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(Note: Elections for vacant offices and committee representatives are held during the Fall semester)

Student Government Association

President	Shannon Stancliff
Vice President	Kelli Shepherd
Secretary	Mary Walter
Treasurer	Rachel Fowler
Social Coordinator	Gretchen Byars
Policy Writer	Katie Laser
SGA/SNA Liaison	Grace Stearns
Advisor	Mardi Long

Student Nurses' Association

President	Carie Prue
Vice-President	Lauren Young
Secretary	Jennifer Myers
Treasurer	Nicole Staubes
Breakthrough to Nursing	Cathy Mulloy
Community Health Director	Jessica Cleveland
Legislative Liaison	Megan Goodwin
Historian	Meara Borgen
Faculty Advisor	Carol McDougall

Multi-Cultural Student Nurses Organization

President	TBE
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Honor Council

The link to the University Honor Code is: <http://www.musc.edu/honorcode/> This link includes the Election Guidelines for Honor Council Member.

Chair	Bridget McLernon-Sykes
Vice Chair	Blair Webb
Secretary	Kristie Quarles
Representatives	Millicent Cohen Erica Grove Ashley Miller Abigail Painter Celine Rivers Nicole Staures
Faculty Representatives	Ms. Carol McDougall

Faculty Advisor Dr. Susan Benedict
 Dr. Ann Hollerbach

College of Nursing Faculty Committees with Student Representation

Doctoral Program Committee Representatives

PhD Student Susan Newman
 PhD Student Berry Anderson

Evaluation and Program Effectiveness Committee Representatives

BSN SGA President or Delegate
 MSN Program Committee Rep.
 Or Delegate
 PhD Student Program Committee Rep.
 Or Delegate

Graduate Program Committee Representative

Graduate Student (1 MSN Student) TBE

Undergraduate Program Committee Representatives

BSN Student Jackie Malone
 BSN Student TBE

Student Organizations and Bylaws

See University Wide Student Organizations and College Related Student Organizations in University Student Handbook at:

http://www.musc.edu/studenthandbook/Web_handbook/hbook_index.html .

Student Government Association (MUSC and CON)

The MUSC Student Government Association represents students in all of the six colleges: Dental Medicine, Health Professions, Graduate Studies, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

Members of the MUSC Student Government Association work on the behalf of the students by performing the following services:

1. Facilitating the exchange of information and ideas between the six colleges and all students attending the Medical University of South Carolina.
2. Serving as a liaison between MUSC students and the University administration to represent student opinions, needs, interests, and disseminating and promoting the exchange of information from the administration to students.
3. Taking action to increase the quality of student services and academic programs to further enhance the education of MUSC students.
4. Planning and executing a variety of social, cultural, and recreational events to promote fellowship, personal growth, and interaction with MUSC students and the University community.

5. Maintaining a budget, within the allocated funds, to most effectively serve the MUSC student body.

The Student Government Association works to integrate student opinion into University planning and policy making. SGA members represent MUSC students on most university wide committees and the president represents students at semimonthly meetings of the University Board of Trustees.

The College of Nursing Student Government has the same purpose, but at the college level. There is a College of Nursing Student Government Association Constitution and bylaws.

Student Government Association Bylaws

Article I. Name

The name of this association shall be the Student Government Association of the College of Nursing of the Medical University of South Carolina.

Article II. Purposes

The purposes of this association shall be to:

1. Facilitating the exchange of information and ideas between all students enrolled in the College of Nursing,
2. Serving as a liaison between College of Nursing students, faculty, and administration to represent student opinions, needs, interests, and disseminating and promoting the exchange of information from the administration to students,
3. Taking action to increase the quality of student services and academic programs to further enhance the education of College of Nursing students,
4. Planning and executing a variety of social, cultural, and recreational events to promote fellowship, personal growth, and interaction with College of Nursing students, faculty, and administration, and
5. Maintaining a budget, within the allocated funds, to most effectively serve the College of Nursing student body.

Article III. Members

All College of Nursing students are members of this Association

Article IV. Officers

Section A.

The officers of this association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Coordinator, and Policy Writer.

Section B.

To be eligible to serve as an officer or representative of this association, the student must be in good standing with the College of Nursing and Medical University of South Carolina.

Section C.

Officers are selected by secret ballot by students. If no candidate receives the majority of the votes, a run-off shall be held.

Section D. The President shall:

- a. Serve as the liaison between the student body, faculty, and administration
- b. Lead CON SGA meetings
- c. Review CON SGA concerns and requests, maintaining a cohesive council
- d. Facilitate discussion of student issues with faculty and administration
- e. Communicate effectively with peers, administration, and faculty
- f. Call at least one CON SGA meeting per month

Section E. The Vice President Shall:

- a. Coordinate all fund raising events including CON Career Day.
- b. Document and organize resources, contacts, and fundraising processes
- c. Assume the duties of the President in his/her absence

Section F. The Treasurer shall:

- a. Maintain all financial transactions and records of the CON SGA
- b. Work closely with the Vice President to organize fundraisers and keep track of the monies throughout the event
- c. Provide monthly financial reports to the President and the Vice President showing all income and expenses
- d. Maintain a treasurer's notebook with all the information from the current and past year
- e. Change signatures on SGA bank account within two weeks of elections

Section G. The Secretary shall:

- a. Prepare information for CON e-Connections by the 23rd of each month
- b. Communicate with the MUSC SGA representatives to include school-wide events
- c. Prepare minutes and reports for CON SGA meetings
- d. Assist CON officers with correspondence

Section H. The Social Coordinator shall:

- a. Coordinate social events for the student body
- b. Organize the buddy system for the incoming classes
- c. Develop events to welcome new students
- d. Work with MUSC SGA representatives to encourage participation in school-wide events

Section I. The Policy Writer shall:

- a. Review all MUSC and CON policies and notify student government officers of relevant policies and procedures
- b. Write by-laws for the CON SGA

Article V. Faculty Advisors

Section A.

The Director of Student and Alumni Relations shall serve as the advisor.

Student Nurses Association (Sigma Nu Alpha)

The MUSC chapter of the Student Nurses Association is Sigma Nu Alpha. This organization is open to all students, however, there is a membership fee. It sponsors programs and activities throughout the academic year. It is active in state and local chapters.

Multicultural Student Nursing Organization

Article I. Multicultural Student Nursing Organization

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the MCSNO

Article II. Purpose

- Section 1. The MCSNO hopes to establish a foundation of support and resources for all minority students enrolled in the MUSC College of Nursing in an attempt to enhance the cultural and educational experience of diversified students of various races and ethnicities. The MCSNO has established the following guidelines, principles, and purpose as a basis for formation. The MCSNO wishes to:
- a. Provide a foundation of support and resources for all minority students enrolled in the MUSC College of Nursing.
 - b. Encourage academic excellence, individual achievement, and nursing professionalism among diverse students.
 - c. Create and foster a professional and cooperative relationship with the Office of Diversity, MUSC staff, faculty, and other established student organizations.
 - d. Expose opportunities for career diversity and advancement to minority students.

Article III. Membership and Dues

Section 1. Membership of this organization shall be open to all MUSC College of Nursing students, faculty, and members of their families.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer.

- Section 2.
- a. The duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings, to call special meetings, and to appoint committees, etc.
 - b. The duties of the vice-president shall be to perform all duties of the president in

his/her absence and to serve as program chairmen.

- c. The duties of the treasurer shall be to keep and report accurate and complete records of all monetary transactions and collect dues.
- d. The duties of the secretary shall be to keep accurate and permanent records of the minutes and proceedings of the organization, to take charge of all correspondence, to notify all members of meetings, etc.

Section 3. Election of Officers

- a. The officers shall be elected at the next to the last meeting of the academic year, or as needed to fill vacancies.
- b. officers must be responsible and goal oriented individuals in good academic standing with MUSC.
- c. candidates shall be nominated by members of the group
- d. voting shall be performed by secret ballot.
- e. a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election.

Article V. Faculty/Staff Advisor

Section 1. The selection of an advisor will be at the discretion of the members of MCSNO.

Section 2. the Faculty Advisor must be a full-time MUSC employee.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. The Multicultural Student Nursing Organization shall meet as decided by the organization membership at the beginning of each semester.

Article VII. Quorum

Section 1. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing and read at a regular meeting and shall be acted upon at the following meeting.

Section 2. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of 2/3 of those members present at the meeting.

Sigma Theta Tau International (ΣΘ T)

Gamma Omicron Chapter at Large of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing was established at MUSC in 1978. Undergraduate candidates (BSN and RN-BSN) for membership are required to complete one half (minus 1-2 credits) of the nursing curriculum to be considered for membership. Nursing curriculum refers to courses that carry a nursing prefix. Membership at the undergraduate level is based on a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. In addition, students are required to rank in the upper 35% of their class in scholarship. Graduates of baccalaureate nursing programs may be considered under the criteria up to one year following graduation provided they have the minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and rank in the upper 35% of their graduating class.

Students in the graduate program are required to have an earned 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students

in the master's program are required to have completed 1/4 of their program of study to be considered for membership. For example, if the program requires a total of 36 semester hours, students would be considered for membership at the completion of 9 semester hours.

Student Awards

Alumni Association Outstanding BSN Student Award

The College of Nursing Alumni Association presents a pin to the member of the graduating BSN class at Convocation. The recipient is nominated by their peers, then selected by faculty vote. The criteria for the award is a cumulative earned 3.5 GPA or better at the end of the semester prior to completing degree requirements, professional fitness and excellent clinical skills, leadership, and potential for growth in the profession, and a caring attitude toward others.

Alumni Association Outstanding MSN Student Award

The College of Nursing Alumni Association presents a pin to the member of the graduating MSN class at the May Convocation. The recipient is nominated by their peers, then selected by faculty vote. The criteria for the award is a cumulative earned 3.5 GPA or better at the end of the semester prior to completing degree requirements, exemplary professional behavior, commitment to nursing and patient care, evidence of growth as a professional, and contribution to the growth of others.

Community Service Award

The community service award may be presented at the December and/or May Convocation to a graduating student representing the baccalaureate, masters or doctoral program. Faculty and students may nominate potential recipients, then an ad for faculty committee, chaired by the Associate Dean for Practice, makes the final decision. The criteria for the award is academic excellence, leadership and participation in health related activities in the community outside of expected course work.

Dean's List

At the end of fall, spring, and summer semesters, the Dean's List is compiled. It consists of the names of all students who carried 10 or more semester hours and who earned a GPA of 3.5 or better for the semester.

Josephine A. Fogle Award

The Josephine A. Fogle Award is given at the May Convocation to a member of the graduating BSN class who has been selected by their classmates as the "student whose greatest motivation in nursing is to render nursing skills and comforting care for patients".

Kimberly M. Limbaker Award

The Kimberly Limbaker Award is given at the December Convocation to a member of the graduating BSN class who has been selected by their classmates as the "student who shows enthusiasm for life, a willingness to learn, caring and kindness towards others, academic excellence, and a love of nursing."

Sarah Piechnik Award

The Sarah Piechnik Award is given to a student completing the Master of Science in Nursing degree program in the Nurse Midwifery track. Nurse midwifery faculty determine the recipient based on “scholarliness, involvement in social issues affecting the welfare of women and children, sensitivity to the disadvantaged and underserved populations, and excellence in the integration of professional standards and clinical skills in the practice of nursing.”