

Guideline: Student Participation in Bachelor of Nursing Programs Governance

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this guideline is to outline the expectations and processes for student recruitment, selection, and participation in governance committees within the Bachelor of Nursing (BN) Programs.

DEFINITIONS:

Governance Committees: Standing committees of the BN Programs Joint Faculty Council that are accountable to the Council, operate within defined Terms of Reference, and support the governance of the BN Programs by bringing forward recommendations.

POLICY SCOPE:

This guideline applies to all students and faculty in the BN Programs.

SPECIFICS OF THE GUIDELINE:

1. The BN Programs value and promote student participation in governance as an essential component of program quality improvement and shared decision-making. Student involvement provides meaningful learning opportunities, including:
 - a. Developing an understanding of governance roles, structures, and processes
 - b. Gaining exposure to issues impacting nursing education and program delivery
 - c. Building leadership, communication, and decision-making skills transferable to professional and community contexts
2. Student representation on governance committees will be determined in accordance with each committee's Terms of Reference. Terms of appointment for student members may differ from those of faculty members to reflect program progression and availability.
3. Each August, the BN Programs Joint Faculty Council will review student vacancies across governance committees. Following this review, a designated member of the BN Programs Administrative Committee will communicate available opportunities to all BN Programs students and invite expressions of interest.
4. Where the number of interested students exceeds available positions, placement will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis, with consideration given to representation across program years where feasible.
5. Each governance committee will designate a member to act as a student liaison to facilitate student input and feedback into committee discussions and decision-making.

6. Committees will make reasonable efforts to schedule meetings at times that do not conflict with students' academic or practice commitments. Where student participation is required for decision-making, committees will ensure student representation is present.

APPENDIX: N/A

RELATED POLICIES/ASSOCIATED GUIDELINES:

BN Programs Policy: Attendance

REFERENCES: N/A

For the most current policy information, always refer to the official NESAs BN Program Guidelines and Forms Website: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/healthsciences/policies>

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