

Notes for U21 Nursing meeting – The University of Nottingham – 13-14 September 2006

1.1 Participants:

A/Prof	Nick	Allcock	The University of Nottingham
Dr	Antonia	Arnaert	McGill University
Prof	David	Arthur	The University of Singapore
Prof	Mark	Avis	The University of Nottingham
Mrs	Heather	Baker	The University of Auckland
Dr	Derek	Chambers	The University of Nottingham
Dr	Sophia	Chan	The University of Hong Kong
Prof	Collette	Clifford	The University of Birmingham
Prof	Jacqueline	Collier	The University of Nottingham
Prof	Karen	Cox	The University of Nottingham
Dr	Bill	Daly	The University of Birmingham
A/Prof	Anna-Karin	Dykes	Lund University
Dr	Catrin	Evans	The University of Nottingham
A/Prof	Liz	Fradd	The University of Nottingham
Prof	Diane	Fraser	The University of Nottingham
Dr	Doris	Greiner	The University of Virginia
Prof	Desley	Hegney	The University of Queensland
Prof	Veronica	James	The University of Nottingham
A/Prof	Judy	Kilpatrick	The University of Auckland
A/Prof	Elizabeth	Manias	The University of Melbourne
Mrs	Joan	McDowell	The University of Glasgow
Ms	Amanda	Phelan	University College Dublin
Prof	Davina	Porock	The University of Nottingham
Prof	Jane	Robinson	The University of Nottingham
Prof	Lorraine	Smith	The University of Glasgow
Dr	Sally	Thorne	The University of British Columbia
Dr	Agnes	Tiwari	The University of Hong Kong
Dr	Heather	Wharrad	The University of Nottingham

2.0 **Agenda items and outcomes of discussions**

2.1 Networking

Opportunity was created to meet new colleagues in a networking event.

2.2 New Executive committee member:

Colleagues agreed to the draft criteria circulated by email and it was noted that new representatives should:

- rotate continents
- be in Head of School role for next 3 years.

Five members of the group were eligible in meeting these criteria.

Agreed:

Judy Kilpatrick (The University of Auckland) indicated a willingness to serve, and was nominated and supported by the group. She will attend the U21 Executive Committee meeting on 14th September as an observer and take over the role after that date.

2.3 Benchmarking

Extensive discussion focused on the challenges in collecting data in the context of diverse systems and it was noted that clinical benchmarks proved particularly challenging. Although all participants shared the underlying ideals in practice, it was noted that diverse language/systems made generic application difficult.

It was noted that research benchmarks offered more generic standards although there was debate about the use of these. Some centres used these in a range of ways (e.g. individual staff appraisal and systems check) others did not.

Agreed:

- to retain the current benchmarking templates as these were the product of a lot of work over several years.
- to undertake the exercise (clinical and research) for one more year.
- to support members of the group preparing paper/s to illustrate the experience
- that the first paper would be prepared by Nicky James and Heather Baker, with Elizabeth Manias as co-author as she has led the work in recent years.

It was noted that anyone else wishing to develop papers arising out of this exercise would need to liaise with the core group above, to ensure that any additional paper is complementary to the first core paper.

2.4 Student exchange

Anna-Karin Dykes presented the data collated by Ingalill Rahm Halberg (Lund). This was updated alongside discussion of the complexity of planning for formal exchange process.

Agreed

- It was agreed that the profile data would be updated by Anna-Karin following the discussion.
- Data would then be kept on the U21 nursing web site with a target to revisit in 2 years time.

2.5 Clinical academic Careers

Sally Thorne initiated a debate on this and wide ranging issues were discussed, leading into academic preparation of nurses and the range of issues around clinically based documents.

Agreed

- This is a critical issue for our group for the future and should be kept as an agenda item as a key issue for our respective universities.
- This is integral to academic preparation of clinical nurses.
- Next year, debate on this will be developed through, in the first instance, a presentation from Doris Greiner on the USA Clinical doctoral programme

3. Other issues discussed (i.e. not on main agenda)

3.1 Doctoral programme

Nicky James tabled the evaluation of the doctoral student forum and master-classes scheduled in conjunction with the U21 Health Sciences annual meeting. The programme evaluated very well and an overview of findings is attached.

Other disciplinary groups had noted a wish to adopt this model if possible at future meetings.

Nicky did a head count of potential students who would join such a meeting next year. All expressed a wish to participate but funding students is a key issue.

We congratulated Nicky for starting this initiative, and to her colleagues for putting so much work in to support this. The support of Nottingham colleagues in facilitating this was acknowledged with thanks.

Agreed

- We would like to run this event again next year if possible
- If this was to run there are key issues of scale.
 - It would not be viable with less than 10 students
 - It is important to remember that the programme relies on a lot of local academic support. If this is not available (e.g. in smaller U21 schools)
 - We need to lobby for funds to support students.

3.2 E- Health

Antonia Arnaert (McGill) has been working as our representative on the e-health working group. There is a need to ascertain the breadth of activity under the e-health activity.

It was noted that three members of this groups have a direct interest with work ongoing. This includes Antonia (elderly/palliative care e-health – video-advice systems); Desney (Queensland) (link to veterans programme cardio-vascular care (link to Richard Wooton see main programme notes). It was also noted that we have an informatics expert in Bernie Garrett (UBC) who presented to the meeting last year in Lund via tele-link.

Agreed:

- It was agreed Antonia, Desney and Bernie would work on this and report back to the group next meeting.

3.3 Scholars programme

Desney raised the potential of a Scholars programme but noted that this was inhibited by lack of information about respective participating schools.

Agreed

- Agreed that Desney would devise a short profile that could be completed by each School to build a data base of people keen to collaborate/network in research and other scholarly work across the U21 network

3.4 Research developments

Given the nature of our respective institutions there was a feeling that we need to focus more on the research potential in the groups in developing shared projects.

Key to future developments is the growth in **inter-professional research activity**.

Agreed

- This links to the development of a collaborative profile (see item above) that would give a site of contact for potential projects
- Agreed that if colleagues had ideas for a project that would benefit from collaboration, we would circulate this around and (once set up) access the scholars list.

3.5 U21 Circulation email

The U21 circulation email list was discussed. CC noted this had been updated in 2005-6 but would be reviewed as colleagues were keen that they knew who they were circulating and discussing issues with.

Agreed

CC to work with Lorraine Devitt to update email circulation list to reflect actual core membership.

3.6 Planning the 2007 meeting – Hong Kong (26-28 September 2007)

Sophia gave an outline of the vision for Hong Kong 2007 U21 meeting.

We discussed potential content and noted that, in addition to the issues listed above, items that should be carried forward include:

- A briefing of health care systems to keep members up to date re international activities