



September 16, 2011

CALIFORNIA
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FRESNO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Michael Caldwell, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: J. Constable, Chair 
University Budget Committee

RE: **Proposed Doctorate of Nursing Practice**

At its meeting on 14 September 2011 the University Budget Committee reviewed the proposed Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP). This new program was initiated by the legislature in response to a growing need for both nurse practitioners and nurse educators. After discussion among members of the University Budget Committee and subsequently with Drs. Barakzai and Russler in addition to Dr. A. Hoff (Dean of the College of Health and Human Services) the following motion was passed:

The University Budget Committee finds that there are no negative budgetary implications related to the implementation of the proposed independent Doctorate of Nursing Practice. The Committee notes that successful sustainability of the program as described relies on both recruitment of the anticipated number of students and the student fees generated. While the Committee notes that recruitment success is likely, it is concerned that the student fees charged are far below the other doctoral programs at the University including the Doctorate in Physical Therapy and Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership. It is expected that the College of Health and Human Services will incur some start-up costs as the program establishes, but long term sustainability will require that the cost of the program will be borne by funds generated by student fees such that there is no demand on the general fund. The Committee requests that this program be subject to University Budget Committee review during the third year of operation to review the operation of the program's budget.

If you have any further questions regarding the review of this program please do not hesitate to contact me by email (jconstable@csufresno.edu) or phone (278-2410).

J. Constable

Cc: Dr. A. Hoff, Dean, College of Health and Human Services
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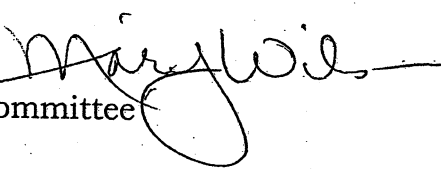


May 3, 2011

CALIFORNIA **MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Michael Caldwell, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Marilyn Wilson, Chair 
University Graduate Committee

RE: Proposal Review for Doctorate of Nursing Practice,
Department of Nursing

Chair Wilson asked Dr. Russler for a program overview and history.

Dr. Russler talked about the 18 month program which culminates in a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in conjunction with the San Jose State University School of Nursing. He stated that a resolution was made at the state level on October 2010, authorizing the California State University system to establish a DNP pilot program at the following three CSU campuses:

1. Fullerton as a base campus with Long Beach and Los Angeles
2. Fresno State as a base campus with San Jose State
3. San Diego State

He stated that the DNP will be based on evidence-based practice with a project rather than dissertation. He distributed the Post Master's DNP Curriculum with discussion of related pedagogy and the model that faculty will teach the program (Faculty will teach only one DNP class in conjunction on doctoral project and the rest of their workload is to teach in our undergraduate or graduate programs). Program requirement, admission criteria, doctoral project and other related culminating criteria were shared and discussed among the committee members. The Nursing Doctoral Program Budget and expense projections was distributed and discussed. There was a concern that approximately 45 graduate students per year might not be feasible.

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The answer was that the requirement is set from the Office of the Chancellor and there will be two sections of the didactic courses each semester, so class sizes should be manageable. They were confident that with San Jose faculty resources and the Fresno State strong clinical program, there should not be a problem.

The committee raised a question about the faculty release time. The answer was that the faculty are required to do research and scholarly activities reflecting the mentoring plan and be up to date on professional practices for teaching and supervision of the clinical project; that this is part of establishing the doctoral culture on campus. The committee suggested that the criterion about teaching/research expectation of faculty should be specified and be listed in hiring search process.

After committee deliberations, there was a motion to approve the program with the following recommendations:

1. Determine criteria for membership in the graduate faculty group
2. Create a core of graduate faculty for the DNP program

MSC: to approve the DNP proposal and waive the second reading.

MW:vb

Cc: Michael Russler, Ed.D., Chair of Nursing Department
Mary Barakzai, Ed.D., Program Coordinator



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Date: May 6, 2011

To: University Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

From: Michael Russler, Chair, Department of Nursing *M. Russler*

Re: Response to May 3rd University Graduate Committee memo

On May 3rd, 2011, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) proposal was approved by the University Graduate Committee with the recommendation of determining criteria for membership in the graduate faculty group. The follow criteria have been developed and are modeled on those of the very successful DPELFS program.

In order to serve as a faculty member for the DNP, faculty must meet the criteria in the system-wide policy on Doctoral Faculty Qualifications.

Core doctoral faculty will be those faculty members who have disciplinary expertise and a scholarly record relevant to leadership in nursing education and practice. They will serve in all of the primary roles within the DNP. Program, including instruction, academic advising, chairing and serving on doctoral project committees, and program evaluation and governance. They will be full-time and are tenured or have tenure-track appointments and possess a doctoral degree. These faculty must exhibit a strong professional record of published scholarship related to nursing practice, leadership, or education. They must be involved in teaching at the graduate level and have demonstrated the ability to direct others in research activities. Core faculty members must submit a letter of interest in teaching in the DNP program and provide of evidence of qualifications. Appointment as a core doctoral faculty member in the DNP Program shall not exceed five years. At which time, core faculty members wishing to renew their doctoral faculty appointment must reapply. Appointment and renewal of appointment as a core doctoral faculty member are dependent upon demonstrated currency in the area of scholarship related to the program.

Affiliated doctoral faculty will be additional participating faculty who have disciplinary expertise or significant experience related to nursing education, practice, or leadership. Affiliated faculty include (a) tenured or tenure-track faculty on the campus and (b) adjunct faculty with special expertise pertinent to the discipline. Affiliated faculty may instruct in the doctoral program, as well as serve as members of student examination and doctoral project committees, and participate in the governance of the program. In order to be appointed as affiliated doctoral faculty, the applicant must submit a letter of interest to the Graduate Group, be doctorally-prepared, have expertise relevant to the program, and be appointed subsequent to a review of their qualifications. Appointment as an affiliated doctoral faculty member in the DNP Program shall not exceed three

years. Affiliated faculty members who wish to renew their doctoral faculty appointment must reapply, and reappointment is contingent upon currency in the areas of expertise and experience related to the program.

Three other types of faculty may also participate in the program: (a) tenured or tenure-track faculty from the university who may participate in the program but are not nursing faculty, (b) faculty from other CSU campuses or from other research universities, and (c) additional highly qualified researchers from other institutions (e.g., research centers or institutes).

A governing Graduate Group will be formed of tenured faculty within the nursing programs at California State University, Fresno and San Jose State University. All newly hired full-time tenure/tenure-track faculty will have credentials to teach and be part of the governance of the DNP. Other tenured and tenure-track full-time faculty from other departments on campus will also be sought to teach courses and to become members of the doctoral program Graduate Group. In addition, part-time faculty may be hired to teach some courses where their expertise will provide a balance of theory and practice.

Cc

M. Barakzai

A. Hoff

J. Cohen