

Brief summary for meeting on February 20, 2019

I surveyed the Directors of the State's programs for an update on faculty vacancies. Nine of 14 schools responded (64%). Of these nine, there are 13 current faculty openings, with 39 projected vacancies over the next 5 years.

Only one of the schools reported accessing federal funding for loan repayment (this was not accessed in the last four years). Asked why, many were ineligible for these funds, lacked knowledge of these funds or did not have the administrative capabilities to engage in the process of application for these funds.

When asked about the cost incurred in expanding capacity these were the responses:

- I plan on going for my PhD this fall, where I will have student loans. I am nervous about obtaining student loans, as I have never had any and am concerned of how I will pay them back.
- Costs associated with developing a new pre-licensure BSN program to be delivered to five sites (four distant and one at main campus).
- Renovation of nursing labs to expand program by 16 students; additional faculty costs to cover expanded students;
- Student repayment plans. •
- Needing to hire simulation lab faculty, new simulation lab facilities
- We are not expanding student capacity at this time; no funding
- Utilizing adjunct faculty for didactic courses •
- Increased number of adjunct faculty (part time) •
- Hired more staff, i.e. professional advisors, coordinators, etc...

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