2014-2015 Mid-Year Committee/Advisory Council Report

Committee Name: Associate Degree Nursing

Chairperson: Robyn Lockhart

List of members: Brandi Ward, Lisa Laminack, Lina Martinez, Shawna Sanders, Kathy Williamson, Darrell Willie, Lashun Willie, Hub Yates, Andrew Zeigler, Pam Akin, Andrea Andrele, Fran Cardenas, Lynn Kalski, Kelley Pruitt, Gina Ross, Sam Whatley

Dates of meetings: October 30, 2014

Accomplishments:

- VC NCLEX-RN exam first time pass rate- 76% due to change in passing standard
 - o Faculty turnover
 - New faculty without experience
 - Passing standard change
- Jennifer Hatley named lab coordinator
 - Developing and purchasing clinical simulations to improve critical thinking skills and mimic real life experiences
 - Wrote 2 grants for lab funding
- Increased student fees for Fall 14 to incorporate Specialty Testing which must be passed in order to pass the course
- BON mandatory background checks prior to admission- discussed moving application deadline dates earlier to accommodate the 90 day process.
- Improve student success
 - Discussed and approved no enroll re-entry or transfer student's NCLEX-RN pass rate received
 - Mandatory tutoring required for re-entry and transfer students
 - Pass Center tutoring encouraged
 - Early alert to identify students at risk
 - Raided GPA from 2.5 to 2.75 for admission
 - HESI A2 pre-entrance score increased from 75 to 78 for admission
- Enrollment Fall 2014
- Discussed and approved mandatory hour reduction of 60 hours- 4 classes
 - o Fall 2014-175

- Cannot be increase due to lack of clinical space, classroom space, and qualified faculty
- 110 students to graduate in May 2015
- Goals and objectives, matrices reviewed and approved Discussed the recommendation from BON that 80% of nurses become BSN by 2020 and community colleges offer bachelor's degree. Because of all the stipulations, VC will not peruse bachelor's degree at this time
- Discussed VC graduates competency level. Agreed to send survey to evaluate.
- Discussed applicants from outside the 12 county area who are returning to the metroplex. Agreed to prioritize students from within the 12 county area.

Recommendations:

• Improve Simulation lab experience and purchase scenarios

Membership suggestions:

Agendas, exhibits and minutes posted to Vernon College web site address: <u>http://www.vernoncollege.edu/CollegeEffectiveness/Committees.aspx</u>

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