

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D.C.

THE FACULTY SENATE

May 5, 2010

There will be a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FACULTY SENATE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010, AT 5 P.M. IN THE STATE ROOM, 1957 E STREET, N.W., 7TH FLOOR, called by the President at the request of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. A RESOLUTION TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW SCHOOL OF NURSING (10/1)
(Resolution 10/1 is attached.)

Special Committee on the Proposed School of Nursing

3. Adjournment

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Secretary

**A RESOLUTION TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPOSAL FOR
A NEW SCHOOL OF NURSING (10/1)**

WHEREAS, a proposal to establish a new School of Nursing was presented to the Faculty Senate on April 13, 2010, and was amended on April 16, 2010;

WHEREAS, Article IX.A of the *Faculty Code* provides that:

“The Faculty Senate or an appropriate committee thereof is entitled to an opportunity to make recommendations on proposals concerning the creation, consolidation, or elimination of schools or other major components of the University.”

WHEREAS, certain Schools in the University (including the School of Media and Public Affairs and the School of Public Policy and Public Administration) operate as Schools within a School and do not operate as independent Schools;

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee appointed the Faculty Senate Special Committee on the Proposed School of Nursing (the “Special Committee”) to review and evaluate the proposal to establish a new School of Nursing;

WHEREAS, the Special Committee has submitted a report (the “Special Committee Report”), a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Appendix A, which describes the Special Committee's evaluation of the proposal and presents the Special Committee's recommendations for further action;

WHEREAS, for the reasons explained in the Special Committee Report, the proposal as presently constituted sets forth a persuasive case for the concept of a School of Nursing but does not sufficiently address a number of significant concerns set forth in the Special Committee Report; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

1. That the Faculty Senate supports the establishment of a School of Nursing but further recommends that the School of Nursing should not operate as an independent School until that School has satisfied all of the benchmarks set forth in the Special Committee Report attached to this Resolution as Appendix A.
2. That, until the School of Nursing has satisfied all of the benchmarks set forth in the Special Committee Report, the School of Nursing should operate as a School within the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Special Committee on the Proposed School of Nursing

Professor Edward J. Cherian, Chair

Professor Brian L. Biles

Professor Gary L. Simon

Professor Arthur E. Wilmarth, Jr.

Professor Philip W. Wirtz

May 3, 2010

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The George Washington University Faculty Senate

Report of the Special Senate Committee Regarding the Proposed School of Nursing

May 3, 2010

To: Michael S. Castleberry, Chair
Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Re: Review of the Proposal for a School of Nursing

The April 13, 2010 proposal for a School of Nursing (as amended by 3 pages and supplemental information received on April 16, 2010) has been reviewed on an expedited basis by the members of the Special Committee, working both independently and in two meetings during the past 14 business days.

The proposal contains a great deal of information which responds to that requested in Appendix A of the Senate Resolution of April 9 concerning the proposed School of Nursing. The proposal presents a persuasive case for the concept of a School of Nursing. However the Special Committee has identified several major concerns that have not been sufficiently addressed in order to ensure the successful formation and operation of an independent School of Nursing outside the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

- 1) The proposed School of Nursing should have a core of tenured faculty (in addition to the Dean and Senior Associate Dean) in order to have the requisite academic stature to be able to attract additional highly qualified faculty, to perform faculty appointment, promotion and tenure (APT) functions and decisions, and to establish Faculty Senate representation.
- 2) The School of Nursing should be in full compliance with the University's Faculty Code including compliance with the following requirements:
 - at least 75% of the School's regular active-status faculty must be tenured or tenure-track faculty;
 - APT committee composition, independence and process;
 - search committee composition and process for searches for faculty and academic administrators;
 - curriculum development process.
- 3) The standards for student admissions to the various degree programs should be consistent with other GW established programs, and clearly specified.
- 4) The proposed School's stated goal of achieving top 25 academic status (US News and World Report) should be fully described and the academic rigor and standards in

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admission, instruction and degree qualifications for students should be specified. In addition aspiration schools and competitive schools should be identified.

- 5) The School should be a financially self-sustaining unit, including costs of admissions, fiscal management, instructional design, student services, learning systems & support, and career development and placement. The School should be able to fully cover its direct costs and also to make substantial indirect cost contributions toward the University's overhead. Funding sources to accomplish this requirement of financial independence should be fully identified including; endowment, tuition, University contributions, donor contributions and other sources. Proposed scholarships and tuition discount rates should be specified and data (including market studies) to support projected enrollments should be provided.
- 6) The proposed School plans to occupy space at the Virginia Science and Technology Campus (STC) for some 55% of their space needs and the Foggy Bottom campus for 45% of their space needs. Enrollment, faculty and staff head count growth proposed for the School at the Foggy Bottom campus would place added strain on the University's ability to comply with the DC BZA order limits, and should be justified as being consistent with the University's overall campus development plan. Development and future growth of the proposed School should be primarily directed at the Virginia STC.
- 7) A senior Board of Advisors, totally independent of business connections with the leadership of the Department of Nursing and the Medical Center, is a necessary asset for successful School formation.
- 8) Letters of intent from INOVA Fairfax Hospital System and from other partner hospitals indicating their intent to participate with the School for student rotations and clinical experiences are needed in order to demonstrate the viability of the proposed School's instructional and business plans.
- 9) The proposal for the School of Nursing identifies a potential governance conflict in the duality of the Medical Center Faculty Senate and the University Faculty Senate. It is essential that this conflict be resolved and the proposed School of Nursing should affirm that it participates in shared governance of the University through the University Faculty Senate.

The formation of an independent School of Nursing operating outside the School of Medicine and Health Sciences should be predicated and conditioned upon achievement of the following benchmarks related to the above concerns:

- 1) A minimum of three tenured professors (exclusive of the Dean and Senior Associate Dean) should be part of the regular active status faculty of the School.

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- 2) The School's faculty composition, APT criteria and process, search committee composition and process for academic administrators, and curriculum development process should be in full compliance with the University Faculty Code.
- 3) Detailed descriptions of student admissions standards should be available for review.
- 4) A detailed plan, including timeline, for achieving the School's stated goal of top 25 academic status (US News & World Report), describing aspiration and competitive schools, should be available for review.
- 5) The School should demonstrate its financial independence (including its ability to cover all direct costs of essential School functions and to make substantial indirect cost contributions toward the University overhead) based on sources of revenue and funding details in its financial and operational plans; if the School cannot yet achieve full financial independence, its financial and operating plans should describe in detail the amounts, sources and duration of needed University subsidies until full financial independence is achieved and a credible timeline for achieving such independence.
- 6) The essential primary functions of the school including faculty, staff and students should be established at the Virginia STC and any proposal to locate School programs at the Foggy Bottom campus must demonstrate compliance with the University's campus plan and DC BZA limits on faculty, student and staff headcounts.
- 7) Activation of a fully independent Board of Advisors.
- 8) Receipt of letter(s) of intent from INOVA Fairfax Hospital System and other partner hospitals, indicating their commitment to participate with the School for student rotations and clinical experiences.
- 9) Resolution of the potential conflict in governance by affirming that the School participates in shared governance through the University Faculty Senate.

Until all of the foregoing benchmarks are satisfied as determined by a subsequent review by the Faculty Senate, the Special Committee recommends that the proposed School of Nursing should operate as a school within the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Edward J. Cherian, Chair

Committee Members:

Brian Biles,
Gary Simon
Arthur Wilmarth
Philip Wirtz