TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Committee on Instruction and Curriculum
SUBJECT: Department of Nursing and Health Sciences seeking approval for a 20-credit allocation to students who have passed the NCLEX RN licensure exam
PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED:
That the Senate approve the allocation of 20 upper division credit units to students in the RN-BSN (Registered Nurse to become Bachelor of Science in Nursing) and ADN-BSN (Associate Degree in Nursing to become Bachelors Degree in Nursing transfer) degree option for prior knowledge evidenced by passing the National Council Licensure Examination RN licensure exam. Effective Winter 2013.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
At its meeting on October 15, 2012, CIC discussed the request from professor of nursing Lynn Van Hofwegen. A BSN is a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, while an ADN is an Associate Degree in Nursing. She explained that all CSUEB RN to BSN and ADN to BSN nursing students are required to have taken and passed the NCLEX exam as a pre-requisite to admission to the BSN degree option in the department of Nursing and Health Science. All students provide documentation to the department prior to admission of passing the NCLEX exam in the form of a valid, active RN license. This National Council Licensure Examination measures the competencies needed to perform safely and effectively as a newly licensed, entry-level nurse, and the CSUEB Nursing program asserts that these clinical practice competencies are properly counted as the equivalent of 20 upper division units towards the BSN degree.

The post-licensure (ADN and RN) students do not take the following clinical courses as they have demonstrated competency in these clinical courses through passing the NCLEX exam:

N3402, N3403 – Nursing Care of Adults, medical (3 units)
N3404, N3405 – Nursing Care of Childbearing Families, obstetrics (3 units)
N3406, N3407 – Nursing Care of Clients with Psych/Mental Health needs (3 units)
N3408 N3409 - Nursing Care of Childrearing Families, pediatrics (3 units)
N3410, N3411- Nursing Care of Adults, Peri-op, (3 units)
N3412, N3413 – Nursing Care of Elder Adults , Geriatrics (3 units)
N3001, 3002, 3003 Nursing Skills (3 units)
N 3401 – Legal Issues in Nursing ( 2 units)
CONCLUSION:
In considering this proposal, CIC voted to approve the recommendation that the Academic Senate accept the request by the Nursing and Health Sciences Department to allocate 20 units to students who have proven sufficient knowledge by passing the NCLEX RN licensure exam.

Yes: 9
No: 0
Abs: 0