

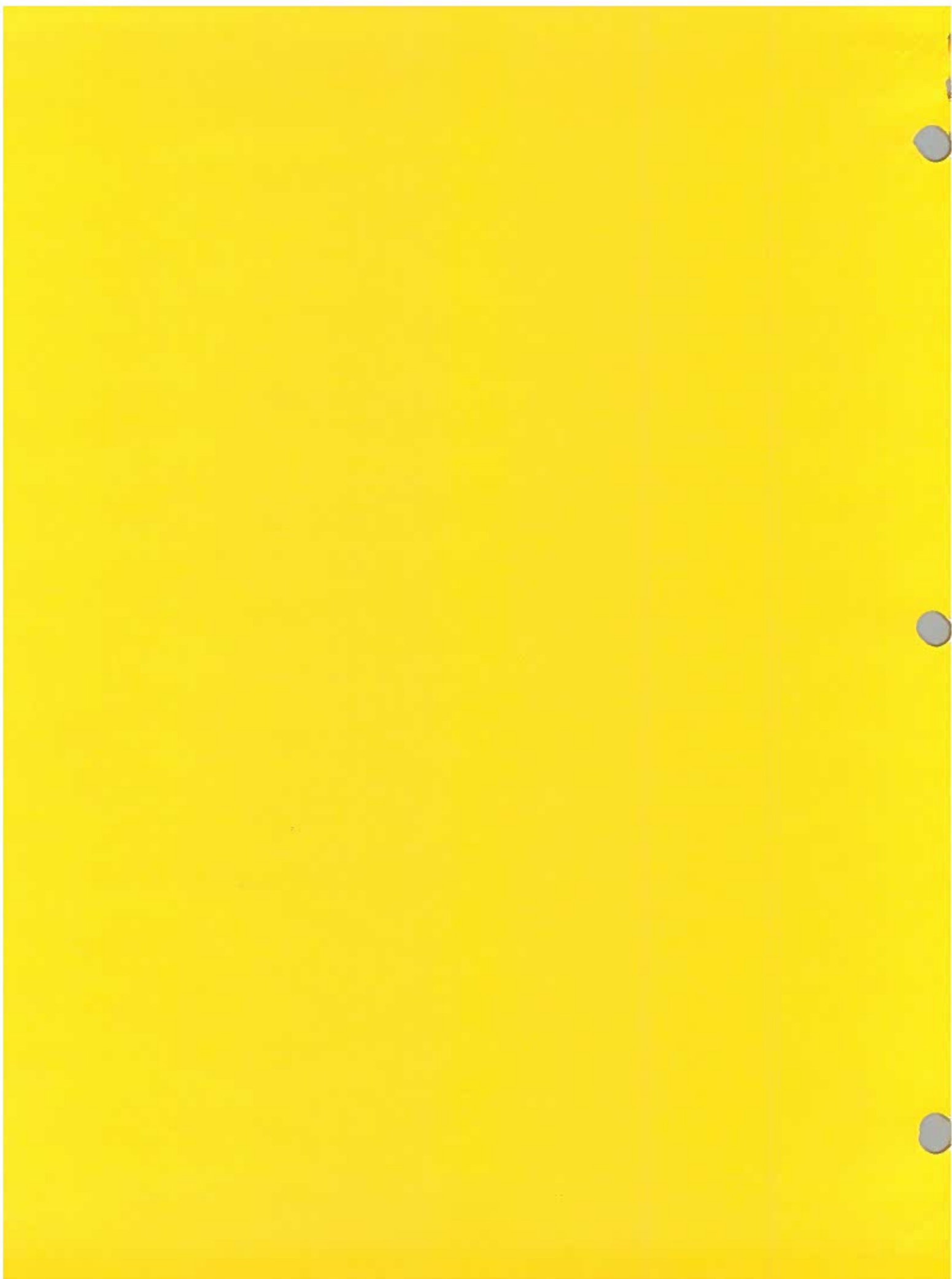
UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

SUMMARY OF AGENDA

September 11, 1989

- I. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** May 1, 1989
- III. **REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TRABANT and/or ACTING PROVOST MURRAY**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 1. Liane Sorenson, Director of the Office of Women's Affairs, Executive Director of the Commission on the Status of Women, and Patricia Grim, Chairperson, Commission on the Status of Women

"Annual Report of the Commission on the Status of Women"
 2. Senate President Dilley
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Confirmation of Committee on Committees' appointments
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Election of the chairperson of the Committee on Committees and Nominations
 - B. Recommendation for the establishment of the R.N./B.S.N.-M.S. option
 - C. Recommendation to require the assessment of library resources and facilities as part of a new academic/degree program proposal
 - D. Introduction of new business





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August 25, 1989

TO: All Faculty Members

FROM: Robert J. Taggart, Vice President
University Faculty Senate

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Taggart".

SUBJECT: Regular Faculty Senate Meeting, September 11, 1989

In accordance with Section IV, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, the regular meeting of the University Faculty Senate will be held on Monday, September 11, 1989 at 4:00 p.m. in room 110 Memorial Hall.

AGENDA

- I. Adoption of the Agenda.
- II. Approval of the minutes of the Senate meeting of May 1, 1989.
- III. Remarks by President Trabant and/or Acting Provost Murray.
- IV. Announcements
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 2. Senate President Dilley
- V. Old Business
 - A. Request from the Committee on Committees (B. Seidel, Chairperson), for Senate confirmation of committee appointments. (Attachment 1)

RESOLVED, that the appointments to Senate committees, as presented in Attachment 1 of this Agenda, are hereby confirmed.

VI. New Business

- A. Election of a chairperson of the Committee on Committees and Nominations from among the committee members elected by the Senate.

Anna L. DeHaven (Nursing)
Jon H. Olson (Chemical Engineering)
Marenes R. Tripp (Life & Health Sciences)

- B. Recommendation from the Committee on Graduate Studies (R. Exline, past Chairperson), for the expansion of the B.S.N. for the R.N. option, the R.N./B.S.N.-M.S. option. (Attachment 2)

WHEREAS, the demand for nurses with advanced degrees has doubled with the current nursing shortage, and

WHEREAS, many registered nurses with diplomas and associate degrees enroll in baccalaureate programs in preparation for graduate education, and

WHEREAS, the DHSS Secretary's Commission on Nursing (1988) has recommended flexible, accelerated nursing programs as one method of meeting the needs of nurses seeking advanced education, and

WHEREAS, the College of Nursing currently offers a flexible program for registered nurses (B.S.N. for the R.N. Option), which is based on the University's policies regarding credit-by-credit examination and transfer of credits from other institutions, and

WHEREAS, the College of Nursing has prepared a proposal to establish an R.N./B.S.N.-M.S. option for selected qualified registered nurses who want to earn both a baccalaureate and master of science degree, and

WHEREAS, no additional faculty, University, or clinical resources are anticipated for implementation of the R.N./B.S.N.-M.S. option, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves provisionally, for four years, the establishment of the R.N./B.S.N.-M.S. option, effective immediately.

- C. Recommendation from the Library Committee (J. Morrison, Chairperson) to require the assessment of library resources and facilities as part of a new academic/degree program proposal.

WHEREAS, the University Delaware Library has a significant responsibility for supporting the instructional and research needs of all programs and degrees, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of new academic programs/degrees and/or the revision of existing majors/minors may place additional strain on existing funding resources which support the library book and journal collections, and

WHEREAS, new programs may require the need for additional library staff with special subject expertise, experience and/or language capabilities not presently available in existing staff, and

WHEREAS, some new programs may require special computer equipment and the use of complex international standards about which there is no local expertise, and

WHEREAS, there is no formal mechanism to inform the Faculty Senate or the University administration of the library's ability to support a proposed academic program, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a formal written assessment or "impact statement" by the Director of Libraries be required as a part of the formal proposal for a new academic degree/program. The assessment or impact statement may include but is not limited to the strength of collections; language and subject capabilities of staff; space and computer requirements, and quality of service and increased usage demands resulting from the proposed new degree/program.

D. Such items as may come before the Senate. (No action introduced at this time may be acted upon until the next meeting of the Senate.)

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Attachments:

1. Committee appointments
2. Proposal for an RN/BSN-MS option



COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR SENATE CONFIRMATION

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Chair: Lawrence Nees

COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC EVENTS

Chair and member: Hilton Brown
Member: Anne Graham
Member: Barbara Izard
Member: Larry Peterson
Member: Mark Sharnoff
Member: Kevin Kerrane
Member: Jerome Siegel



UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - COLLEGE OF NURSING
DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED NURSING SCIENCE

April 19, 1989

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R.V. Exline, Chairperson
Graduate Studies Committee

FROM: Dr. Myrtle Matejski, Chairperson
Department of Advanced Nursing Science

RE: RN/BSN-MS Option

As you know the faculty of the Department of Advanced Nursing Science and the Department of Nursing Science have been working toward establishing a program option that would enable those registered nurses who were matriculated in the baccalaureate program and who were interested in graduate study to accelerate a process whereby they would receive the M.S. degree in Nursing.

The attached plan has been developed by the faculty and has met with the approval of the undergraduate faculty, the graduate faculty, and the Dean. We wish to start this program in September, 1989. Would your committee kindly review this proposal for approval? Thank you.

MM:jb
Attachment

Rationale

The College of Nursing is proposing an RN/BSN-MS Option for selected qualified registered nurses who want to earn both a baccalaureate and master of science degree. This Option is proposed in response to the nursing shortage in general, the demand for nurses with advanced degrees, nurses' need for an articulated, streamlined plan of study, and current trends in nursing education. In addition, the Option addresses one recommendation of the DHSS Secretary's Commission on Nursing (1988) -- to reduce barriers to nursing education by offering flexible programs that meet the needs of nurses seeking advanced education. The Commission suggests accelerated nursing programs as one method of meeting these needs.

Admission Requirements

Potential applicants must choose a specialty area for graduate study after completion of the science requirements for the B.S.N. Because the selected substitution courses and their placement differ among the specialty options in the master's program, students must be familiar with them in order to plan an appropriate program of study. The undergraduate academic advisor and the graduate faculty member in the chosen area of specialization will meet jointly with the student for the purpose of evaluating his or her potential for completing the accelerated program. Once a student is determined to be a candidate, a formalized program planning document will be developed.

To allow for continuous progression from the baccalaureate to the master of science degree program, students must take the GRE and apply to the master's program during the junior or senior year of their undergraduate study.

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Completion of requirements for the B.S.N. from the University of Delaware.
2. Licensed as a registered nurse in Delaware or in the state where clinical practice is arranged.
3. Overall GPI of 3.0 and GPI of 3.0 in Nursing courses.
4. The combined verbal and quantitative scores on the GRE.
5. A minimum of one year of recent clinical experience as determined by the advisor in the specialty area.
6. Three satisfactory academic and/or professional letters of reference.

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE - COLLEGE OF NURSING
DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED NURSING SCIENCE

Proposal for the RN/BSN-MS Option

Introduction

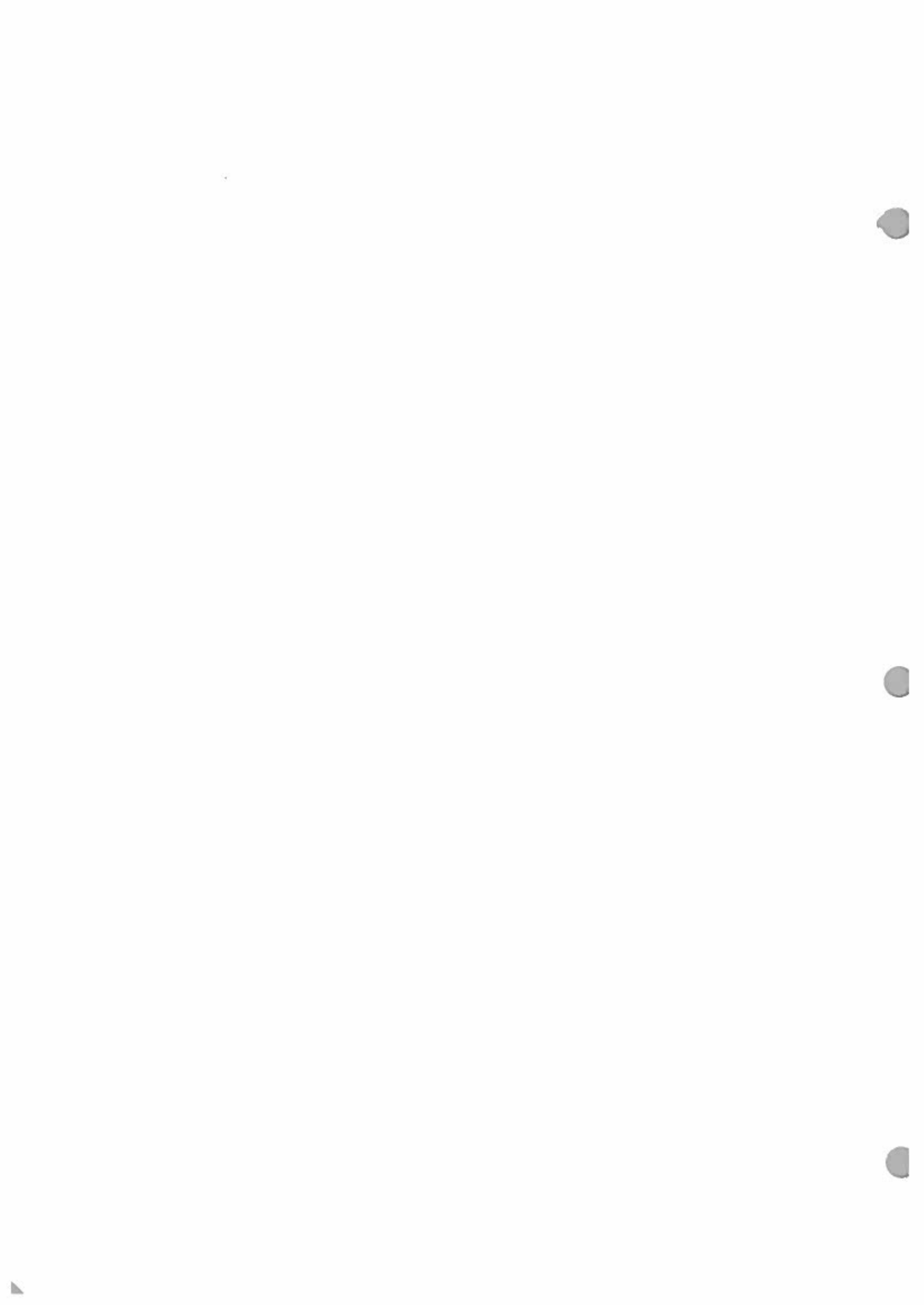
The demand for nurses with advanced degrees has doubled with the current nursing shortage. Because many registered nurses who aspire to graduate education do not have baccalaureate degrees, the College of Nursing is proposing an expanded version of the existing BSN for the RN Option that will enhance both educational and career mobility for these registered nurses. Implementation of this proposal should increase the number of admissions to both the baccalaureate and graduate programs and accelerate students' completion of the programs through the use of course substitutions. Students in this option will meet the regular program requirements with selected graduate courses substituted for undergraduate requirements. Credit allocation in each program will differ somewhat from the established norm. Course substitutions will not always be credit-for-credit, and some graduate course credits will be used to fulfill selected undergraduate requirements. In the latter case, such credits will be waived at the graduate level.

Background

Registered nurses receive their basic preparation through one of three types of programs: diploma, associate degree, and baccalaureate. The majority of nurses receive their basic preparation in diploma and associate degree programs. Motivated by their own personal career goals, position statements by national nursing organizations, and increasingly stringent qualifications for certain positions in nursing, many nurses with diplomas and associate degrees enroll in baccalaureate programs in preparation for graduate education.

The College of Nursing currently offers a flexible program for licensed registered nurses (B.S.N. for the R.N. Option). This program is based on the University of Delaware's policies regarding credit-by-examination and transfer of credits from other institutions. Although the number of credits accumulated through examination and transfer varies among students, all students must complete N205, Societal Context of Nursing, and at least one clinical nursing course with a minimum of 72 hours of clinical experience under the supervision of a College of Nursing faculty member. All students must have a total of 126 credits to meet the requirement for graduation.

Approximately 18 students are matriculated in the B.S.N. for the R.N. Option. The College of Nursing will continue to offer this course of study for registered nurses.



Proposed Course Substitutions

The course substitutions will vary depending upon the student's chosen specialty. Students must have an overall GPI of 3.0 and a GPI of 3.0 in nursing to qualify for enrollment in these courses. In addition, students must be in their senior year when they enroll in the graduate clinical courses. A maximum of six graduate credits may be substituted for undergraduate credits. With consultation from their advisor, students may choose from the following list of substitutions.

- *1. N813 (Nursing in Health Services - 2 credits) in lieu of N409 (Professionalism in Nursing Practice - 2 credits).
- *2. Graduate level nursing elective (thesis option only) (3 credits) or N812 (Nursing Theories and Models - 2 credits) in lieu of N411 (Topics in Health Care Delivery - 3 credits).
3. B675 (Cardiopulmonary Physiology - 3 credits) for Cardiopulmonary Nursing Option in lieu of N312 (Pathophysiology - 3 credits). B675 must be taken prior to or concurrent with the first clinical course in the Cardiopulmonary Nursing Option.
4. B671 (Immunobiology - 3 credits) for Oncology Nursing Option in lieu of N312 (Pathophysiology - 3 credits). B671 must be taken prior to or concurrent with the first clinical course in the Oncology Nursing Option.
- *5. N800 (Health Assessment of the Aged - 4 credits) for Geriatric/Gerontology Nursing Concentration in lieu of 6 credits of undergraduate upper division clinical work.
- *6. N880 (Nursing Assessment of Women, Children and Families - 4 credits) for Nursing of Women and Children Concentration in lieu of 6 credits of undergraduate upper division clinical work.

*Minimum of a B (3.0) must be achieved or the course must be repeated in the master's program.

Master of Science in Nursing Curriculum
Fall Semester

N810 - Research Methods in Nursing	(3 credits)
*N812 - Nursing Theories and Models	(2 credits)
N870 - Medical-Surgical Nursing I	(4 credits)
or	
*N880 - Nursing of Women and Children	(4 credits)
or	
*N800 - Assessment of the Aged	(4 credits)
*Graduate Elective in Nursing (for thesis option only provided N812 not taken as substitution course)	(3 credits)
or	
*B675 - Cardiopulmonary Physiology	(3 credits)
or	
*B671 - Immunobiology	(3 credits)

Winter Session

N874 - Ecological Concepts of Medical- Surgical Nursing	(2 credits)
or	
N885 - Concepts in Women and Children's Health	(2 credits)
or	
N804 - Concepts of Gerontological Nursing	(2 credits)
N869 - Thesis	(1 - 2 credits)

Spring Semester

N871 - Medical-Surgical Nursing II	(4 credits)
or	
N801 - Health Promotion and Restoration in the Aged	(4 credits)
or	
N881 - Nursing of Women and Developing Families I	(4 credits)
*N813 - Nursing in Health Services	(2 credits)
EDS665 - Elementary Statistics	(3 credits)
N869 - Thesis	(1 - 2 credits)
Graduate Elective	(3 credits)

Summer Session

N872 - Medical-Surgical Nursing III	(4 credits)
or	
N802 - Acute Care Nursing of the Aged	(4 credits)
or	
N882 - Nursing of Women and Developing Families II	(4 credits)
N869 - Thesis	(3 credits)

*In the proposed RN/BSN-MS Option, up to six credits of these courses may be taken for undergraduate credit before the student is admitted to the graduate program. Students will earn 30 graduate credits after matriculation in the graduate program.

Note. The same curriculum pertains to the non-thesis option with the exception that students take three credits of research (N868) and a three-credit elective in a focus area instead of six thesis credits (N869).

**EXAMPLE
MEDICAL-SURGICAL CURRICULUM FOR RN/BSN/MS**

FALL SEMESTER	WINTER SESSION	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER SESSION
N870 Medical-Surgical Nursing I	N874 Ecological Concepts	N871 Medical-Surgical Nursing II	N872 Medical-Surgical Nursing III
4	2	4	4
N810 Research Methods in Nursing	N869 Thesis	EDS665 Elementary Statistics	N869 Thesis
3	1-2	3	3
*N812 Nursing Theories & Models		*N813 Nursing in Health Services	
2		2	
*B675 Cardiopulmonary Physiology		Elective	
3		3	
*B671 Immunobiology		N869 Thesis	
or 3		1-2	

* These courses may be taken for undergraduate credit before the student is admitted to the graduate program.
A maximum of six graduate credits may be substituted for undergraduate credits.

Resources

No additional faculty, University, or clinical resources are anticipated for implementation of the RN/BSN-MS Option.

Evaluation

The College of Nursing will evaluate the proposed RN/BSN-MS Option with respect to number of students selecting the course of study, number of students successfully completing the course of study, student satisfaction, and average length of time taken to complete requirements for both the baccalaureate and master of science degree.

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