

TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF THE RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACULTY SUPPORT OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AS CO-CURRICULAR

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WHEREAS, the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) house of delegates in 2013 adopted the resolution entitled “In Support of Increased Awareness of the Importance of Leadership Development Among Nursing Students” and in 2014, “In Support of Encouraging Nursing Students to Participate in the NSNA by Establishing a Method for Promoting Professional Growth in Leadership as Part of the Nursing Curriculum”; and

WHEREAS, faculty support is helpful and necessary for students who hold leadership positions in co-curricular activities (Lundberg, 2014, 79); and

WHEREAS, a culture of fear and micromanagement can limit student involvement in leadership opportunities (Bharwani, Kline, Patterson, & Craighead, 2017, p. 22 & 27); and

WHEREAS, the apprehension of students to hold leadership positions is due to a misconception that a negative relationship with faculty will develop (Blume, Baldwin, & Ryan, 2013, p. 165); and

WHEREAS, frequent student-faculty interaction outside the classroom exceeds the contribution of the traditional setting as it relates to personal and career development (Lundberg, 2014, 79)

WHEREAS, effective student leadership development through education calls for opportunities for students to use praxis both inside and outside of the classroom (Buschlen Guthrie, 2014, p. 5)

WHEREAS, students vying for employment opportunities can distinguish themselves from competition by their involvement in extracurricular activities and demonstrating leadership roles (Roulin & Bangerter, 2013, p. 43); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ohio Student Nurses Association (OhSNA) create a position paper advocating for it’s constituent associations to consider membership and its leadership opportunities as relevant to undergraduate education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA encourage local level associations to advocate with students regarding the positive effects which accompany active membership in all levels of the organization beyond the realm of local chapters; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA publish an article in their monthly newsletter, if feasible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA send a copy of this resolution to the Ohio Nurses Association, the Greater Cleveland Nurses Association, the Mid-Ohio Nurses Association, the

Southwestern Ohio Nurses Association, all Ohio universities and nursing schools, and all others deemed appropriate by the OhSNA Board of Directors.