

# COLLEGIATE NURSING CLUB BYLAWS

## Article I: Name

The name of this non-profit organization shall be the ***Collegiate Nursing Club***.

## Article II: Purpose and Function

### Section 1. Purposes:

- a. To provide an opportunity to become more involved with The University of Akron, the College of Nursing, National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA), Ohio Student Nurses' Association (OSNA), and the Akron Community.
- b. To provide support and leadership opportunities to undergraduate nursing students throughout the nursing program.
- c. To provide a closer bond and a more unified spirit among the students and faculty in order to further the ideals and purposes of the College of Nursing.

### Section 2. The functions of the organization shall be to:

- a. Encourage membership and involvement with the NSNA and OSNA.
- b. Encourage nursing students to promote and maintain high educational and professional standards and to provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas.
- c. Provide an opportunity for creativity, self-expression, and participation in group activities.

## Article III: Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to all University of Akron students in the baccalaureate program in nursing (including RN to BSN, LPN to BSN and direct admit pre-nursing students) or University College students with an intention to major in nursing.

Section 2. A student shall become a member of this organization upon proper payment of dues.

- a. Dues of \$10.00 for the 1st year of membership and \$5.00 thereafter should be paid each academic year to the CNC Treasurer through the Student Affairs Office, MGH 313.
- b. Dues must be paid in order to be eligible to vote.
- c. CNC dues will be waived if the member has joined the National Student Nurse Association (NSNA).

Section 3. All elected BSN class officers and college committee representatives are automatically members of CNC and must pay dues. If class officers and representatives fail to maintain CNC membership they relinquish their office and the office is filled by special election or appointment through the class committee.

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- c. *The Vice-President shall:*
1. Be responsible for all the social and philanthropic activities.
  2. Keep an accurate record of those members attending social and philanthropic activities.
  3. Maintain the CNC web site in collaboration with the college Director of Technology.
- d. *The Secretary shall:*
1. Prepare and keep on file the Student Organization Registration Form which contains names, addresses, telephone numbers, and student identification numbers (for University purposes) of all current officers.
  2. Keep a list of all the above information for current student members and alumni.
  3. Notify all members of the time and place of all meetings two weeks prior to the meeting.
  4. Keep copies of all organization correspondence, advertisements, and newsletters on file, as well as provide copies for the Office of Student Affairs and the Faculty Advisor.
  5. Conduct the general correspondence of the organization as requested by the President or Executive Board.
  6. Record minutes of all meetings of this organization.
  7. Distribute a copy of the minutes to the Faculty Advisor, the President, and retain one copy for placement in the permanent book of minutes. Minutes will be posted on the CNC web site for open access.
  8. Have the latest version of the CNC Bylaws accessible to all members (preferably electronically), and submit a copy to The University of Akron, Office of Student Development, the College of Nursing Office of Student Affairs, and the Faculty Advisor.
- e. *The Treasurer shall:*
1. Act as custodian of the organization funds in compliance with rules established by The University of Akron's Student Development Office.
  2. Make money disbursements.
  3. Keep an accurate entry of acquisitions and disbursement.
  4. Prepare a report of the transactions of the Treasurer's Office to be submitted at each meeting.
  5. Keep a permanent report of all dues paid together with a register of all members in good standing.
  6. Issue membership cards.
  7. Deliver to the newly elected Treasurer all money, vouchers, books, and papers of the organization.
  8. Keep a record on cost of fundraisers, donations, and any other gains or losses.
- f. *The Representative to the Dean's Student Advisory Committee shall:*  
Represent CNC during all scheduled Dean's Student Advisory Committee meetings.

*Section 7.* Officers shall submit to the Treasurer a report with their expenses with receipts.

*Section 8.* Officers other than Treasurer shall deliver to their successors all records, papers, or other property belonging to the organization within one week following their retirement.

*Section 9.* Vacancies in any CNC office that occur after the election period may be filled by appointment through the Executive Board.

- Section 10.* Removal from Office
- a. CNC and Class Officers may be removed from office for gross neglect of their duties, loss of good academic standing, or unprofessional student conduct if there has been a presentation of documented evidence.
  - b. The officer in question should be provided the opportunity of due process involving notice of the charge against them and an opportunity for a hearing if they so desire.
  - c. Removal may be accomplished with a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.
  - d. Removal may also occur through the discretion of the Dean of the College of Nursing or a Student Affairs officer of the University in collaboration with the Dean.

*Section 11.* All College of Nursing CNC and class officers and representatives are expected to participate in a minimum of one leadership training workshop during their time in office. Training sessions offered through The University of Akron's office of Student Development or sessions conducted at state and national conventions are appropriate. Student should submit proof of attendance (workshop program or agenda) to the Office of Student Affairs.

#### **Article V: Meetings**

- Section 1.* The regular meetings of this organization shall be held once a month with the exception of the summer months and final examination week.
- Section 2.* Special meetings of this organization may be called by the President or the Executive Board upon request.
- Section 3.* The first regular meeting of the academic year shall be known as the annual meeting.
- Section 4.* Ten members constitutes a quorum.

#### **Article VI: Executive Board**

- Section 1.* *The Executive Board shall consist of:* the CNC President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and sophomore, junior and senior Class Presidents.
- Section 2.* Executive Board members are required to attend all regular meetings unless otherwise excused in advance.
- Section 3.* Three Executive Board members constitutes a quorum.
- Section 4.* The Executive Board shall have the power to set agendas, coordinate activities, make

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dues, and will hold their office until graduation. They will function as a class committee within the CNC structure.

*Section 3.* Nominations for class officers for each new sophomore class will be taken in January via WebCT. Nominees must give consent for their names to appear on the final ballot.

*Section 4.* Voting will be conducted using the WebCT ballot format. The candidate earning the majority votes shall be elected to office. In case of a tie, the election shall be determined by lot.

*Section 5.* Duties of the Class Officers:

*a. The President shall:*

1. Call and conduct regular or special meetings of the class.
2. Prepare a written agenda for all meetings and submit a copy to the secretary before meetings.
3. Coordinate and assign other duties to class officers, as needed.
4. Keep open channels of communication among their own class members as well as among all other constituencies in CNC.

*b. The Treasurer shall:*

1. Keep a complete and up-to-date record of all financial transactions of their class. This record is open for inspection by class members at any time on request.
2. Handle all financial matters, in compliance with the rules established by The

2. The purpose of the Research Committee is to facilitate research and scholarly activity in the college in collaboration with the Director of Nursing Research and Scholarly Activity.
- g. *The Representative to the Dean's Student Advisory Committee shall:*
1. Represent their class during all scheduled Dean's Student Advisory Committee meetings.
  2. The purpose of the Dean's Student Advisory Committee is to provide an opportunity for the students in the college to communicate their concerns and ideas directly with the dean of the college. Discussions may focus on issues brought forward by the Dean or by the students.

- Section 6.* CNC and Class representatives to college committees must:
- a. Submit their committee schedule to the BSN coordinator via e-mail.
  - b. Notify the involved faculty at the beginning of the term or rotation of the time conflict (if one exists) necessitating the missing of any classroom or clinical experience time in order to be present for the committee meetings. Arrangements will be made to make up the missed time with the faculty.
  - c. Submit documentation signed by the committee chairperson after each meeting to the BSN coordinator verifying the student's participation in the committee meeting.

- Section 7.* Vacancies in any class office or representative position may be filled by special election or by appointment through the class committee.

- Section 8.* RNs working on their BSN at the Akron, Lorain County Community College Partnership, and Wayne College campuses will elect chairs and representatives each fall semester.
- a. Each campus will elect a chairperson (or co-chairs) who will serve as liaison between the college and their fellow students as well as serve as Representative to the Dean's Student Advisory Committee for their cohort.
  - b. Akron campus will elect a Representative to the Baccalaureate Curriculum Committee.
  - c. Each campus will elect one or two Pinning Committee Representatives. If the campus so chooses, the chairs or co-chairs may serve as the Pinning Representatives.

- Section 9.* Class presidents are not permitted to run for or hold the offices of CNC President, President-elect, or Vice-president.

#### **Article VIII: Faculty Advisors (CNC and Class Advisors)**

- Section 1.* The CNC Faculty Advisor shall be a faculty or staff member at The University of Akron, College of Nursing. The Faculty Advisor shall be a professional nurse, active in the field of nursing and have the desire to further the goals of this organization.
- Section 2.* The CNC Faculty Advisor will be selected by a majority vote of the members present at the final spring semester meeting when the current Faculty Advisor's term ends.
- Section 3.* The CNC Faculty Advisor shall serve a term of two consecutive years. At that time, the Faculty Advisor shall be eligible to run again.
- Section 4.* Each sophomore class will also select a Class Faculty Advisor. Section 1 above will apply to the Class Faculty Advisor.

*Section 5.*

These By-Laws may be amended with previous notice to the membership and a two-thirds vote of ballots submitted. Amendments may be presented through the Executive Board at any time or proposed from the floor at the annual meeting.

#### **Article XII: Nondiscrimination Clause**

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, disability, or sexual orientation in the selection of its members or in its programs unless federal or state laws allow for such exceptions.

#### **Article XIII: University Records**

This organization shall maintain a list of all officers, their addresses, telephone and social security