University of Kentucky
College of Nursing

ADMINISTRATIVE BYLAWS

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be the Administrative Organization of the University of Kentucky College of Nursing.

Section 2 The purposes of the administrative organization shall be to:
   A. Foster communication between faculty and administration.
   B. Provide for the decision-making functions of individuals’ delegated authority for various elements of the College programs.
   C. Provide for advisory functions of groups involved in the College programs.
   D. Provide an operational base for implementing and promoting the educational, research, and practice programs of the College.

Section 3 Administrative Committees, Advisory Councils/Boards, and Task Forces
   A. Administrative committees, advisory councils/boards and task forces are elected or appointed as hereinafter provided. Chairpersons are selected by the Dean, in consultation with the Dean’s Council as appropriate, and reporting responsibilities are identified.
   B. Administrative councils, advisory councils/boards and tasks forces may be established or dissolved by the Dean with the exception of the Student Activities and Advisory Councils/Boards with the advice and recommendation of the Faculty Council.
   C. Administrative councils/boards, and special committees will meet at least once in each regular academic semester and additional times as necessary at the call of the chairperson or upon the request of a majority of the members. Advisory councils/boards will meet at least annually and more often as needed.
   D. A quorum is a majority of the membership present including the chairperson. Minutes of each meeting shall be maintained and a copy will be on file in the Dean’s office.

3.1 Dean’s Council
The Dean’s Council provides advice and counsel to the Dean on matters related to academic operations and affairs to support the education, research, practice/service mission for the College of Nursing.

Membership:
   1. Dean
   2. Associate Deans
   3. Faculty Council Chair and Director of Development and Alumni Affairs (alternating meetings)
Functions:
1. Advises Dean on programmatic and mission needs including budget, strategic planning, facilities, resources, alumni affairs, philanthropic efforts, and internal/external relationships.
2. Promotes communication among senior administrators, faculty, staff, and community of interest.
3. Provides decision-making capacity for affairs impacting faculty, staff and students.
4. Implements and promotes the operational base to support the education, research, and practice/service mission.

3.2 Continuing Education Advisory Committee

Functions:
1. Committee Functions:
   A. Analyze the learning needs of the selected target populations represented, including needs for specific delivery modes.
   B. Participate in identification and selection of continuing education activities.
   C. Review the policies and procedures of the Provider Unit and make recommendations.
   D. Participate in an analysis of selected aspects of the evaluation plan for the Office of Continuing Education's activities.
   E. Participate in the ongoing evaluation of the Office of Continuing Education.
   F. Advise the Office of Continuing Education on the most prudent ways to achieve the goals and objectives of this office in delivery of all continuing education activities in compliance with established American Nurses Credentialing Center and Kentucky Board of Nursing criteria as determined by the respective manuals of each accrediting agency.

2. Faculty Committee Members and Nurse Planner Functions:
   A. Each nurse planner will develop, implement, and evaluate one CE activity per year following ANCC and KBN guidelines.
   B. Each faculty nurse planner will represent the provider unit at planning sessions for the activities under their purview.
   C. Participate in all advisory committee functions.

Membership:
A. Director for Continuing Education, chairperson.
B. Assistant Director, Office of Continuing Education.
C. Two faculty members elected by the faculty to serve as nurse planners.
D. Director of Nursing Practice Improvement, University of Kentucky Hospital.
E. Associate Medical Center Director for Patient Care, Veteran's Administration Medical Center.
F. At least three members at large from the nursing community representing primary, secondary, and tertiary clinical facilities.
Terms of Office:
A. Faculty will be elected to serve as nurse planners for two-year terms, one elected each year.
B. The Director of Nursing Practice Improvement at the University of Kentucky Hospital is a standing appointment as agreed to in the University of Kentucky College of Nursing Office of Continuing Education and the University of Kentucky Hospital policy.
C. The Associate Medical Center Director for Patient Care, VAMC, is a standing appointment and is notified by letter from the Provider Unit's administrator and Dean of the College of Nursing.
D. Persons from the nursing community will be appointed by the Provider Unit's administrator and Dean of the College of Nursing and will serve one-year terms subject to reappointment.
E. Director of Continuing Education is a standing appointment and serves as chair.
F. Assistant Director serves in the absence of the director.

Meetings: The committee will meet at least bi-annually.

3.3 Dean’s Advisory Board
The name of the organization shall be the Dean's Advisory Board of the University of Kentucky College of Nursing.

The Dean’s Advisory Board of the University of Kentucky College of Nursing (CON) will retain an informal structure. It will not be incorporated nor will it receive funds or incur debts. Its officers and members will serve solely in an advisory capacity to the CON Dean. The officers and members will not be held liable by either the College of Nursing or the University of Kentucky for failure to act upon any matter presented to the Board. An action taken as a result of, or in spite of, recommendations by the Board shall be solely the action of the College of Nursing and its administration.

The purposes of the College of Nursing Dean’s Advisory Board are:
A. Provide advice and counsel to the Dean on matters for which external advice is critical. This may include long range planning and philanthropic endeavors as well as advice on achieving the College’s goals for national and international prominence in teaching, service and research.
B. Increase awareness of the College of Nursing in Kentucky and across the nation.
C. Serve as an advocacy network and ambassadors for the College of Nursing.

Membership:
A. Members of the Dean’s Advisory Board must have attained prominence in their respective careers and are chosen for their value in providing sound counsel to the Dean.
B. Some of the members will represent organizations that employ large numbers of nurses.
C. The president of the UK CON Alumni Association (UKCONAA) will be a member during her/his term as president.
D. Membership should reflect a broad spectrum of representation from areas that influence nursing practice and/or healthcare delivery.
E. Membership shall be limited to 25 individuals.
• Members are classified as either members or ex-officio members and have voting rights unless otherwise stated in the bylaws.
• Members include the Dean of the College of Nursing, an undergraduate and graduate faculty member in a leadership position, an undergraduate and graduate student in a leadership position and all other individuals selected for membership by the Dean of the College of Nursing.
• The CON Director of Development and Alumni Affairs shall serve as an ex-officio member and will provide support to the Board but will not be a voting member.

F. All members, except ex-officio and the CONAA President, shall be approved by the Dean of the College of Nursing with recommendations from the Dean’s Advisory Board as appropriate.

G. All members, except the CONAA President and those representing CON faculty and students, shall serve for three-year terms and can be renewed at the discretion of the Dean. Those representing CON faculty and students shall serve for two-year terms. All members should be available to the Dean and Development Director or other members of the faculty for advice and consultation when requested.

H. Interim members may be appointed by the CON Dean for terms of less than three years in order to fill vacancies created by resignations.

I. The Dean’s Advisory Board shall be led by the volunteer Chair and Co-Chair, appointed to that post by the Dean, for a two-year term. The Chair will preside at all meetings of the Board and shall have the executive responsibility for the performance of the Board.

Meetings: The Dean’s Advisory Board will meet once in the fall and once in the spring in Lexington, Kentucky and other times when necessary.

A. The Dean will educate and engage the members on issues relating to the College of Nursing. Each meeting shall include a “Report on the State of the College” and may also include admission and enrollment reports, new academic initiatives, research initiatives, development topics (annual giving, endowments and scholarships, planned giving, needs)

B. The Dean’s Advisory Board members are expected to be community advocates for the College and provide feedback to the Dean and Development Director on various issues facing the nursing profession.

C. Members will be asked to make charitable contributions to the college and be asked to identify, cultivate and solicit other donor prospects. While the amount of individual gifts are left to the discretion of the member, a goal of 100% participation rate is expected from board members.

D. It is expected that the Dean’s Advisory Board members will freely give advice and share their experience and wisdom to help advance the College, provide committee/work group leadership as needed and that they will use their influence to bring nursing issues to the attention of others as necessary.

E. The quorum required for transaction of business related to agenda items requiring a vote will be by simple majority.

F. Minutes of the meetings shall be published and made available to Board members, College of Nursing faculty and staff, emeritus Board members, and other individuals as deemed appropriate by the Dean.
Emeritus Membership:
A. All Dean’s Advisory Board Members, in recognition of service, will be offered emeritus status upon retirement from the Board. No individual shall be eligible for such appointment until his/her retirement from the Advisory Board. Unless otherwise determined by the Advisory Board or by request of the Emeritus member, the appointment of an Emeritus Board Member shall continue in effect for the remainder of his/her life.
B. Emeritus Board Members will be invited to special activities and events of the College of Nursing, will have access to minutes of the meetings and other appropriate information and may be called upon for advice and consultation on matters of importance to the College; however, the position is solely honorary with no obligation for the performance of any specific duties.

AMENDMENTS to the Dean’s Advisory Board Bylaws:
A. Amendments to the bylaws may be initiated by a member of the Board at any time. Adoption of a proposed amendment requires a majority vote.

3.4 Dean’s Diversity and Inclusivity Advisory Council
The purposes of the College of Nursing Dean’s Diversity and Inclusivity Advisory Council are as follows:
A. Providing advice and counsel, collectively and individually, to the dean on issues related to diversity and inclusivity.
B. Participate in selected College of Nursing diversity and inclusivity initiatives.
C. Increase awareness of the College of Nursing in Lexington and Kentucky.
D. Serve as an advocacy network and ambassadors for the College of Nursing.

Membership:
A. The VP of Diversity and Inclusivity for the University of Kentucky
B. A minimum of 2 administrators representing UK diversity and inclusivity areas
C. A minimum of 2 full-time faculty and 2 nursing students (including an undergraduate and a graduate student).
D. A minimum of 2 University of Kentucky employees from outside of the College of Nursing.
E. A minimum of 5 community members, including nurses and non-nurses.
F. Membership shall be at least 15 individuals.
G. Non student members will serve for three-year terms and can be renewed three times for a total of nine years. Student members can serve until they graduate.
H. All members are selected by the Dean in collaboration with the Director of Diversity and Inclusivity.

Meetings: The Dean’s Diversity and Inclusivity Advisory Council will meet at least biannually in Lexington and other times when necessary.
3.5 Diversity and Inclusivity Ambassadors Council

The purposes of the D&I Ambassadors are to:

A. Provide advice to the Dean and the Director of Diversity and Inclusivity on issues related to diversifying the college of nursing community, including students, faculty, and staff.

B. Participate in CON initiatives that are directly related to the CON mission related to D&I to include but not limited to: faculty search committees, admissions committees, strategic planning, and grant writing.

C. Initiate, conduct and participate in activities that promote an environment where all CON faculty, staff, students and visitors feel recognized, respected and welcomed.

Membership:

A. The committee will be chaired by the Director of Diversity and Inclusivity

B. The committee will include 4 full time faculty members, 2 full time staff members, and a graduate and undergraduate nursing student.

C. Standing members will also include the Director of Communications and an administrative support person appointed by the Dean.

D. Members will be appointed by the Director of Diversity and Inclusivity in consultation with the Dean.

E. Non student members serve a three year term that is renewable up to two times for a total of nine years, at which time they must leave the committee for at least three years. Student members may serve until they graduate.

Meetings: The D&I ambassadors council will meet at least once a quarter and more times as necessary.

Training: D&I Ambassadors will undergo unconscious bias training, safe training (LGBTQ* services) and other appropriate training as identified by the Dean and Director of D&I. The CON will be responsible for any costs associated with the training and will provide appropriate release time.

3.6 Faculty Practice Council (FPC)

The purposes of the College of Nursing Faculty Practice Council are:

A. Foster communication among administrators, faculty, and community partners, in relation to current, future, and potential faculty practice activities.

B. Provide advice and counsel to the Dean, the Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Partnerships, and Dean’s Council regarding practice issues and concerns.

C. Engage in strategic planning related to faculty practice.

D. Participate in activities to promote practice scholarship.

E. Monitor and evaluate the outcomes achieved through faculty practice.
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**Membership:**

A. A minimum of three faculty members with practice appointments (preferably including one who practices within UK HealthCare and one who practices in an external setting) who will serve for alternating two year terms. The chairperson will be appointed by the Dean from the elected faculty members.

B. The Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Partnerships and Faculty Practice Director who oversee practice initiatives and serve as ex-officio members (non-voting).

C. Two APRN representatives from UK HealthCare Office of Advanced Practice who serve as ex-officio members (non-voting).

D. Two community representatives from affiliated practice sites who serve as ex-officio members (non-voting).

E. One College staff representative who collaborates on faculty and student clinical placements who serves as ex-officio member (non-voting).

**Meetings:** The Faculty Practice Council will meet at least twice per semester and as needed.

### 3.7 Graduate Nursing Activities and Advisory Council (GNAAC)

According to rules of the University Senate, the faculty of each College within the University and the faculty of the Graduate School must establish some form of student advisory council to represent student opinion on academic matters. The Graduate Nursing Activities and Advisory Council (GNAAC) conforms to the rules of the University Senate.

**Functions:**

A. Fosters communication between faculty and students.

B. Plans and implements programs of interest to the graduate students and nursing profession.

C. Reviews and makes recommendations to the dean regarding:
   1. Student conduct in terms of professional nursing ethics and related University and Medical Center documents.
   2. Evaluation procedures for courses and teaching.

D. Advises the dean regarding proposed appointment and promotion of faculty members in accordance with University Administrative Regulations.

E. Evaluates the programs of the College that relate to students and makes recommendations to the Dean.

F. Identifies resources and support systems which will facilitate successful completion of the program.

G. Identifies student problems and concerns and recommends appropriate actions to the Dean.

H. Evaluates activities of the graduate student body annually and makes recommendations to the Dean.
Membership:
A. GNAAC membership shall consist of all enrolled graduate nursing students. The GNAAC Executive Board, elected by GNAAC shall consist of a Chairperson, Chairperson-elect, Secretary / Treasurer, and members at large (at least two and no more than six). The Board shall contain at least one representative from each degree offered.
B. One graduate faculty member (ex-officio) recommended by the graduate student body and approved by the Dean. Faculty member/advisor to serve ideally for a three-year term to promote continuity. Terms can be repeated.
C. One Student Affairs representative (ex-officio).
D. GNAAC Officers to be elected by the majority of the Executive Board.

3.8 Undergraduate Nursing Activities and Advisory Council (UNAAC)

Functions:
A. To foster communication among administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and students through such things as student publications, Undergraduate Program Committee attendance, and UK College of Nursing Alumni Association meetings.
B. To serve as a liaison among undergraduate students, faculty, staff, alumni and the Student Government Association (SGA).
C. To plan and implement undergraduate student activities.
D. To review and make recommendations to the Dean regarding:
   1. Evaluation procedures for undergraduate courses and teaching.
   2. Proposed appointment and promotion of faculty members in accordance with University Administrative Regulations.
   3. Programs of the College that relate to undergraduate students, with suggestions to the Dean for involvement in national and international programs and opportunities to meet with visitors from other cultures and backgrounds.
   4. Undergraduate student problems, concerns, and appropriate actions.
E. To identify and promote resources and support systems which will facilitate all undergraduate students' successful completion of the baccalaureate program, (e.g., buddy system, awareness of scholarships and loans, research assistant positions, master student leadership development opportunities).
F. To provide opportunities for involvement in community service.
G. To promote links among all College of Nursing organizations to foster better communication and cohesiveness.
H. To conduct and oversee all undergraduate student class officer election processes.
Membership:
A. Five voluntary representatives from both the first and second semester sophomore classes.
B. Junior and senior class officers from each semester, having been elected in the semester proceeding the year of service.
C. One additional representative from each of the junior and senior classes elected in the semester preceding year of service.
D. One 2nd degree representative from each junior and senior class elected semester preceding year of service.
E. Other representatives shall include the UKSNA president (or designee), the College of Nursing senator to SGA, the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Faculty Affairs, an advisor from the teaching staff chosen by the Executive Committee in the fall, and the coordinator of alumni affairs.

3.9 University Health Care Colleges Code of Student Professional Conduct College Hearing Committee
Purpose: To hear student appeals related to University Health Care colleges Code of Professional Conduct.

Membership:
As indicated, the Dean shall appoint a hearing committee and designate a hearing committee chair and alternate chair from among the faculty appointees. The alternate chair shall serve in the absence of the chair. The membership will consist of:
A. Five college faculty members, at least three of whom teach in patient-care settings and one of whom has an administrative appointment in the college.
B. Four students (including two undergraduate and two graduate) in good standing who have completed at least one year of their professional or clinically-related degree program requirements and whose names are among those provided by the College’s Student Advisory Council or equivalent body.

The chair, or alternate chair in the chair’s absence, shall appoint a hearing panel with representation from the following groups among the hearing committee membership.
A. Three faculty members, at least two of whom teach in a patient-care setting, and one of whom has a current academic or supervisory relationship with the student.
B. Two students.

Term of office: one year for faculty and students.

4.0 Clinical Simulation and Learning Center (CS&LC) Advisory Council
Name changed to encompass the space as well as the education that is included and to better fit with recent AACN work on simulation for APRN education.

Purpose: This Council oversees and acts in an advisory capacity for the Clinical Simulation and Learning Center. The Council will meet twice a semester and once in the summer.
Functions:
A. Review proposed curriculum changes that involve Clinical Simulation and Learning Center resources and personnel to determine feasibility.
B. Review and approve Clinical Simulation and Learning Center policies.
C. Advise Dean on personnel needs for the Clinical Simulation and Learning Center.
D. Advise Dean on major equipment purchases, including new and replacement items.
E. Advise Dean on Clinical Simulation and Learning Center space renovation.

Membership:
A. Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Partnerships (chair).
B. Directors of BSN and MSN and DNP Programs.
C. Director of the CS&LC.
D. Simulation Technology Instructional Specialist.
E. Faculty member involved in simulation activities, appointed by the Dean.
F. Associate Dean of Administration and Finance.

4.10 Faculty Search Committee
Annually, a faculty search committee is appointed for a two-year commitment by the Dean for vacant/new full-time faculty positions funded by the College. In the case that a faculty position is funded in collaboration with another unit, a separate search committee/additional members may be required to be appointed by the Dean.

Membership:
Four faculty members with broad representation across academic programs and missions (two undergraduate faculty and two graduate faculty members). The Chairperson is appointed by the Dean.

Functions:
A. Engagement in the recruitment process; actively recruit applicants for the vacant, new position(s): Determine interview schedule and actively participate in the interview process. All candidates who visit campus will be interviewed by the appropriate Associate Deans and Dean. In addition, it is expected that candidates will interview with the appropriate faculty and student groups and will present on his/her scholarship/research in an open forum.
B. Recommend to the Dean top two candidates, when feasible, for the vacant position(s)

4.11 Information/Communication and Instructional Technology Council (IIT) The purposes of the College of Nursing Information and Instructional Technology Council are:

A. Advise and make recommendations to the Dean and Dean’s Council on topics relating to information and instructional technology.
B. Engage in strategic planning and evaluation of outcomes related to information and instructional technology.
C. Foster communication and the mutual exchange of ideas among students, staff, administrators, faculty, University of Kentucky Analytics and Technology management, and community partners in relation to current, future, and potential information and instructional technology.

D. Promote information and instructional technology development opportunities to enhance the college environment.

Membership:
- A. A minimum of three elected faculty members with representation from diverse academic programs serving alternating two year terms. The chairperson will be appointed by the Dean from the elected faculty members.
- B. A College Information Technology Staff Member.
- C. An elected College Staff Member who is a voting member and serves a two year term. Staff Council will conduct the election for this College Staff Member who is elected by the College Staff.
- D. Director of College’s Information Technology (ex-officio).
- E. A University of Kentucky Analytics and Technology management representative (ex-officio).
- F. A minimum of one undergraduate and one graduate student representative (non-voting).
- G. Associate Dean for Administration and Finance (ex-officio).
- H. College of Nursing Dean (ex-officio).
- I. Executive Associate Dean for Academic Operations and Partnerships (ex-officio).

Meetings: The Information and Instructional Technology Council (IIT) will meet a minimum of once each semester and as needed.

4.12 Staff Council. The purposes of the College of Nursing Staff Council are to (a) enhance communication among staff, faculty, students, and administration, (b) to serve as a liaison to the Dean and Associate Dean for Administration regarding staff issues, and (c) coordinate meetings and activities to promote a sense of community within the College of Nursing.

Membership:
- A. There will be six (6) members. Each term will be 2 years in duration, beginning July 1. The terms will be staggered to allow for continuity on the council. If necessary, the Staff Council will conduct a special election to fill an unexpected vacant seat on the Council. The individual elected to fill the vacant seat will serve out the remaining term of the individual who has resigned.
- B. Selection to Staff Council is made through the voting process conducted by the Council. Elections shall be conducted in May of each year in which new representatives will be elected.
- C. Staff Council officers consist of a chair, vice-chair, and a past chair. As past chair, they will not be eligible for reelection. The vice-chair will be elected from the two newly elected representatives each July 1. The Business Officer will not be eligible to run for Staff Council but will serve in an ex officio role. The chair will notify the CON staff of selection results.
Staff Guidelines:
A. The College of Nursing staff voting members are all regular full-time and half-time exempt and non-exempt staff employees, no longer on probation, including staff employees with faculty adjunct appointments and externally paid staff whose primary assignment and work responsibilities are performed within an academic unit of the College of Nursing and are supervised/evaluated by CON faculty or staff. These staff employees who are eligible to be voting members of the College of Nursing will be included in all staff meetings, may be eligible to serve on Staff Council, and be eligible for CON Staff Employee of the Year.

B. Temporary, full-time staff will be included on the CON staff mailing list and may attend all College of Nursing staff meetings; however, they will not have voting privileges, serve on Staff Council, nominate or be a nominee of CON Staff Employee of the Year (temporary half-time/part-time is not included). In some circumstances, the temporary, part-time employees could petition the Staff Council as to their desire to participate in voting.

Staff Council Functions:
A. Conduct a minimum of 4 Staff Council meetings per year.
B. Conduct a minimum of 4 College of Nursing Staff meetings per year.
C. Participate in the Year End Awards Ceremony of the CON in order to recognize Staff Service Awards. (This will involve working with the Business Office to identify those employees eligible for service awards and working with the Dean’s office to ensure recognition of staff at the final College meeting in the spring).
D. Provide a Staff Council Representative to work with the Faculty Council on the annual holiday function.
E. Plan and conduct an Annual Staff Retreat (held 2nd or 3rd week of May, June or July). (This will involve soliciting information of interest from staff in formal surveys/questionnaires and informal conversation as to areas of interest or need for professional development, training, etc).
F. At the request of the Dean, coordinate staff representation for committees as needed
G. Represent issues of concern from staff and bring to the attention of the Dean and/or Administration.

Section 4 The Dean will be evaluated according to GR IX. Associate Deans will be evaluated using a procedure that has been jointly established by the Dean and the faculty.

Section 5 The bylaws of the administrative organization may be amended at any regular meeting of the Faculty Council by the Dean with the advice of the Faculty Council.

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