Nursing Alumni Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 5, 2011
Alumni Center Board Room

Board Members Present: DeLisa Flynn, Kathy Hutson, Doreen Johnson, Julie Johnson, Melissa Matthews, Jan Noel, Kristin Reedy, Cheryl Riwitis, Linda Siktberg, Sue Taylor, Kathy Thomas and Ruth Ann Tolle.

Vice President DeLisa Flynn called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and asked for any corrections and/or additions to the minutes of February 22, 2011. Kathy Hutson made a motion to approve the minutes, Jan Noel seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Final Arrangements – Nursing Alumni Banquet, April 30, 2011 – Pam Carothers ordered the flowers. Kathy Hutson ordered the charms, wrapped them and delivered them to the BSUAA. J. Johnson will arrange for the class composites to be brought over to the Alumni Center. Doreen Johnson confirmed the BMH tour. Amy Yakous will be the tour guide and taking guests in groups of ten. Flynn reported she is waiting to hear back from Phyllis Chapin about poster presentations. The award plaques have been delivered to the BSUAA. Siktberg reported that this year the department has decided to invite all nursing scholarship benefactors and their recipients to the banquet. The SON will cover the expense of those dinners. J. Johnson is working on the programs. The July class will be the program presenters.
The July class may try and set up sales during the banquet.

Final Arrangements – May Pinning Ceremony, May 6, 2011 – Hutson ordered the flowers and arranged for them to be delivered to the SON. Brandy Renz is making arrangements with Emens and also has the scissors. J. Johnson is working on the program and will have the class president look it over when it returns from the printers. Flynn met with the graduating class on April 4th to prepare them for the pinning. Board members helping at the ceremony include Flynn, Reedy, Renz and Thomas.

Pinning Ceremony – July 22, 2011 – There will be 27 graduates. Practice will be the day before in Pruis Hall at 2 p.m. Board members to help at the ceremony include Flynn, Matthews and Renz. Renz will make arrangements with Pruis Hall for the set-up. Hutson will order the flowers.

Department Update – Siktberg reported there are 20 students for the summer semester and 80 students for the fall semester so far. Nancy Dillard, director of the baccalaureate program, has resigned her position, but will remain on the faculty. Dianne Parish, NP/DNP secretary, will be retiring effective July 1, 2011. The School of Nursing has been granted continued accreditation for the term of 10 years, June 30, 2021 by the CCNE for the Baccalaureate and Master's programs. The next CCNE site visit will be scheduled during fall 2011. A CCNE site visit has been scheduled for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program for November 16-17, 2011.

Other Business – Hutson discussed the importance of the criteria listed in the Outstanding Nursing Award nomination and suggested a committee be formed and the nomination form be reviewed and revised. The committee will include Pam Carothers, Phyllis Chapin, Kathy Hutson, Connie McIntosh and Cheryl Riwitis. They will meet during the summer and give a report at the next meeting. J. Johnson reported adding "First Generation Student" to the scholarship application form. Board member, Pam Carothers submitted a written motion to the board due to her absence asking for an announcement of the Nursing Alumni Society Scholarships, and it be placed on Blackboard so that more students are aware of the opportunity. The announcement will be posted on November 1, 2011 with a deadline date of December 1, 2011. It will then be posted again for the spring students on January 1, 2012 with a deadline date of December 1, 2012. Hutson moved the motion and Flynn seconded passing by voice vote. J. Johnson will email Kay Hodson- Carlton the announcement, with a link to the scholarship application, in the fall. Sue Taylor brought before the board information regarding Pat McCallister writing an extensive booklet about Nursing History. McCallister put in a request to have the Nursing Alumni Society pay to have her booklet printed and passed out at the upcoming banquet. The board agreed and voted to have a few printed copies made and then provide an online link for people to view. Doreen Johnson moved and Hutson seconded and the item was approved.

Upcoming Dates –
Nursing Alumni Banquet – Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center.
May Pinning Practice – Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 2 p.m., Emens Auditorium
May Pinning Ceremony – Friday, May 6, 2011, at 7 p.m., Emens Auditorium
July Pinning Practice – Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 2 p.m., Pruis Hall
July Pinning Ceremony – Friday, July 22, 2011 at 7 p.m., Pruis Hall
Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., Board Room
Homecoming Day – Saturday, October 8, 2011

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Johnson, Communications Assistant
Nursing Alumni Society Liaison