VACN Business Meeting April 15, 2016 9:30 – 3:00 pm

Hosted by Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Roanoke, VA

Present: Debra Barksdale, Ginger Burggraf, Melody Cash, Tammy Colatrugilo, Cathleen Collins, Sharla Cooper, Kathleen Cox, Pamela Dressler, Melody Eaton, Jeff Eavey, Dorrie Fontaine, Kathy Ganske, Jean Giddens, Pamela Giles, Drew Gogian, Rebecca Harmon, Kathy Haugh, Pamela Jefferies, Christina Lam, Jenna Lloyd, Chloe Meade, Diane Morey, Audrey Myers, Chris-Tenna Perkins, Ava Porter, Nena Powell, Tony Ramsey, Julie Sanford, Erika Sawin, Janice Smith, Barbara Sorbello, Milena Staykova, Pattie Vari, Kimberly Wilson.

Meeting Recorder: Jean Giddens

Agenda Item	Report/Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Introductions	 All attendees did short self-introductions. 	• None
Meeting Minutes	• Reviewed meeting minutes from October 25, 2015 meeting.	Minutes approved as written.
Professional Development Session	 Dorrie Fontaine and meeting attendees thanked Kathy Ganske for the Keynote presentation, <i>Nurturing a Culture of Civility in Nursing Education</i> Book purchased for each VACN school; <i>Creating and Sustaining Civility in Nursing Education</i> 	• None
Treasurer Report	 Ava Porter: VACN funds: \$7,526.67 in checking; \$9,317.14 in three investment accounts. FY15-16 income to date from dues =\$3,600; 18 of 20 schools paid dues for FY15-16; \$400 outstanding from two schools. FY15-16 expenditure to date =1,944.07; pending expenditures \$1,526 (includes cost of spring meeting). One of the investment accounts matures in August 2016; discussion regarding what to do with that account once matures. Current 	 Approved suggestion to roll investment account into cash account on 8.14.16. Dorrie Fontaine, Julie Sanford, and Pam Jefferies to discuss potential leadership

	 interest is \$1.82/year. Ava Porter recommended roll the amount of \$2,879.69 into the cash account upon maturity. FY2016-17 dues notice will go out in fall; anticipate 2 new schools to join VACN. General discussion regarding best use of funds ensued. Question about VACN budget was raised and no formal budget is developed; currently funds are used to support spring and fall meetings. One idea raised at Fall 2015 meeting was potentially supporting a leadership development – perhaps a VA leadership academy. 	development or mentoring program; will bring forward ideas to next meeting.
Election of Officers	 New officers were elected in March. New and continuing officers: President – Dorrie Fontaine (term expires Spring 2017) Vice President – Jean Giddens (term expires Spring 2018) Treasurer – Ava Porter (term expires Spring 2017) Secretary – Melody Cash (term expires Spring 2018) Nominations – Angela Taylor (term expires Spring 2018) 	• None
Academic Progression in Nursing	 Tammy Colatrugulio from John Tyler Community College and Kathy Haugh from UVA led discussion regarding academic progression model and potential collaboration between universities and community colleges to support academic progression. Proposed an advisory board with a purpose to maintain dialog on the state level. Virginia Community Colleges are nearing completion of a state-wide curriculum and there is interest to partner with universities. There is no further funding for academic progression at national level or from VAC. This has been a continuing conversation in Virginia over the past couple of years. Volunteers were solicited for organizing meeting between community college and university leaders. 	Cathy Collins, Pamela Giles, Diane Morey, and Janice Smith volunteered to work with Tammy and Kathy to plan additional discussion in this area.
Optional Tour	Tour of Jefferson College of Health Sciences IPE Disaster Simulation	• None

Formal meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm