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August 15, 2012 BOARD OF NURSING MEETING MINUTES

Board President Samuel McNutt called the Board of Nursing meeting to order at 9:51 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2012. Public notice was properly posted at the board offices as well as on its website and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.	CALL TO ORDER PLACE OF MEETING & FOIA COMPLIANCE
Samuel H McNutt, RN, CRNA, MHSA, President .... Present Congressional District 5 Carol A Moody, RN, MAS, NEA-BC, Vice President ....Absent Congressional District 4 Lisa C Irvin, RN, MSN, NEA-BC, Secretary .... Present Congressional District 6 Amanda Baker, RN, MSN, CRNA, MNA .... Present Congressional District 2 Tara F. Hulsey, PhD, RN, CNE .... Via Telephone Congressional District 1 Anne Crook, PhD .... Present Public Member James E Mallory, EdD ....Absent Public Member Registered Nurse – Congressional District 3 Two Licensed Practical Nurse Vacancies- Regions I & II	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT & VOTING
Nancy Murphy, MS, RN, BC, CPM, Board Administrator Theresa Richardson, Program Coordinator I Shannon Beaudry, Administrative Assistant Darra Coleman, Office of Advice Counsel	LLR STAFF PRESENT
Carol Moody and James Mallory were excused from the August 15, 2012 Board Meeting.	EXCUSED ABSENCES

At its July 26, 2012 meeting, the Board met with South Carolina State University (SCSU) to discuss their plan for voluntarily closing their generic nursing degree program. At the July 26, 2012 meeting, the Board made the ruling to accept the proposal for voluntary closure with the following modifications to SCSU's proposal:

- Withdraw nursing as a major degree option, effective Fall 2012, which means to cease matriculation of incoming freshmen and rising sophomores with intended major of nursing, effective Fall 2012
- For all rising juniors and seniors:
  o Review all previous ATI scores for nursing courses taken in the previous academic year to ensure a minimum of Level 2 performance in all courses; and
  o Review all academic records for these students to ensure compliance with all stated admission criteria for upper division admission.
  o Following reviews, any students who have not satisfied the minimum score of 2 on the ATI and stated admission criteria for upper division shall not progress in the nursing program.

Based on these recommendations, the Board recommended that voluntary closure be moved to December 2014. The Board asked that SCSU return to the Board in September to provide an update and a written report detailing the following:

- Efforts to assist in the transfer of students
- List of names of all students who transferred to approved nursing programs
- Efforts to maintain custody and control of existing student records

On August 13, 2012 SCSU requested a follow-up meeting for the Board to discuss the impact of the academic audit of students admitted into the Upper Division in the College of Nursing.

Dr. Cynthia Warrick, Interim President, South Carolina State University and Stanley Harris, Interim Chair, Department of Nursing appeared before the Board to discuss the matter and answer questions.

Discussion included though was not limited to a summary of SCSU's past NCLEX pass rates, student GPAs and ATI scores, changes in the Pharmacology course, ATI integration, challenges of transferring students, resources needed for student success and student and faculty commitment.

The Board received testimony from representatives of the faculty, the junior class, the senior class, a new student and a parent.

The junior class representative Derrick Brackett, the new student Anitra Johnson, the senior class representative Breanna Hopkins and parent Terence Jackson all spoke favorably of the students' commitment and asked that the students be given a chance to retake their ATI exams.

Faculty members Bobbie Perdue and Charlene Pruitt appeared before

the Board to discuss faculty efforts regarding student performance.	
A motion was made by Anne Crook to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. Lisa Irvin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	<u>MOTION</u>
A motion was made by Anne Crook to leave executive session. Lisa Irvin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	<u>MOTION</u>
A motion was made by Lisa Irvin to modify the July 26, 2012 ruling as follows: (1) All Upper Division students who scored below the national mean on the ATI Pharmacology exam are required to repeat the Pharmacology class in the Fall 2012 semester. These students must re-test by the end of the Fall 2012 semester and achieve the national mean or higher in order to progress in the nursing program; and (2) All Upper Division students who scored below Level 2 on any ATI exam, other than Pharmacology, are required to remediate through specific programs to be offered by SCSU and re-test in all deficient areas by the end of the Fall 2012 semester. Students must achieve a Level 2 on all content areas tested in order to progress in the nursing program. All other terms set forth in the Board's July 26, 2102 ruling remain in effect. Anne Crook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	<u>MOTION</u>
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2012. NOTE: These minutes are a brief summary of the meeting and a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board.	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u>