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Academic Activities
September 2005-December 2005

Nursing Program
Lois Daniels, Chair

Number Nursing Students

- HCS 717
- ADN 218

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
- NLNAC site visit for initial accreditation was held on November 1-3, 2005
- Evaluators are recommending initial accreditation of the program for five years and will be present at the peer review meetings in Chicago in January 2006 to present their findings and defend their recommendation

Graduates
- 38 graduated in the first class in August 2005
- 28 expected to graduate in December 2005

NCLEX-RN Review Courses
- A five-day (8 hours each day) review course was held, beginning August 27 for the NCLEX-RN licensing examination
- Evaluations from graduates gave the course rave reviews
- Another review course is planned in January 2006 for the most recent graduates

NCLEX-RN Pass Rates to Date
- 82% pass rate on NCLEX-RN examination to date
- The State Board of Examiners in Nursing will look at our pass rate over one year and ask us for a plan if it is below 80%
- The Nursing Program has developed ways to integrate test-taking skills and other essential concepts and content found on NCLEX-RN examination into course content in all five nursing courses
Nursing Courses

- Nursing Courses for Spring 2006 Semester
  - Nursing 100  45
  - Nursing 110  44
  - Nursing 200  44
  - Nursing 210  54
  - Nursing 220  39

- The program continues to open new clinical sites
  - Johnson Memorial Hospital and Manchester Memorial Hospital are the latest additions

Faculty

- A new, full-time faculty member was hired on 11/01/05
  - Edward Kobylanski will be coordinating the Nursing 100 course

Curriculum Work

- Nursing Program faculty will begin, on 12/9/05, a long-term, intensive curriculum review and possible revision to ensure program consistency and integrity

Program Director

- Lois Daniels will be stepping down as Chair of the Nursing Department January 1, 2006
- Lois will assume the Course Coordinator position for the Nursing 210: Families & Wellness Across the Lifespan (maternity, pediatrics and geriatrics)
- Janice Costello will be assuming the Chair position
  - Jan has over 27 years of management experience and has been on the Nursing faculty for over one year

Department of Allied Health
Danielle Wilken, Chair

Histotechnology
Zoe Durkin, Program Director


- Targeting full-time, day students
- Approved by the Board of Higher Ed
- New lab being constructed at 403 Main Street, East Hartford
- Scheduled to begin the program on January 9, 2006
- Graduates will receive 42 credits for this Certificate Program
New Resources
- Four qualified faculty from Hartford Hospital joined the GC staff to teach histotechnology courses and additional allied health courses
  - Full time Program Director – Zoe Ann Durkin, M.Ed., HT(ASCP)
  - Part time Instructor – Paula Dowd, MS., HT(ASCP)
  - Part time Instructor – Marcia L. Dunne, BS. HT(ASCP)
  - Adjunct Faculty – Richard Fritz, Ph.D.

Classes
- Two staff members from the HT program began teaching A&P and Medical Assisting courses in September 2005

Revising Individual Courses
- HT courses are currently being revised from a hospital based curriculum to fit into the academic setting

Respiratory Care
Tracey Jackson, Program Director

New Associate Degree in Respiratory Care Scheduled to Begin January 2006
- CT State Board of Governors of Higher Education Site visit for the Respiratory Care Program on August 8, 2005
  - Chris Fitzgerald, PhD of the Quinnipiac College Respiratory Care Program served as the “respiratory expert” at the recommendation of Tracey Jackson.
- The Advisory Committee on Accreditation unanimously voted to recommend the Respiratory Care Program for accreditation on November 11, 2005
- 15 students applied to the January 2006 class
  - 13 were accepted

Faculty
- Dr. Richard Fritz was hired to develop a physics course for respiratory therapists
  - Course scheduled to begin in January 2006
- Janet Brancifort was hired as the Director of Clinical Education for the Respiratory Care Program
  - Janet has a Master’s in public health and extensive experience as a respiratory therapist, manager, and clinical instructor

Outreach/Recruitment
- Tracey discussed the use of metered dose inhalers as a guest lecturer for the Medical Assisting students
- On October 13, Tracey met with Respiratory Care Manager at Midstate Medical Center
- Midstate is interested in becoming a clinical site for our program
- Lunch ‘n Learn held on November 8 for students interested in the Respiratory Care Program
  - Showed the video “Life and Breath” which gives a glimpse of a day in the life of a respiratory therapist

**Medical Assisting Program**  
Danielle Wilken, Program Director

- October 17, Danielle’s Laboratory Procedures II class took a tour of the American Red Cross Blood Collection facility
- Four new adjunct faculty members started in September.
- October 21, Danielle and Marilyn presented “What Works for You?” – collaboration between faculty and librarians in creating and implementing library assignments at the College Board Conference
- October 28, CMA exam was administered
- November 10 – 25, faculty, staff, administrators and students were vaccinated at Flu shot clinic
- CPR Training – need an additional CPR instructor
  - Tracey Jackson is scheduled to take CPR instructor training 12/13 & 12/15
  - Classes were taught on 10/22, 11/19, 12/17

**Medical Billing and Coding Program**

- Next certification exam being offered on Saturday, December 10th
- Working on getting the CPC-P and CPC-H certification exams here
  - We should be hearing soon

**Early Childhood Education (ECE)**  
Lori Blake, Program Director

- New Early Childhood Education Program consisting of 3 tracks:
  - Associates Degree
  - 30-credit certificate
  - Child Development Associate
    - (CDA) was officially approved by the Department of Higher Education in October 2005
- All courses under the new program have been added to the list of approved School Readiness courses from the State Department of Education as of November 2, 2005

**Enrollment**

- 9 students in Fall 2004
• 22 students in Fall 2005
• Enrollment continues to be a main goal of the program
  o The Program Director will continue to work with the admissions department on recruitment efforts

Contracted courses
• East Hartford School Readiness contracted an Early Childhood course with Goodwin College in the summer 2005
• The course went extremely well and the School Readiness Council is contracting two Early Childhood courses with us in 2006
• January 2006: Child Development.
• May 2006: Math and Science for Young Children

Early Childhood Accreditation
• The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) now offers accreditation to college degree programs
• Beginning in January 2006, the ECE department will begin the self-study process for this accreditation
• The Program Director attended the NAEYC leadership institute in June 2005 to obtain information and attend training regarding this accreditation

Fundraiser
• ECE department is planning a fundraiser in 2006
  o Raise money/collect children’s books for the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Organization
    ▪ National organization that brings books and reading sessions to children around the country

Articulation Agreements
• Lori is working on articulation agreements with 4-year institutions to facilitate transferability for the students in her program

CT Charts-A-Course (CCAC)
• CCAC is an early childhood training & scholarship organization in CT
• On December 1, Lori presented the new ECE program to CCAC
  o It is very important that CCAC be familiar with Goodwin’s Early Childhood program and recognizes it as a competitive & high-quality program for students
  o Developing a rapport with CCAC & informing them of our program is the beginning step to a hopefully long and collaborative relationship

Advisory Board
• The ECE Department has established its own advisory board
  o There were 2 meetings conducted in 2005, one in February and the other in November
• At the November meeting, marketing strategies for the program and ideas for the future lab school at the college were discussed
• The next meeting is scheduled for January 2006

Lab School
• On the new campus we are planning to build a new early learning center and lab school
• Lori has begun to meet with the architect of the project to develop some initial plans for the center
• Continued work will take place through the next few months including visiting nearby lab schools and model centers, meeting with the Department of Public Health, fire marshal’s office, zoning, and various education consultants (most of which serve on our advisory board) to ensure plans meet expectations.
• It is the hope that this center will serve a diverse population of families and children ages 6 weeks through 5 years old

Human Services - Youth Development
Sandra Ward

Greater Hartford Youth Development Practitioners Academy
• Goodwin is one of the founding partners in the GHYDPA
  o Boys and Girls Clubs
  o CREC – Capital Region Education Council
  o Career Counseling Center for University of Hartford
  o Mayor’s Task Force on Workforce-City of Hartford
  o YWCA
  o Village for Families and Children
  o Coalition for Children, Youth and Families
  o Goodwin College
• A business plan has been completed
  o Funders are being approached for scholarship and infrastructural support
• New cohort of 11 began the first week of November
• Being funded by a combination of Pell Grants, agency support and student loans/contributions
• 8 area agencies are represented in the cohort
• Class meets for 4 hours/week for 32 weeks at Capital Workforce Partners in Hartford
• Students earn 12 college credits that can be applied to an Associates in Human Services at Goodwin College
• The program has a work-embedded component where students complete work-site hours and assignments and earn cooperative education credit
• Various Hartford agencies are being incorporated into the training as resources and guest presenters
• Group of 32 are interested in a Saturday morning class - plans are underway to start a new cycle in January

**General Education**  
**Gerry Simpson, Chair**

• January semester will open with 59 General Education classes  
• Gerry has been attending workshops:
  o Greater Hartford Literacy Volunteers - October 20  
  o NEEAN Fall Conference - October 28  
  o Thompson Publisher’s Training [for package under consideration] November 18  
    ▪ A pilot project will be conducted in January in three English classes using an on-line package which can be bundled with the major text books used in English classes  
    ▪ The program is designed to provide on-line individualized tutorial support for students needing diagnostic and skill building in English competencies

**Developmental Education**  
**Alma Farnsworth, Program Director**

• Alma and Gerry Simpson are working to improve instruction and retention in developmental skills classes  
• Evaluate the Accuplacer test in placing students  
• In English and math courses, Accuplacer tests are being given at end of class as a posttest  
  o Scores will be used for the first phase of data collecting for meeting the goals of assessing our developmental program  
• Create a Development Skills Workshop Series: “Adapting to the Culture of Higher Education”

**Business and Technology Department**  
**Erin Sherman Pagano**

• Northeast Utilities  
  o Applied Management and Communications Program approved as permanent offering  
  o Six classes being offered on two NU campuses this Spring  
    ▪ Wethersfield and Berlin  
  o First complete on-line registration program for Goodwin College  
  o Potential for as many as 120 new students  
• Computer Applications Courses  
  o Revisions to courses complete
• Entrepreneurship Program
  o Enrollment continues to slowly increase
  o Working with Admissions to re-create marketing focus

**English As A Second Language**
**Susannah Landis, Chair**

• Susannah and Guy LaBella met with Abigail Amorim, Executive Director of Alianca Brasileira located on Park Street in Hartford
  o They have formed an alliance with this agency to provide English As A Second Language classes to Brazilian immigrants
• Susannah and Gerry Simpson attended the Literacy Council luncheon
  o Goodwin College has joined the Literacy Council
    ▪ Susannah and Judy Zimmerman are planning to work with the Council in conducting a book drive after the holidays to collect gently used and new books for an East Hartford elementary school or classroom
    ▪ There is a need to get books into the homes of low-income families because access to books is essential to reading development
• Saturday, December 3, Susannah and interested ESL students met at the Wadsworth Atheneum as part of the ESL Getting to Know Connecticut Program
  o Families of the students also attended
• Many of the ESL faculty attended the annual TESOL conference at CCSU
• During each 8-week module, a guest speaker will be invited to speak to the ESL students
  o The first session will held in January 2006
    ▪ An East Hartford Police Officer will be invited to speak to students
    ▪ There are often ESL students who have been on a police force in their own countries and want to join a force here in this country

**Goodwin Library**
**Marilyn Nowlan, Library Director**

• Library Users
  o Continued increase in students’ use of the library
    ▪ November 2005 over November 2004  7.7% +
    ▪ October 2005 over October 2004  18.8% +
    ▪ September 2005 over September 2004  10.0% +
  o We suspect, but can’t prove it, that the November increase is less because of more students accessing library databases and the catalog from home computers via the Virtual Private Network (VPN)
• Circulation
  o Circulation continues to go up as well
November 2005 over November 2004  10.8%+
October 2005 over October 2004  18.8%+
September 2005 over September 2004  17.9%

- Collection: Books, Periodicals, Videos, DVDs
  - The library staff, with faculty involvement, has purchased books, periodical subscriptions, videos, and DVDs to support new and continuing programs
  - The science faculty have been actively involved in updating the DVD and video resources for their classes
  - Very active reserve section of all types of materials used in the classroom or required for the completion of specific assignments

- Subscription Databases
  - Arrangements with Ebsco have been made for free trials of several databases
    - CINAHL Plus with Full Text
      - *CINAHL Plus with Full Text* provides indexing for 3,001 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health, with indexing back to 1937, full text for 336 journals, Evidenced-Based Care sheets, and more. Fact sheet is available.
    - PsycARTICLES
      - *PsycARTICLES* is a definitive source of searchable full-text, peer-reviewed scholarly and scientific articles in psychology. The database contains more than 40,000 articles from 56 journals - 45 published by the American Psychological Association (APA) and 11 from allied organizations. It includes all journal articles, letters to the editor and errata from each journal. Coverage spans 1985 to present.
    - PsycBOOKS
      - *PsycBOOKS*, from the American Psychological Association (APA), is a database of more than 13,000 chapters in PDF from over 700 books published by APA and other distinguished publishers. The database includes most scholarly titles published by APA from copyright years 1953 - 2004. It also includes 100 out-of-print books and an additional 70+ classic books of landmark historical impact in psychology. Fact sheets are available for both psychology databases.
  - International Security and Counter Terrorism Reference Center
    - *International Security & Counter Terrorism Reference Center* offers information on virtually every dimension of security & counter-terrorism and is designed to inform the analysis process, as well as enhance the general understanding of security and terrorism-related issues. ISCTRC provides a comprehensive Open Source
Intelligence Resource for analysts, risk management professionals, and students. Content includes hundreds of full text journals and periodicals, hundreds of thousands of selected articles, news feeds, reports, summaries, books, blogs, FAQs, and proprietary Background Information Summaries that pertain to terrorism and security.

- Recommendations:
  - **CINAHL Plus with Full Text** is strongly recommended for purchase by the nursing department and the library staff. Instruction in the use of this database is a required part of the nursing program. The students love and use this database frequently. It is vitally important for all students to gain skills in using periodical indexes effectively for their research here and in their subsequent careers.
  - **PsycARTICLES** and **PsycBOOKS** have not received a strong response from the faculty teaching psychology courses. It may be that I have not marketed it sufficiently, but it is just as likely that, even though we have many psychology classes, we do not have a psychology major and do not require such in depth coverage. The faculty members that were responsive required their students to use these sources exclusively in doing research for reports. I am not recommending these databases for purchase at this time.
  - **International Security & Counter Terrorist Reference Center** is an absolutely new and evolving periodical index. These current and relevant resources are not available in a comprehensive setting anywhere else yet. Lew Vasquez and the library staff recommend the purchase of this database for the Homeland Security program.

- **Book Club**
  - Meeting December 9 to discuss *Reading Lolita in Tehran* and *The Kite Runner*
  - The stock club and book club are joining together for a book club discussion in January

- Libraries planning to apply for an LSTA (Library Service and Technology Act) grant for the 2006-2007 year *must* attend a Writing a Successful 2006 LSTA Grant Proposal workshop
  - The workshop will focus on the newly changed application form, outcomes, best practices, and the elements of a successful grant application
  - State Library staff will explain the grant categories and describe all the elements necessary for a winning application
  - Marilyn is scheduled to attend the session December 15
  - Marilyn attended the CT Library Consortium meeting discussing the Connecticut distance learning information literacy assessment testing tool
Student Activities
Joy Castello-Butler
Assistant Dean of Academic Support Services / Student Life

September
- Three current students and three members of the school’s alumni group addressed the Goodwin Corporators at their reception on September 22
- The Poetry Club led by English Instructor, Cynthia McHale Hendricks, collaborated with the Multicultural Student Association to plan a fund-raising event to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina
  o Proceeds from all fund-raising events went to the families of the victims who have relocated to Connecticut.
  o Mayor DeStefano’s office has been contacted and the fund-raising committees will engage in dialog with that office to identify and provide resources for the families

October
- The Student Council planned and ran the Annual Student Picnic
- Katrina fund-raiser events were launched with a Concert and Bake Sale on October 30
  o $130 was raised
- Representatives from area organizations presented information to the Goodwin community
  o Charter Oak College
  o Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association
  o American Cancer Society

November
- Goodwin College was invited to participate in the 6th Annual Colleagues Colloquia of the New England Peer Tutors Association (NEPTA), at Bryant University in Rhode Island
- Fund-raising activities for victims of Katrina continued
  o A Raffle and Silent Auction pushed the total amount raised to date to over $600
- Student packages for Goodwin College’s new Mentoring Program have been developed
  o Students will complete applications and participate in a rigorous screening and selection process

December
- The 2nd Annual Multicultural “Holiday Feast of Many Lands” is proposed
  o The Student Council will promote the event and solicit donations of baked and prepared foods
  o Date and time will be announced after the next Council Meeting
- Students are volunteering to participate in the ‘Holiday Store Toy and Food Drive’ sponsored jointly by Goodwin College and Radio Station WTIC
• Students will assist with the sorting of donated items between December 8 and 21, 2005

**Peer Tutoring**

**Utilization of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) between September and December:**

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• Six new Peer Tutors received training in tutoring skills and strategies
• Most of the requests for services are related to math and English
• An increasing number of students have been seeking help with
  o Biology
  o Chemistry
  o Anatomy & Physiology
• The center’s hours of operation are 10:00am to 7:00 pm daily
• Students are currently being identified as needing services much earlier in the semester
  o Instructors are enlisting the help of Cheryl Brown (Retention Services) and the LRC to meet the needs of their students
  o Student Grades at the end of the semester are carefully reviewed to provide data on the effectiveness of the combined support services of Retention and Tutoring programs

**Community Service**

**Sandy Pearce**

• On November 29, Sandy and Mike Knighton met with a young woman at the Riverside Nursing Home in East Hartford who is totally paraplegic
  o She can communicate only through eye movements
• Her uncle contacted Goodwin to ask if there were any ways that we could help her family communicate with her from long distances
• Sandy and Mike are working to set up a network and other devices to her computer for long distance communication
  o Goodwin College is donating a web cam for her computer
  o Sandy has done research and there is a monitor with a keyboard on the screen that is controlled by the eyes
- This would allow Samantha to use programs, the Internet, and email which would open up communication with her family and the world
- Samantha’s uncle is checking with organizations that may be interested in helping financially with this venture
- Sandy has scheduled an appointment with the engineering department at Riverside so that a proper networking connection can be made