

GAVILAN COLLEGE
Allied Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2006
Health Occupations Building

MINUTES

Present: Cruz Arballo, ROP Instructor, Gavilan College
Bret Barker, LVN Student, Gavilan College
Kaye Bedell, Director of Allied Health, Gavilan College
Brenda Gatcomb RN, Clinical Coordinator, Hazel Hawkins Hospital
Doris Knapp, ROP Instructor, Gavilan College
Maria Machado, ROP Instructor, Gavilan College
Judi Markus, Instructional Program Specialist, Allied Health Department, Gavilan College
Karen Musa, former ROP Instructor, Gavilan College
Diane Reid, Staff Development, Pacific Hills Manor
Cathy Scattini, Senior Program Specialist, ROP, Gavilan College
JoAnn Steinhauer RN, Saint Louise Hospital
Anna Valentine, Director of Nursing, Mabie Skilled Nursing Facility

1. **Introduction** – All present were introduced. The college is going to a 16-week calendar which will start after Labor Day 2006. Discussion regarding benefits for students.
2. **Programs** – There is an increase in the number of applicants. There are 70 RN and 94 LVN applications (164 total) for Fall 2006. Due to the wait lists there are 10 spots to fill in the RN program and 7 spots for the LVN program.
3. **Curriculum** – English 1A requirement as a prerequisite for admission to the LVN program. Faculty unanimously support college level reading, writing and math skills.
4. **Grants/Computer Lab** – We have the NOVA grant for \$190,000 which gives students stipends, allows them to take the NCLEX online review, and supports additional clinical sites. A new grant from the Chancellor's Office for \$297,000 is to be used to upgrade computers and support more clinicals, especially virtual clinicals which reduce costs to the college.
5. **VATEA** – Funds were used to purchase a Hoyer lift bed scale for AH 170 and 171 (Medical Assisting), and AH 180 (Certified Nursing Assistant).
6. **Job Market Information – Future Trends** – There is a trend right now of private colleges offering nursing degrees (one which charges \$3,000 for prerequisites and \$27,000 for nursing). Kaye said that we cannot sacrifice quality for quantity. Many community colleges limit nursing applicants to their own area.
7. **Job Placement** – Students are being recruited in all job categories.
8. **Salary Survey** – Please fill out and return the salary survey.

9. Suggestions and Recommendations –

There was a discussion of the bridge program with SJSU.

Kaye needs full and part-time instructors to teach clinical days for CNA, LVN, and RN programs.

Kaye demonstrated an interactive video, a virtual clinical excursion, and a distance learning course.

There was discussion regarding an advisor for Allied Health program. Students are requesting an academic advisor knowledgeable about health careers:

Discussion held on retention of Medical Terminology students.

Cruz is planning on re-retiring.

Kaye said there is discussion on offering the MA class fewer days per week but holding class until 6 or 7pm.

Maria's class is full with 45 students.