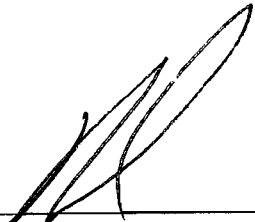


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APSCUF-KU and Management agree to the Nursing department's attached proposed Portfolio Policy.



For APSCUF-KU 14 Dec 06
Date

APPROVED:



For Management-KU 12.6.06
Date

TO: Dr. Michael Gambone, President
APSCUF-KUP
FROM: Prof. Ilene Prokup, Chairperson
Nursing Department
DATE: November 30, 2006
RE: Proposed Portfolio Policy

Per our meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2006, I am writing to ask that APSCUF-KUP approve the implementation of the Nursing Department's proposed Portfolio Policy.

This policy will allow nursing majors to earn credit for nursing major courses through submission of a portfolio. A copy of this proposed policy can be sent to you if necessary.

The preparation and submission of a portfolio by a student, and its advising for, and evaluation by, the faculty member responsible for the course will take a significant amount of time. Because of this, the department, in concurrence with the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, is requesting that students register for this through "Individual Instruction."

University policy currently does not permit students to take a course by "Individual Instruction" if it is being offered in the same semester that the course is being taught. All of the required nursing courses are offered every semester, so this policy precludes students from utilizing this policy. The Nursing Department had explored the possibility of offering Credit by Portfolio as a new course prefix, but rejected this idea because – for accreditation and graduate school purposes – students need to receive credit for the specific courses. It was also not practical to offer this option only during the summer sessions, as students will need credit for a course in order to progress in the major, or to graduate mid-year. We would, therefore, like APSCUF-KUP and the University Administration to allow an exception to the current "Individual Instruction" policy so that those students who qualify to attempt credit by portfolio can do so in the most beneficial time frame for their matriculation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cc: Dr. Bashar Hanna, Dean
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Dr. Carole Wells, Associate Dean
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences