

Agenda Item 2.3
Special meeting of Council
Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
By teleconference

Minutes

Present

M. Sloan, Chair
P. Andrade
C. Barnett
C. Beemer
D. Cutler
R. Davidson
T. Dion
C. Egerton
C. Evans
A. Fox

G. Fox
J. Furletti
D. Graystone
M. Hogard
J. Jamieson
R. MacKay
C. Manning
D. Mattina
A. Molloy

N. Osbourne James
D. A. Prillo
S. Robinson
G. Rudanycz
L. Sanderson
M. Tuomi
D. Walia
C. Ward
I. Wiltshire-Stoby

Regrets

Y. Blackwood
D. Burger
T. Holland

A. Jewell
M. MacMillan-Gilkinson
M. Sheculski

H. Whittle
C. Williams

Staff

A. Coghlan
J. Hofbauer, Recorder

K. McCarthy
E. Tilley

S. Vogler

Purpose

This special meeting of Council was held to make a final decision about the proposed amendments to the registration regulation that were approved by Council in June for notice and circulation. M. Sloan highlighted the provisions being amended.

With the support of the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and approval of Council, the timeframe for consultation was reduced to 30 days. The consultation ended July 11, 2016.

Background

All Council members had received a briefing note with a report of the feedback on the proposed amendments to the regulation. M. Sloan noted that the College used a new approach to consultation on the regulation and received an unprecedented response.

Council was reminded that it approved the draft amendments in June because it believed they are in the public interest. The question to be considered at this meeting was whether there was anything in the feedback that would lead Council to change its perspective that any of the proposed amendments are in the public interest

Exam Requirements

M. Sloan highlighted the proposed changes to examination requirements. She noted that some of the feedback did not relate to the regulation itself but to the removal of limits for the NCLEX-RN exam.

M. Sloan asked if any Council members had comments about the proposed amendments related to the exam requirements. There were no comments.

Removal of “in Ontario” from the declaration of practice

Council was reminded that the declaration of recent practice is a requirement for all members who want to maintain registration in the general or extended class. She noted that Council had discussed this issue twice in 2015 and decided that the requirement that practice be “in Ontario” was no longer needed to ensure public safety.

M. Sloan asked if there was anything in the feedback that caused Council to believe that removal of “in Ontario” from the declaration of practice was not in the public interest. There were no comments.

Editorial changes including temporary class

M. Sloan requested comments related to the editorial changes, including those related to consistency for the temporary class. There were no comments.

General discussion

M. Sloan opened the meeting for general discussion.

One member reported that some American applicants are experiencing difficulties with program equivalence. S. Vogler highlighted the applicant assessment process.

One member commented that some of the members of the public who responded to the consultation expressed concern about the unlimited number of writes for the NCLEX-RN

examination. She noted that it will be important to be clear in communicating with the public about the unique nature of the examination.

K. McCarthy noted that Council's feedback will be helpful in the shaping the ongoing communication strategy about the examination.

Motion 1

M. Sloan reviewed the logistics being used to move, second and vote on the motion.

Moved by C. Egerton, seconded by T. Dion,

That the proposed amendments to Part II (Registration) of Ontario Regulation 275/94 (General) under the *Nursing Act, 1991*, as shown in attachment 1 to the briefing note, be approved for forwarding to government for its review and approval.

CARRIED

M. Sloan noted that the regulation will be submitted to the government. Staff will inform Council when the regulation comes into effect.

She reminded Council that when the regulation comes into effect, the limits on writing the NCLEX-RN examination will be removed.

Next Meeting

Council will meet again on Thursday, September 22, 2016. A governance workshop will be held the afternoon of Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

Adjournment

At 4:30 p.m., on conclusion of the agenda and with the consent of the meeting, M. Sloan adjourned the July 28, 2016 special Council meeting.

Chair