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Advisory Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Associate Degree Nursing advisory committee is to help evaluate the program to see if we are current in the field, whether we are headed in the right direction, and offer strategies to improve the program. They give us the benefits of thinking from different perspectives and offer expert advice on current and future issues.

Words of Advice

Advisory Committee's are to offer advice but if one isn't careful they will take on a life of their own and start running the show for you. The committee should be made up of a few of your outstanding graduates and a rep from the major areas that people from similar positions in the field. Do not have more than 1 or 2 nurses who work in ER for example. You may want to have a floor nurse and a nurse administrator, a doctor, a hospital businessperson, an average joe consumer, a nurse educator from another institution etc. In order to insure a good attendance at meetings the number probably should be about 24 and hope that you can get 12 at the meetings. Try to have a meeting at least once a year and twice if possible.

A meal function is nice if you have the funds. The meetings should not last more than two to two and one-half hours. The first meeting can be one where you inform them about the Division, let them know of some of your problem areas and give them a chance to get involved in the conversations. Provide them with all printed matter you can find prior to the first meeting. Most departments tend to want to take up all the time and never get around to asking for advice.

Setting up a committee is a good way to communicate with folks who may be in a position to help you in other ways in addition to giving advice.

Frank Conley

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