Meeting Minutes for the Nursing Education Planning Committee, September 27th, 1979

University of Texas at Tyler
TO: Members of the Nursing Education Planning Committee
FROM: Donald W. Whisenhunt, Chairman
SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting, September 11, 1979

The Nursing Education Planning Committee met at 10:30 a.m. on September 11, 1979 in the Administrative Board Room of The University of Texas at Tyler. Those present were Mr. I. L. Friedman, Mrs. Oma Hill, Sister Honesta, Mrs. Marie Jackson, Mr. George B. Pearson, Mrs. Ruby Roge, Mrs. Marian Rowe, Mrs. Jo Ann Hinson, Mrs. Hazel Jay, and Dr. Donald Whisenhunt. Those members not present were Mrs. Donna Dauth, Mrs. June Murphy, and Dr. David Onstad.

Dr. Whisenhunt welcomed the members of the committee. The purpose of the meeting is to keep them informed as to the progress of the work of the committee.

1. Nursing Consultant.

Mrs. Hazel Jay was introduced to the members of the committee. Mrs. Jay is a member of the Nursing faculty of The University of Texas at Arlington who is serving as a consultant and Acting Chairperson of the Department of Nursing and Health Professions for the Fall Semester at U.T. Tyler. Mrs. Jay met with the Nursing faculty all day yesterday and much was accomplished.

2. Nursing Proposal.

Dr. Whisenhunt reported that he had information that Stephen F. Austin State University has a nursing proposal in the hands of the Coordinating Board staff, but nothing has been processed close enough to be an agenda item before the Coordinating Board.

Dr. Whisenhunt has notified the Coordinating Board that U.T. Tyler will present a proposal to be on the agenda for the meeting of the U.T. System Board of Regents to be held on October 11, 12. A detailed proposal will be needed by that time.
Dr. Whisenhunt will be in Austin tomorrow where he will meet with Dr. Norma Foreman for their response to specifics of our program. The work on the proposal is moving rapidly and when a document is ready, it will be submitted to the faculty for internal review and to the members of the Advisory Committee.

Another consultant from another U.T. unit will probably be on the U.T. Tyler campus next week to work on the proposal.

3. Progress on the Nursing Proposal.

Mrs. Jay has acquired information on the names of all hospitals and nursing homes in Region VII and the number of beds in these institutions. She has also made contact with the community colleges and junior colleges. In order to assure that the proposal will be acceptable to the National League of Nursing, the previously mentioned consultant will assist in its writing.

Mrs. Jay expressed gratitude for the helpful attitude of all those she has contacted. It is Mrs. Jay's intention to keep all members of the committee informed as to the progress on this proposal.

Dr. Whisenhunt commented on the enthusiasm of all those concerned with the proposal including the U.T. System with whom he will keep close contact on this subject.


Mrs. Jackson reported that she has spoken with Mr. Phillips of the Helene Fuld Fund. She further reported that there are several baccalaureate programs in the fund. In order for U.T. Tyler to become a member of the fund, the philosophy must be emphasized that the program is a clinically-oriented, bedside care program. There are several valuable pieces of equipment and furniture that would revert to the Fuld Fund. However, U.T. Tyler can apply for membership in the fund and possibly obtain use of this equipment. Mrs. Jay assured the members of the committee that a great deal of care has been given to the importance of not diminishing the quality of the present program.

Dr. Whisenhunt asked about the proper time for U.T. Tyler to make application to the Fuld Fund. Mrs. Jackson responded that the entire philosophy, curriculum, etc. must be prepared for the application to the fund. The equipment would very likely continue to receive very good use.
5. **Other.**

A brief discussion ensued which covered the subjects of:

a. criteria for a clinically-oriented program.

b. studies regarding attrition rates for Registered Nurses from the profession.

c. the importance of providing a supply of nurses adequate to the needs of the hospitals and other community agencies.

d. standards of accreditation.

e. the need for some corrections in the minutes of the August 13, 1979 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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XC: Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr.
    Dr. Patricia Gajda