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CONSTITUTION of NURSING STUDENTS WITHOUT BORDERS

ARTICLE I: Nursing Students Without Borders

The name of this organization is Nursing Students Without Borders, Purdue University School of Nursing, Chapter II.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

We have three main purposes:

1. Empower community members by establishing a health education system, networking to improve access to health care resources, and distributing material donations to global communities.
2. To expand the perspective and educational experiences of the nursing student by working in the field and collaborating with both health care and non-health care professionals.
3. Conduct needs assessment and other forms of research as deemed necessary to improve quality and efficiency of the above stated goals.

ARTICLE III: Definition of Membership

Membership and participation are free from discrimination based on race, religion, ethnic group, gender, national origin or ancestry, disability, status as a Vietnam era veteran, or age, sexual orientation, parental status, marital status.

The advisor for Nursing Students Without Borders is Dr. Julie Novak. Dr. Novak has worked with underserved populations in the US, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Most recently, she is working to develop a faculty student exchange with two nursing programs in Beijing.

Only Purdue University School of Nursing students are eligible for regular or active membership in the organization. Non-student members of Nursing Students Without Borders do not have the right to vote or hold office. Students, faculty and staff from other departments at Purdue University are eligible for adjunct membership, which means that they may not vote or hold office. The recruitment of students in their first year nursing education is encouraged to ensure that students have maximum time to train and learn before traveling. Students must maintain a passing grade and remain in good standing within the Purdue University School of Nursing.

that students have maximum time to train and learn before traveling. Students must maintain a passing grade and remain in good standing within the Purdue University School of Nursing. Membership may be terminated at any time for conduct counter to the purpose and ideals set forth by NSWB and in keeping with Purdue University regulations. For traveling, preference will be given to those members who have greater health care experience and/or greater command of the language of the host community.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

Elections for the offices of President, Vice-president of Research, Vice-president of Service, Vice-president of Local Action, Vice-President of Education, and Vice-president of Finances (Treasurer) will be held each spring. The elected individuals will each serve one-year terms. For continuity, the advisor's term is two years with opportunity for renewal if officers and advisor mutually agree.

ARTICLE V: Officers and Duties

President:

Heads membership and recruitment campaigns; University liaison as well as overall networking for NSWB interests; addresses liability issues with members including consent forms and personal life insurance; serve as contact person for the media, redirecting the media to most appropriate member; overall administration of NSWB: this officer is above all, accountable for the actions and administration of NSWB, he/she will also have domain over re-delegation of assignments in the event that someone is unable to complete a task.

Vice President of Education:

Responsible for implementing educational interventions based on the findings of our research investigations; coordinating "how to effectively teach" and communication seminars for NSWB members; in charge of developing the teaching curriculum.

Vice President of Finances:

Reimbursement officer; in charge of purchasing gifts for our trips; finding donors, grants, airfare discounts; liaison with alumni and development office; composing budget requests; primary Rotary contact; in charge of monetary and tangible donations for the trip. The treasurer keeps

accounts, deposits the organization's funds, and makes expenditures in a manner approved by the Business Office for Student Organizations.

Vice President of Services:

Group scribe; responsible for intra group scheduling; responds to NSWB messages/community concerns; coordinates trip logistics, such as dates and tickets.

Vice President of Research:

Identifies study/assessment area for trip; contact with Human Investigations Committee; primary body for research public relations and publications; research data collection and compilation.

Vice President of Local Action:

Coordinates activities and projects in the greater Lafayette and Purdue University communities, in accordance with the mission of NSWB; works with Vice President of Finances to obtain monetary and tangible donations.

ARTICLE VI: Amendments

All amendments to the constitution and bylaws are subject to the approval of the Office of the Dean of Students.

BYLAWS

The definition of a quorum is the majority of members. Each of the five vice-presidents will serve as a committee chair. The president may appoint ad hoc committees for special projects. At the last meeting of the academic year, open elections will be held for each of the six offices, with two nominees from the floor for each position. If an officer is unable to fulfill his or her duties the president will appoint a replacement from the committee that the officer chaired.

Dues will be \$5.00 a semester.

Meetings for all NSWB members will be held no less than once a month.

Robert's Rules will be followed for parliamentary procedures.

Any proposed amendment to the bylaws should be submitted to the president two weeks before the next scheduled meeting. The proposed amendment will then be sent to members as an e-mail attachment. The vote will take place at the next scheduled meeting.

Date of Adoption

Connie Richard

President's signature

Julie Cowan Novak

Advisor's signature

1/29/01

Date of Recognition

Lamasa Rice

Office of the Dean of Students