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Academic Activities  
March 2007- May 2007

Nursing  
Jan Costello-Department Chair

- In spring semester, enrolled 52 students into the NUR 100 class  
  o Increase of 7 students from previous semesters
- Continuing to adjust the curriculum in order to make sure that students are prepared to succeed in their first attempt at the NCLEX exam  
  o Currently the class that graduated in December 2006 has a 92% pass rate  
  o The class pinned in April 2007 has done very well on their HESI exams compared to previous groups  
  ▪ They are still in the process of testing
- Implemented a change in assessing students’ readiness to pass medication in terms of their ability to perform dosage calculations  
  o Must achieve a pre-determined level of performance in each course before they are allowed to pass medications in the clinical setting
- As a result of the grading changes and clinical Core Competencies we have begun to see attrition of students form the program  
  o Validates that our systems are working and that we are putting the most qualified candidates forward to take the licensing exam and thereby protecting the existence of our program

Early Childhood Education  
Lori Blake-Program Director

- 6 students completed 225 hours of student teaching at their placement sites  
  o First student teaching assignment in this program  
  o Feedback was excellent from the cooperating teachers  
  o All of the sites said they would house another student teacher in the future
- On April 24th, students presented documentation panels of their teaching experience and the professional portfolios they created  
  o Goodwin College personnel, including Janet Jefford and Sandy Pearce, as well as advisory board members, including Kathy Gavin, Chris Sacerdote, and Heather Starkey attended the presentation  
  o Video coverage of this event will be displayed on the ECE website shortly
Fall 2007, applying for acceptance into the accreditation process to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
  o When accepted, we will enter into the self study process
  o 2-year process involving close examination of our courses, assignments, collaborations, practices, etc.
    ▪ Need to be documented in a variety of measurable ways
    ▪ Plan to have accreditation by Fall 2009/spring 2010
• St. Rose School held a health fair on April 28th
  o ECE department set up a table with information regarding nutrition and young children and the importance of having family meals together
    ▪ Made purple cow smoothies for the children and homemade minestrone soup for everyone to taste
      • Purpose: healthy snacks and meals can be tasty as well as fairly quick and easy to make
• Currently have 5 students enrolled in CDA Certificate Program
  o Completion of this program will qualify them to apply to the Council For Professional Recognition in Washington DC for the Child Development Associate (CDA)
• First class with 5 students will be graduating May 31st
  o One of the 5 students, graduating with a 4.0, will be entering into the University of Hartford’s Bachelor program in September
  o Another of the students has been offered the position of Head Teacher in the classroom at the YMCA in Plainville where she spent her student teaching
  o A third student has been asked to send her resume into her student teaching site
• The latest count of active students, enrolled in classes this semester, including CDA students is 43
  o Hoping to increase by 20 students (an increase of 46%) for our September start date

Homeland Security Program
Ron Lee, Program Director

• Completed second semester, began third semester with four (4) new students entering the program
  • Total number of students at 34
• Hoping to increase by 20 students (an increase of 46%) in September
• Two new adjunct faculty to teach beginning with the Fall 2007 semester
  • J. Brian Murphy - MS degree in Homeland Security
  • Kathleen Sweet - PhD. – Works at UCONN Correctional Managed Healthcare
• June - the Intro to Weapons of Mass Destruction students will put on and wear Level 1 Personal Protective Equipment to get a “hands-on” experience
In conjunction with the East Hartford Fire Department (EHFD) & Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC)

- In July - conduct a mass casualty decontamination exercise with the EHFD and the CREPC
- Goodwin students serving as the “victims”
- This exercise will expose the students to first-hand practical experience in mass decontamination following a WMD incident and will allow the EHFD & CREPC to gain realistic training
- Dealing with a large number (100+) of “victims”
- Plan to offer participation in this exercise to area High Schools as well to hopefully stimulate interest in the program
- Exercise will be conducted off-site at either Rentschler Stadium, P&WA Hanger or EH High School
- First student (Elvin Rios) due to graduate from the program in December 2007

Respiratory Care Program
Tracey Jackson, Program Director

- January 5, 2007 - Melissa Alfieri attended a Pulmonetics Ventilator Inservice at Hartford Hospital
- January 9, 2007 - Respiratory Care admits a third cohort of 16 students
- January 26, 2007 - Tracey attended the CT Society for Respiratory Care Educator’s meeting
  - Tracey is the Chairperson of this committee
- January 26, 2007 - Melissa Alfieri attended a Puritan-Bennett Ventilator Skills Inservice at Hartford Hospital
- February 27, 2007 - Tracey spoke about management of childhood asthma at the Hartford Association for the Education of Young Children’s Annual Winter Conference
- February 16, 2007 - Tracey spoke to the foundational classes regarding a career in Respiratory Care
- February 21, 2007 - Tracey and Melissa attended a workshop on hemodynamic monitoring
- February 23, 2007 - Tracey attended Student Centricity Workshop by Stackhouse-Garber and Associates
- February 24, 2007 - Tracey taught CPR
- February 28, 2007-March 2, 2007 - Middle Management Retreat
- March 1, 2007 - Greg Frani from Life Star spoke to the RSP 210 class about Hemodynamic Monitoring
- March 5, 2007 - Tracey spoke to Early Childhood Education class about childhood asthma
- March 6, 2007 - Melissa and Tracey attended the Advance Job Fair in Hartford
- March 8, 2007 - Melissa attended the CPR Instructor class at St. Francis Hospital
- March 24, 2007 - Melissa taught her first CPR class and Tracey observed
- March 28, 2007 - Tracey and Melissa participated in Fifth Grade Day
Led students in an activity of constructing a model of a working lung made out of a soda bottle, balloons, straws, and Play-Doh

- March 31, 2007 - Tracey taught CPR
- April 21, 2007 - Melissa taught CPR
- April 28, 2007 - Tracey participated in the St. Rose School Health Fair by talking about asthma management and having a display of various breathing apparatus
- April 28 – 29, 2007 - Melissa attended the Asthma Certification Preparation Course Sponsored by the American Association for Respiratory Care in Providence RI
- April 30, 2007 - Held a clinical instructor meeting for all clinical instructors and clinical sites to review the program and expectations and requirements of the clinical sites
- May 5, 2007 - Tracey taught CPR
- May 8 – 9, 2007 - Tracey and Melissa attended the CT Society for Respiratory Care Symposium
- May 16, 2006 - Tracey, Melissa, Danielle Wilken attended the Respiratory Care Program Advisory Board Meeting
- May 19, 2007 - Melissa and several of our Respiratory Care students walked for the American Lung Association Asthma Walk
- May 24, 2007 - Tracey and Melissa attended an American Lung Association sponsored update on Cystic Fibrosis
- May 31, 2007 - Five students from the first cohort of Respiratory Care students walk at commencement
  - They will complete their degree requirements in August
  - All have job offers

**Histotechnician Program**

**Zoe Durkin**

- Thus far 100% of the Goodwin College HT graduates taking the national certifying exam have passed
- All graduates were hired into HT labs prior to graduation
- Zoe Durkin attended NAAHEE conference in March
- Zoe is attending the NAACLS on meeting in Chicago, July 12-14th
  - Zoe sits on the Clinical Laboratory Science Paper Review Committee
  - Zoe sits on the program review committee
- Zoe – re-elected to the board of directors for Hartford Healthcare Credit Union
- In April met with Labcorp to discuss possible on-line Histo program

**Health Science Department**

**Paula Dowd, Program Director**

**Danielle Wilken, Department Chair**

- March 15 - Sandy Pearce spoke at the Science meeting about the updates on the student Science intranet
• March 28 - Participated in 5th Grader Day at the College
• March 31 - CPR taught on
• April 10 - Met with laboratory managers at ECHN to discuss possible Phlebotomy and MLT programs
• CPR taught April 7th and 21st
• Danielle attended Harford Courant symposium on May 8
• New Lab Manual for General Biology, BIO 120, which was authored by Sal Secondo, Science instructor was put in use
• Intro to Science, SCI 100 now a requirement for some students to take before they can register for BIO 120
• Science meeting scheduled for May 23

Medical Assisting
Danielle Wilken, Program Director

• Internship site visit at ProHealth Physicians in Glastonbury with Dan Mussen

Medical Billing and Coding

• In April - Revised curriculum and made significant changes to the catalog
• May - Cathy Cotoui started as full-time billing and coding instructor (has been adjunct faculty member for many semesters)

General Education
Gerry Simpson, Department Chair

• May 2007 semester
  o 68 Gen Ed. classes running, 18 of which are Developmental/Foundation Classes and 6 of which are special summer session courses
• Summer Bridge Program
  o Enroll high school seniors plus adults who have completed a diploma or GED and have not enrolled in a college program for the fall
    ▪ July 2-August, Monday-Friday, 9:00-3:00
    ▪ Offer Contemporary Social Problems, Environmental Science and a College Success Course
    ▪ Field trips and speakers on Fridays
• On-line courses
  o Course development has been completed for English Composition and Introduction to Psychology and instructors are in place for a September start
• Developmental skills classes
  o Developmental courses renamed to Foundation Courses
  o Reevaluation of curricula and texts is under way
Goodwin Library
Marilyn Nowlan, Library Director

- The first quarter of this year showed a 24% increase in the number of students using the library and a 5% increase in circulation
- Library Instruction Classes scheduled since the May 7th start:
  - Introduction to Humanities (2)
  - Introduction to Sociology
  - Introduction to Psychology
  - Clinicals I (Medical Assisting)
  - Medicine and Society
  - ECE-Math and Science for Children
  - Homeland Security-Contemporary Ethical Perspectives
  - Environmental Science
  - English 088, 089, 099, 101, 102 (Multiple classes)
- New Database: XReferplus
  - Contains full content of 270+ well-known reference books from major publishers, brought together online and cross referenced
  - Database is easy and fun to use, intuitive, lots of links, fast even when downloading pictures of which there are 70,000 in the database
  - An even larger number of sounds are also included, currently in the form of pronunciations of terms from a number of the dictionaries
  - This resource will be particularly valuable for distance learning classes
  - For librarians, Xrefer offers unique collection flexibility and meaningful usage statistics to help me make informed collection decisions
  - Special discount this year, but the annual cost is regularly a little over $2000
- Preview of Integrated Library System (ILS)
  - An ILS is an important goal for this library now
    - An ILS is a group of automated library subsystems working together and communicating within the same set or system of software to control such activities as circulation, cataloging, acquisitions and serial control
- Library Staff
  - Two of our library staff workers, LaShonie Douglas and Shakira Greene, were accepted into the nursing program
  - Mark Schoell, a former student worker, and Jessica Marti-Gomez, a current student worker, will graduate this year in the nursing program
  - Currently have four student workers
- Library Home Page and Blog
  - The home page now has a list of the top ten databases used by our students
  - In all the instruction classes so far this term, the students have used the library home page and most have connected to the library from home
  - Students are reading the library blog
- Resources for Board
  - We have some periodicals and books for board members
If there is any library resource that the board members would like, please let Marilyn know.

**Student Activities**

*Joy Butler, Assistant Dean of Student Services*

- **Student Council**
  - New election of officers is scheduled for May 23
  - Claudia Lange is scheduled to address the group and to introduce them to the idea of participating in the International Heifer Project

- **Student Activities**
  - Students participated in the Annual Postal Service Food Drive (sponsored by FoodShare)
  - Monthly bowling participation has increased
  - A ‘summerfest’ is being planned for July
  - June-August –cookie/bake-sale fundraisers are being planned
  - Sporting activities during the summer and fall include golf and volleyball
    - Rich Claing (faculty) and Marvin Bristol (student) coordinate all sporting activities
  - Student response for volunteers in community agencies is on the increase
  - Students have been seeking opportunities for working with young children and the elderly
  - Academic Advising Office holding information sessions on 4 consecutive days in June for prospective nursing students
  - Health Science students are scheduled to participate in the Sputum Bowl competition
  - In May - Health Science students participated in the American Lung Association Walk
  - In June – Health Science Department has scheduled a Non-invasive response lecture- sponsored by ‘Respionics’

- **Learning Resource Center**
  - New model of tutoring for foundational classes is being tried during the first 8 weeks of the summer semester
    - Assigned Peer Tutors will provide assistance in the classroom while students are practicing concepts
      - Data analysis will be conducted at the end of this experiment