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Memorandum to Presidents

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From: Office of The Associate Chancellor for Health Sciences

Subject: State University of New York Council on Nursing Education

Although I am sure you are aware of the establishment of the State University of New York Council on Nursing Education, I thought it would be helpful to provide you with information on the organization and purposes of the Council, together with an update on its activities in behalf of nursing education programs University-wide.

The Council was established by Chancellor Clifton R. Wharton, Jr. in January 1980 following upon a recommendation made at the first SUNY Conference on Nursing Education, which was held in September 1979. The purpose of the Council is to advise on policy and program developments for the 38 nurse education programs in the University.

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The following persons were appointed to serve on the Council:

- President Dallas K. Beal, State University College at Fredonia
- Dr. Bonnie Bullough, Dean, School of Nursing, State University of New York at Buffalo
- Dr. Lorraine Phillips, Chairperson, Department of Nursing, State University College at Plattsburgh
- Mr. A. Donald Insley, Chairman, Department of Nursing, State University Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred
- Dr. Dolores F. Saxton, Dean of Instruction, Health Sciences and Physical Education, Nassau Community College
- Mrs. Fay Whitney, Director, Nurse Practitioner Program, State University Upstate Medical Center

At the first meeting of the Council on April 2, 1980, the following Statement of Objectives was adopted:

1. To serve as communication link between the many nursing programs and the State University of New York Central Administration;
2. To act as advisor to the Associate Chancellor for Health Sciences on qualitative curricular issues and concerns, articulation problems, and trends in nursing practice and nursing education;
3. To Provide advice relative to the development of policy pertaining to nursing education in the SUNY system;
4. To help to develop and to support a sense of cohesion among nursing education programs in the SUNY system;
5. To advise to the development of a SUNY-wide plan for nursing education.

The second meeting of the Council was held on September 3, 1980. Agenda items included the Council's participation in the 1980 SUNY Conference on Nursing Education, which was held on September 25-26. The Conference served as an excellent forum for a presentation to the nurse attendees on the Council's role, and also provided an opportunity for the attendees to identify major issues in nursing education for the future consideration of the Council.

The Council's participation in and contribution to major developments in SUNY's nursing education efforts are exemplified by the following actions taken:

- the establishment of an ad hoc committee to address the problems of minority recruitment in nursing;
- preparation of a request to the Kellogg Foundation for funds to support the development of an articulation model for SUNY nursing programs;
- initiation of discussion for the establishment of a doctoral program in nursing.

In order to allow for the fullest representation on the Council from among the SUNY nurse educators, the membership of the Council will be on a rotating basis as follows:

1. Council members will serve for a two-year term.

