Ball State University Alumni Association Nursing Alumni Society Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, April 6, 2010 Alumni Center Board Room

Board Members Present: DeLisa Flynn, Kathy Hutson, Julie Johnson, Jo Ann Johnston, Ernie Krug, Jan Noel and Linda Siktberg.

President Kathy Hutson called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. and asked for any corrections and/or additions to the minutes of February 18, 2010. Jan Noel motioned to approve the minutes, Jo Ann Johnston seconded and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

Final Arrangements – Nursing Alumni Banquet, April 24, 2010: Hutson asked those members helping with registration to arrive at or before 5 p.m. Graduating students registering for the banquet have a deadline of April 16. Hutson will confirm the BMH tour with Doreen Johnson. Ernie Krug will also be a tour guide. Roll call during the banquet will be in class order. Hutson will call only those classes that are present. The class of 1985 will be seated together for their 25th reunion. The Beta Rho Chapter will be set up in Meeting Room 1 for their poster presentation.

Final Arrangements – May Pinning Ceremony, May 7, 2010: Hutson and DeLisa Flynn met with the students. They are to have program information to Krug by April 19. Johnston will order the flowers and have them delivered to the School of Nursing. Hutson will contact Barry at Emens and arrange for risers and for the table to be skirted. Barry will need the class slideshow as soon as possible. Flynn will email class president and let her know pinning practice will be May 6 at 2 p.m. Flynn will also attend the practice. Scissors and flowers will be passed out by Flynn and Brandy Renz. Linda Siktberg will ask class advisor, Carol Keihn, to arrange for students to pass out programs. Krug suggested upcoming class officers pass them out. Johnston suggested discussing the "pin issue" at the practice so everyone knows what to do if the student does not purchase a pin.

Pinning Ceremony – July 23, 2010: The ceremony will take place at Pruis Hall with practice on July 22. Hutson and Flynn will meet with the students. Johnston will order the flowers. Hutson reported there are plenty of scissors and no need at this time to purchase more. There will be 30 students in the July pinning. Hutson will contact and make arrangements with Pruis Hall. Siktberg will arrange for the December class to pass out the programs. Hutson will pass out the flowers and scissors. The board will evaluate if this will be the last time to provide refreshments and discuss at the next meeting.

2010-2011 Nursing Alumni Board Slate: Jo Ann Johnston and Susan Alvis will be stepping down from their positions. Jo Ann Johnston made the motion to approve

Melissa Matthews '05, works OB-GYN at Community Hospital in Anderson; Kathy Thomas '79, a retired surgical nurse; and Megan Crockett '07, staff educator at Schneck Medical Center in Seymour, IN., as new board members. The motion was seconded by Jan Noel and approved by voice vote. Hutson agreed to contact the nominees to let them know the board's decision.

Board slate officers for 2010-2011 include:

Past President:

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Alumni Council Representative

Kathy Hutson
Brandy Renz
DeLisa Flynn
Cheryl Riwitis
Brandy Renz

Department Update – Linda Siktberg reported the LINK has been formatted a little differently this year, with student involvement being highlighted more. Physical assessment curriculum for the new baccalaureate will be the same. Skills will be introduced within the basic foundation. Job Health 101 will change from 4 credit hours to 6 credit hours. Mental Health moved to the first semester of the junior year. Adult Health will be four units over a 4 year period from freshman to senior year. New admission criteria will be effective fall of 2011 with a 3.0 GPA, interview, 1 page essay on the value of nursing and reading comprehension required for pre-nursing. Department accreditation will take place November 15-16, 2010 with baccalaureate, masters and DNP being revised.

Alumni Council/Alumni Association Update – Krug reported the Alumni Council met May 1. Homecoming Day is October 9 with the theme being "Rock the Red."

Upcoming Dates -

Next Board Meeting – TBD

Nursing Alumni Banquet – Saturday, April 24, 2010 – Alumni Center Pinning Ceremony Practice – Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 2 p.m. Emens Auditorium Pinning Ceremony – Friday, May 7, 2010, at 7 p.m. Emens Auditorium

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Julie Johnson, Communications Assistant