

Board Meeting  
November 9, 2006

REVISE NURSING SERVICE PLAN BYLAWS,  
COLLEGE OF NURSING, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve Revisions to the Nursing Service Plan Bylaws, College of Nursing, Chicago

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago recommends revisions to the bylaws of the Nursing Service Plan involving the services of faculty in the College of Nursing. On September 2, 1999, the Board approved the establishment of a Nursing Service Plan (NSP) whereby College of Nursing faculty involved in clinical patient care activities may charge clinical service fees. The members of the NSP operate under bylaws that provide for the administration and governance of the NSP fund.

Under the bylaws, the NSP is governed by a board of directors consisting of the College of Nursing department heads, elected faculty members and members of the dean's staff. As originally approved by the Board, the bylaws provided for amendments to the bylaws are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois before such amendments will be effective. The Nursing Service Plan Board of Directors has voted to revise the Nursing Service Plan for the College of Nursing at Chicago (CON) to clarify a number of issues:

- The current plan defines the membership of the Nursing Service Plan as "...all CON Faculty providing income-

generating clinical nursing services as a condition of employment or other affiliation with the College...” but also allows for “other faculty services.” The revised plan clarifies that membership may include “...College faculty who elect membership and provide indirect professional services to individuals, families, groups, communities, or other organizations.” Indirect professional services include healthcare consulting and continuing education.

- The revisions also clarify the responsibilities of Nursing Service Plan board members with respect to (1) the approval of annual NSP budgets and practice fee schedules; (2) the determination of the proportional distribution of NSP Faculty Variable Compensation; and (3) the monitoring of the quality of NSP services.

The revised bylaws have been reviewed by University Counsel and have received the endorsement of the Board of Directors and the members of the NSP. A copy of the revised bylaws will be filed with the Secretary of the Board for record.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.