

## School of Nursing 2020-21 Goals

### Senator Wheeler:

#### More hands-on learning for earlier nursing students

- Students are eager to learn nursing skills and see what it is really like to be a nurse. Unfortunately, we don't get hands on experience until at least our 4th semester (second semester of nursing school) if starting on the traditional BSN track as a freshman. Unfortunately, with the current state of the world and the battle with COVID, I don't think it's necessarily a realistic goal because junior students are getting limited hands on learning as it is with COVID policies. I will still aim to make this happen in the future and start discussions about the possibilities of getting students into the skills lab sooner (in one way or another).

#### Focusing on health and well-being of nursing students, as well as SIUE students at large.

- I want to be someone students can come to when they are feeling extra challenged by the obstacles set forth during the COVID crisis and would like to be an avenue students can use to get the resources they need. I plan to have conversations with nursing faculty about decisions regarding COVID and make sure students understand why things are the way they are. It is easy to get angry and worried about change when the reasons and thoughts behind it aren't revealed. For SIUE students at large, I wish to maintain their health, wellbeing and understanding as well. I aim to take part in the support student government provides students and help them work through this challenging time as we all navigate it together.

#### Include more detail and information about how manifestations/characteristics of disease can be different in people of color.

- A lot of skin conditions or symptoms are described a specific way about the color, texture and general manifestations that revolve mostly around patients with light or white skin. I think we can do more to include medical information specific to other races and especially people of color because these signs and symptoms of disease can be missed and result in mistakes. As nurses, we need to be aware of these differences and open our minds and practice beyond white patients.

### Senator Burnett:

#### School Wide Goals-

- Making sure this year's freshman still have a welcoming experience and love it at SIUE despite the fact that things are vastly different than usual.
- Support the development and growth of student organizations to maximize student involvement.
- Work to create an open and inclusive environment that promotes acceptance and appreciation of differences.
- Collaborate with University and Community partners to increase student awareness of health and safety issues and to address specific safety/health concerns

- Assess the needs of students and design and implement programs and services to respond to changing student needs.

#### Nursing School Specific Goals-

1. Peer mentor program that provides peer guidance to incoming School of Nursing students from Junior/Senior guidance
2. Opening up communication and acting as a liaison between the nursing student body and the administration to facilitate proactive feedback, issue resolution and process improvements
3. Community outreach - offer nursing students to help as safety monitors at businesses and stores in exchange for community service hours
4. Hosting or sponsoring events that bring College of Nursing students together with their peers
5. Partner with the university - have nursing students help with advertising new safety policies, inform student body, and distribute PPE