

Suspension of Application to the Nursing Program  
Resolution 2011 - 05

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters, including processes for institutional planning and budget development (Title 5, 53200); and,

Whereas, the Nursing Department currently possesses 801 qualified students, with all prerequisite courses and requirements completed, waiting to enter the program on their official lottery; and,

Whereas, the Nursing Department only accepts 60 students per semester into the program, from the existing 801 qualified students currently waiting to enter the program; and,

Whereas, the current climate and competition to enter the nursing program is rapidly changing, requiring an evolution to a more merit based admission procedure;

Resolved, that the Senate recommends the suspension of the Nursing Program application, for the time period necessary in order to exhaust the current waiting list, so as to avoid continuously adding applicants to the waiting list under current admission criteria; and,

Resolved, that the Senate recommends and supports the Nursing Department's transition to a more merit based admission procedure consistent with the new challenges in health care;

Resolved, that the Senate encourages the Nursing Department faculty to propose their desired admission procedure for Senate approval two semesters prior to the intended implementation date.

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