clinical nurse specialist option** to supporting **options** that required a specialization in a particular patient population (e.g., pediatrics, geriatrics, etc.). In response, the Department of Nursing is retiring their general program and developing the two new MS options identified above. Beyond the above MS programs that serve degree seeking students, the Department is proposing Certificates of Advanced Study to serve individuals who already have a MS in nursing, but wish to obtain the ANCC certification to work in pediatrics or adult-geriatrics. The certificates will be offered through the Division of Continuing and Global Education. The Committee noted that these program changes in the Nursing Department result from forces external to the University, the ANCC, whose certification is required for nursing students to be employable.

Discussions with Dr. Barakzai noted that the structure of the two new options involves the retirement of four existing courses and their replacement with four new courses in each of the two proposed MS options – a net gain of four new courses that approach their respective topics from the appropriate population perspective. However, the cost of these four new courses is minimized as these courses will serve not just the MS options above, but other degree options within the Nursing Department.

The University Budget Committee finds that there are few budgetary implications related to the implementation of the proposed MS options and the Certificates of Advanced Study. However, the UBC noted that costs may be incurred due to:

1. Changes in the curriculum require **2 units of specialized** content to be provided to **each cohort** pursuing the specialization in *Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist / Nurse Educator* results in a minor increase in costs as identified in the proposal.
2. The Certificate of Advanced Study in *Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist / Nurse Educator* being offered through the Division of Continuing and Global Education is estimated to enroll 12-15 students. Should enrollment fall below this level the program may fail to cover the cost of offering the program **in which case the program would not be offered that year.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm

Agenda for Wednesday 13 March 2013

1. Approval of minutes of 6 March 2013.
2. Approval of agenda for 13 March 2013.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business
5. Discussion of the budget model.