AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Annual Report
Academic Year 2006-2007
PREFACE

The AY 2006-2007 marked an important milestone in the history of the School of Nursing at AUB. The accreditation site-visit took place in May 2007 after having been cancelled by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) because of the July 2006 war and the recent events in Lebanon. The CCNE evaluation report was very positive; the SON met all standards for BSN and MSN accreditation. The CCNE Board during its meeting on October 13, 2007 granted the BSN and MSN programs of the School of Nursing accreditation for a five-year term, which is the maximum term given by CCNE for initial accreditation. AUB School of Nursing is the first School of Nursing outside the US territories to be accredited by CCNE; as such an important recognition and a true milestone for AUB and the School of Nursing were achieved.

The faculty did have a number of achievements to celebrate this year as well; the promotion of Samar Noureddine and Mary Arevian to the ranks of Associate Professor and Clinical Associate Professor respectively; the awarding of the AUB Teaching Excellence Award to Nuhad Dumit; the Suad Sabbah recognition award given to Laila Farhood; and the election of Huda Huijer to the World Wide Alumni Association of AUB are but a few of the noteworthy events. In addition, the faculty has been actively involved in research and scholarly productivity as evidenced by the number of funded research and development projects and scientific publications.

The SON academic programs have also witnessed some changes. A Comprehensive Evaluation Plan has been developed in line with the SON strategic goals and initiatives and is currently being implemented. A number of surveys have been developed and piloted for regular use in the future. They include BSN and MSN exit surveys, BSN and MSN satisfaction surveys, curriculum evaluation survey, alumni satisfaction survey, and employer satisfaction survey. Our course and clinical evaluation methods have undergone extensive scrutiny. Clinical Evaluation Tools for all nursing courses were developed and approved for implementation effective AY 2007-2008. Additionally, a two-day faculty retreat in August 2007 was devoted to evaluation methods and included among others emphasis on designing exam questions. Our curriculum has witnessed some changes as well; at the BSN level the faculty approved combining theory and clinical courses and at the MSN level a new Psychiatry and Mental Health track was approved and a new MSN/MBA dual-degree is being processed.

The SON continued to put emphasis on marketing the SON in Lebanon and the Middle East and on student recruitment. A number of activities took place and included designing materials for electronic distribution on all SON academic programs, distributing informational booklets and posters to High Schools in Lebanon and at the AUB Fair, electronic distribution of information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents to all hospitals, Ministries of Health, Schools and Colleges of Nursing in Lebanon and the region as well as to all nurses in Lebanon and nursing alumni in the region.
We are proud as a result of our accomplishments this past year. This annual report covers in more detail the activities of the School of Nursing in the areas mentioned above. Emphasis is placed in particular on the achievements of the faculty in education, research, and public and professional service.

Huda Abu-Saad Huijer RN, PhD, FEANS
Director, School of Nursing
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I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

A. Faculty and Staff

Director of the School of Nursing per January, 2003
Huda Abu-Saad Huijer, RN, PhD, FEANS, Professor

Faculty members:
Marina Adra, RN, MS Physiology, Clinical Assistant Professor
Mary Arevian, RN, MPH, Clinical Assistant Professor
Nuhad Azoury, RN, MSN, Clinical Assistant Professor
Sossy Balian, RN, MPH, Clinical Assistant Professor
Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebara, RN, MSN, Clinical Instructor
Dr. Hani Dimassi, PhD, Assistant Professor
Myrna Doumit PhD, RN, BSN, TD, MPH, Assistant Professor
Nuhad Dumit, RN, BSN, MA Education, Clinical Assistant Professor, RN-BSN
Coordinator
Laila Farhood, PhD, CS, RN, Professor & Clinical Associate, Psychiatry
Department, Faculty of Medicine, MSN coordinator
Dr. Jane Kelley, RN, PhD. Visiting Professor September 2004-February 2006
May Khoury, RN, BSN, MSN, Clinical Assistant Professor
Sana Marini, RN, BS, BSN, MPH, Clinical Assistant Professor
Samar Noureddine, PhD, RN, CNS, Assistant Professor, BSN coordinator
Dina Madi Shehab, RN, BSN, MA Education, Clinical Instructor

Faculty Academic Promotions
Mary Arevian promoted from Clinical Assistant Professor to Clinical Associate Professor
Samar Noureddine promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Visiting Faculty:
Erika Froelicher, RN, MA, MPH, PhD, FAAN, Professor of Nursing, University of California San Francisco.
Keith Cash, PhD, MSc, BA, RGN, RMN, Professor of Nursing, WHO.

Research assistant
Sarah Abboud, RN

Research Assistants on Grants
Rayyan Al Merhi, RN
Imtithal Kiserwan, RN

Clinical Preceptors:
Ghassan Afram, RN, MPH
Sarah Abboud, RN
Sana Daouk, RN
Roula Ghadban, RN
Reine Nicodene, RN
Graduate Assistants
Sarah Abboud
Mira Abi Saad
Nour Alayan
Farah Alwan
Monita Al-Darazi
Wahid Al-Kaissi
Fatima Al-Sayah
Hisham Bawadi
Rana Chedid
Rebecca El-Asmar
Rida Gharzeddine
Rasha Hamzeh
Janane Hanna
Angala Massouh
Samar Nassif
Farah Salha

Administrative Staff
Ghassan Afram, Executive Officer (effective January 15, 2007)
Lynn Berbary, Student Services, Recruitment, and Career Planning Officer (effective September 1, 2007)
Suzy Garabedian, Secretary
Ilham Rustom, Clerk/Stenographer
Jeanette Zeinati, Clerk/Stenographer
Rabih Daher, Clerk/Messenger

B. COMMITTEES 2006-2007

Standing Committees
Academic & Curriculum Committee:
Huda Huijer (Chair or representative)
Nuhad Dumit (Acting Chair)
Myrna Doumit
Sana Marini
Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebara (appointed)
Jane Kelley (appointed)
Samar Noureddine (Ex-officio)
Rola Yasmine BSN IV (student representative)

Admission & Recruitment Committee:
Nuhad Azoury (Chair)
May Khoury (SoN Representative on AUB Joint Admissions Committee)
Dina Madi Shehab
Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebara (appointed)
Huda Huijer (Ex-officio)

Advisory Committee:
Huda Huijer (Chair)
Myrna Doumit
Graduate Studies Committee:
Laila Farhood (Chair)
Hani Dimassi
Jane Kelley
Samar Noureddine
Huda Huijer (Ex-officio)
Angala Massouh MSN (student representative)

Research & Continuing Education Committee:
Samar Noureddine (Chair, appointed)
Mary Arevian
Hani Dimassi
Laila Farhood
Huda Huijer (Ex-officio)

Student Affairs Committee:
Mary Arevian, class advisor BSN IV (Chair)
Marina Adra, class advisor BSN III
May Khoury BSN II
Dina Madi Shehab, NSS advisor
Dina Mahmassani, BSN III (student representative)

Task Force on Accreditation
Jane Kelley (Chair) until February 1, 2007
Huda Huijer (Co-Chair)
Nuhad Dumit (RN-BSN coordinator)
Laila Farhood (MSN coordinator)
Samar Noureddine (BSN coordinator)
Sarah Abboud (GA)

Strategic Planning Management Committee
Huda Huijer (Chair)
Ghassan Afram (coordinator)
Others: Nuhad Dumit (RN-BSN coordinator), Laila Farhood (MSN coordinator)
Samar Noureddine (BSN coordinator)

School of Nursing Archives Committee
Sossy Balian, (Chair)
Mary Arevian
May Khoury

Final Year Project Task Force
Mary Arevian (Chair)
Nuhad Dumit
Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebara

Social Committee:
Myrna Doumit (Chair)
Sossy Balian
Dina Madi Shehab

**Catalogue Committee**  
Nuhad Dumit, RN-BSN coordinator (Chair)  
Laila Farhood, MSN coordinator  
Samar Noureddine, BSN coordinator

**Third International Nursing Conference**  
**Scientific Committee**  
Samar Noureddine (Chair)  
Mary Arevian  
Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebara  
Keith Cash  
Hani Dimassi  
Myrna Doumit  
Sana Marini  
Huda Huijer (ex-officio)

**Organizing Committee**  
Myrna Doumit (Chair)  
Marina Adra  
Nuhad Azoury  
Sossy Balian  
May Khoury  
Samar Noureddine  
Dina Shehab  
Huda Huijer (ex-officio)

**Social Committee**  
May Khoury (Chair)  
Nisreen Sidani (Co-Chair)  
Myrna Doumit  
Dina Shehab

**Representatives on University, FM, & Nursing Service Committees:**  
Commencement; Sossy Balian  
Senate; Huda Huijer, Laila Farhood  
University Unified Admissions Committee; May Khoury  
New Student Orientation Program Committee; Sana Marini  
Research Committee FM; Hani Dimassi  
IRB; Samar Noureddine  
Faculty of Medicine Graduate Studies; Laila Farhood  
Nursing Service Documentation Committee; Marina Adra  
Nursing Service Quality committee; Nuhad Dumit  
Joint Committee SON/Nursing Service; Nuhad Azoury & Samar Noureddine  
Retention Strategy Committee-Recruitment Subcommittee, Nursing Service; Sossy Balian  
Staff Education Committee, Nursing Service; May Khoury  
Standards of Care Committee, Nursing Service: Myrna Doumit

**SoN Webmaster:** Sana Marini
Other AUB Committees:

**Huda Huijer**
Academic Senate, Member
Medical Affairs Committee, Member
WAAAB, elected Council Member

**Myrna Doumit**
Accreditation working group one, mission, goals and integrity, Member

**Nuhad Dumit**
Nurses’ Chapter of the AUB Alumni Association, President
Council AUB Alumni Association, Member
Accreditation Working Group 8, Institutional Assessment and Student Learning Assessment, Member
University Learning Outcomes Coordinating Committee, AUB, Member

**May Khoury**
Health Care Ethics Committee, Member

**Samar Noureddine**
Professional Development Committee, Nurses Chapter, Alumni AUB, Member
Critical care journal club, Nursing Services, AUBMC, Consultant
Evidence-based Health Care Group, FM, Member
Evidence-based Practice Committee, Nursing Services, AUBMC, Member

All faculty are members of AUB Alumni Association

Non AUB Committees

**Marina Adra**
Order of Nurses in Lebanon, Financial Committee, Member

**Mary Arevian**
Public Health Committee, Boulgherdgian Socio-Medical Centre, Chair.
Armenian Relief Cross in Lebanon; Member

**Nuhad Azoury**
Board YWCA, President
Vocational Committee; YWCA, Chair.
Community Services; YWCA, Member
Health Care Issues; Women’s Prison, Baabda, Member
Lebanese Health Management Association, Member

**Sossy Balian**
UNICEF: Children’s Right in Lebanon, Member
Lebanon Family Planning Association, Member
Breast Feeding- National Committee, Representative of Lebanese Nurses’ Federation
Armenian Relief Cross: Member
Karageuzian Mother and Child Welfare Organization: Executive Secretary
Armenian Evangelical Educational Board, Chairperson
Armenian Evangelical Educational Council in Lebanon, Vice Chairperson
Lebanese Osteoporosis Prevention Society, Member
**Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebara**  
Order of Nurses in Lebanon, Member

**Myrna Doumit**  
Order of Nurses in Lebanon, public relations and publicity sub-committee, Member.  
Lebanese Osteoporosis Prevention Society, Member  
Pain Relief & Palliative Care Group, Member

**Nuhad Dumit:**  
Order of Nurses in Lebanon, Member  
Examining committee of applicants to the position of Nursing Director for the Rafik Hariri University Hospital by the Council of Civil Service, Chair

**Laila Farhood**  
Board of Trustees, Marjayoun National College, Member  
Advisory Board NOUR: Book on ‘Mental Health: A Guide to Arab Women’, Member  
Order of Nurses in Lebanon, Member  
Mental Health Coordinator for the IDP (Internally Displaced persons), Appointed by WHO to coordinate MH activities & propose a National Mental Health Plan

**Huda Huijer**  
Lebanese Society for the Study of Pain, Elected Board member & President Elect  
Scientific Committee; Lebanese Society for the Study of Pain, Chair  
Pain Relief & Palliative Care Group, Member  
National Nursing Development Project, Ministry of Public Health; Steering Committee, Appointed Member by Minister of Health.  
Lebanese Society of Family Medicine, Advisory Board, Member  
Order of Nurses in Lebanon, Member

**May Khoury**  
Pain Relief & Palliative Care Group, Member  
Order of Nurses in Lebanon, Member

**Samar Noureddine**  
Order of Nurses in Lebanon; elected council member and chair of scientific Committee

**Sana Marini**  
Order of Nurses in Lebanon, Member  
Lebanese Healthcare Management Association, Member

**Dina Madi Shehab**  
Lebanese Health Association, Board Member  
Lebanese Osteoporosis Prevention Society, Member  
AUB Alumni Nurses’ Chapter, Corresponding Secretary  
Order of Nurses in Lebanon, Member
International Committees

Mary Arevian
Sigma Theta Tau International, Lambda PI Chapter

Sossy Balian
Haigazian University Board of Trustees: Secretary – Term ended Dec. 31, 2006
La Leche League International, Member
International Council of Women’s Health Issues, Member, networking in the Middle East Region

Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebara
US Board Certified as Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist
Active RN license in Maine, USA
Active APRN certification to practice in Maine, USA
Active RN license in California, USA

Hani Dimassi
American Statistical Association (ASA), Member
Delta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda Society, Member

Myrna Doumit
Arab Forum for Social Sciences and Health, Member
Sigma Theta Tau International, Epsilon Phi Chapter, Member
SIDIEF (Secrétariat International des Infirmières et infirmiers de l’espace Francophone) Canada, Membre
Network of women trainers for the development of women’s training in the Mediterranean basin in the fields of Science and Biotechnology, Member

Nuhad Dumit
Sigma Theta Tau International Alpha Kappa, chapter-at-large, Member

Laila Farhood
Sigma Theta Tau International, Alpha Chapter, Member
Arab Forum for Social Sciences and Health, Member

Huda Huijer
Research Network, European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC), Member
European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) Task Force on Pediatric Palliative Care, Chair
Scientific Organizing Committee, 9th Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC), Achen, Germany, Member
Scientific Organizing Committee, 4th Research Forum of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC), Venice, Italy, Member
Research Committee, International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), Member
Education & PR committee, International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), Member
Curriculum Committee, International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), Member
Special Interest Group on Pediatric Pain, International Associational Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), Member
European Academy of Nursing Science (EANS), Fellow & Founding Member
Worldwide Alumni Association AUB (WAAAUB); elected Council Member
Sigma Theta Tau International, Phi Kappa Phi Chapter, Member

Jane Kelley
American Nurses Association (Mississippi Nurses Association), Member
North American Nursing Diagnosis Association (NANDA), Member
Transcultural Nursing Society, Member
Sigma Theta Tau International, Theta Beta Chapter, Member
American Holistic Nurses Association, Member
Phi Kappa Phi, Member
American Society for Quality, Member
ASQ Healthcare Section, Member

Sana Marini
Capital Area Roundtable on Informatics in Nursing “CARING” Network, Member
Arab Forum for Social Sciences & Health, Member
Emergency Nurses Association ENA, Member

Samar Noureddine
Sigma Theta Tau International, RhO Chapter, Member
Midwest Nursing Research Society, Member
American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Member
European Working Group on Cardiovascular Nursing, Member

Dina Madi Shehab
Secrétariat International des Infirmières et Infirmiers de l’Espace Francophone (SIDIIIEF), Montreal, Quebec, Member
Sigma Theta Tau International, Xi Pi Chapter, Member
II. FACULTY ACTIVITIES

A. TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Marina Adra:
Fall  
NURS 400 Critical Care Nursing, Theory, 3 cr. Co-coordinator  
NURS 401 Critical Care Nursing, Practicum, 3 cr. (2 sections)
Spring  
NURS 302 Nursing Care of Adults II, 3 cr., Co-Coordinator  
NURS 303 Nursing Care of Adults II, 3 cr., Practicum, (2 sections)
Summer  
NURS 310 Pathophysiology, 2 cr., Coordinator

Mary Arevian:
Fall  
NURS 407, Community Health Nursing, theory, 3cr. Coordinator.  
NURS 408, Community Health Nursing, clinical, 3cr. Coordinator  
NURS 314, Community Health Nursing, for RN-BSN
Spring  
NURS 407, Community Health Nursing, Theory, 3cr. Coordinator.  
NURS 408, Community Health Nursing, Clinical, 3cr. Coordinator.
Summer  
NURS 202, Health Assessment, Practicum, 1 cr.

Nuhad Azoury:
Fall  
NURS 300 Nursing Care of Adults I, Theory, 3 cr. Co-coordinator  
NURS 301 Nursing Care of Adults I, Practicum, 3 cr. (2 sections)
Spring  
NURS 302 Nursing Care of Adults II. Theory, 3 cr. Coordinator  
NURS 303 Nursing Care of Adults II, Practicum, 3 cr. (2 sections)
Summer  
NURS 202, Health Assessment, Practicum, 2 cr. Co-coordinator.

Sossy Balian:
Fall  
NURS 200 Introduction to Nursing, 2 cr. Co-coordinator  
NURS 304 Nursing Care of the Expectant Family, 3 cr. Coordinator  
NURS 305 Nursing Care of the Expectant Family, Practicum, 3 cr. Coordinator
Spring  
NURS 306, Nursing Care of Children, 3 cr. Co-coordinator  
NURS 307 Nursing Care of Children, 3 cr. Practicum, (2 sections)
Summer  
NURS 202 Health Assessment, Practicum, 1 cr.

Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebara
Fall  
NURS 402 Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing, Theory, 3 cr. Co-coordinator  
NURS 403 Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing, Practicum 3 cr.
Spring  
NURS 402 Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing, Theory 3 cr. Co-Coordinator  
NURS 403 Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing, Practicum 3 cr.
Summer  
NURS 511K Stress Management, 1cr. Co-coordinator  
NURS 202 Health Assessment, Practicum 1 cr.
### Hani Dimassi

**Fall**
- NURS 406 Nursing Research, 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 511C Sample Size calculations and procedures, 1cr. Coordinator
- NURS 521 Advanced Statistics for Nurses 2 cr. Coordinator

**Spring**
- NURS 502 Advanced Nursing Research, 4 cr. Co-coordinator.
- NURS 203 Biostatistics for Nurses 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 520 Managing Quality with Teams 3cr. Co-Coordinator

**Summer:**
- NURS 511E Special Topics; Survey Methods, 1cr.
  
  Mellon Fellow

### Myrna Doumit

**Fall**
- NURS 200 Introduction to Nursing, 2 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 300 Nursing Care of Adults I, 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 301 Nursing Care of Adults I, 3 cr. Practicum & Coordinator

**Spring**
- NURS 409 Leadership and Management in Nursing, 3 cr. Co-coordinator
- NURS 410 Leadership and Management in Nursing, Practicum 3 cr.
- NURS 520 Managing Quality with Teams, 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 313 leadership and management in Nursing for RN-BSN Co-Coordinator

**Summer**
- Teaching-free Summer/Maternity Leave

### Nuhad Dumit

**Fall**
- NURS 400 Critical Care Nursing, Theory, Theory, 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 401 Critical Care Nursing, Practicum, 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 405 Critical Care Nursing for RN-BSN, 2 cr. Coordinator

**Spring**
- NURS 409 Leadership and Management in Nursing, Theory, 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 410 Leadership and Management in Nursing, Practicum, 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 313 Leadership and Management in Nursing for RN-BSN
- NURS 509 Role Development in Nursing Education, 3 cr. Coordinator

**Summer**
- NURS 205 Foundations of professional Nursing, 2cr. Coordinator
  
  PhD work

### Laila F. Farhood

**Fall**
- NURS 402 Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing, Theory, 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 403 Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing, Practicum 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 501 Foundations of Advanced Nursing Practice, 3 cr. Coordinator

**Spring**
- NURS 402 Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing, Theory 3 cr. Coordinator
- NURS 403 Mental Health & Psychiatric Nursing, Practicum 3 cr. Coordinator

**Summer**
- NURS 511K Stress Management, 1cr. Coordinator
Huda Huijer
Fall  NURS 508 Nursing Administration Practicum, 5 cr.
NURS 598 Project in Nursing Administration, 3 cr.
Spring  NURS 508 Nursing Administration Practicum, 5 cr.
NURS 598 Project in Nursing Administration, 3 cr.
Summer  NURS 508 Nursing Administration Practicum, 5 cr.
NURS 598 Project in Nursing Administration, 3 cr.

May Khoury
Fall  NURS 304 Nursing Care of the Expectant Family, Theory, 3 cr. Co-
Coordinator
NURS 305 Nursing Care of the Expectant Family, Practicum, 3 cr. (2 sections)
Spring  NURS 306 Nursing Care of Children, Theory, 3 cr. Coordinator
NURS 307 Nursing Care of Children, Practicum 3 cr. Coordinator
Summer  NURS 307 Nursing Care of Children, Practicum, 3 cr. (2 sections)

Jane Kelley
Fall  NURS 500 Nursing Theories, 2 cr. Coordinator
NURS 507 Role Development in Nursing Administration, 4 cr. Coordinator
NURS 508 Nursing Administration Practicum, 5 cr.
NURS 598 Project in Nursing Administration, 3 cr.

Sana D. Marini
Fall  NURS 404 Nursing Informatics, 2 cr. Coordinator
NURS 401 Critical Care Nursing Practicum, 3cr (2 sections)
Spring  NURS 201 Introduction to Nursing Practice, Theory, 2 cr. Coordinator
NURS 201 Introduction to Nursing Practice Practicum 1 cr.
Summer  NURS 202 Health Assessment, Practicum, 1 cr.
NURS 308V Nursing Care of Adults, Theory and Practicum, 2 cr.

Samar Noureddine
Fall  NURS 503 Advanced Health Assessment, 3 cr. Coordinator
NURS 504 Advanced Practice in Adult Care I, 4 cr. Coordinator
Spring  NURS 502 Advanced Nursing Research, 4 cr. Coordinator
NURS 505 Advanced Practice in Adult Care II, 4 cr. Coordinator
NURS 506 Advanced Practice in Adult Care III, 4 cr. Coordinator
Summer  NURS 506 Advanced Practice in Adult Care III, 4 cr. Coordinator

Dina Madi Shehab
Fall  NURS 305 Nursing Care of the Expectant Family, Practicum, 3 cr. (2 sections)
Spring  NURS 307 Nursing Care of Children, Practicum, 3 cr.
NURS 201 Introduction to Nursing Practice, Theory, 2 cr. Co-
Coordinator
NURS 201 Introduction to Nursing Practice, Practicum, 1 cr.
Summer  NURS 202 Health Assessment, 2 cr. Coordinator
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B. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

- Mrs. Nuhad Dumit is working towards her PhD at University of Colorado, USA.
- Mrs. Sana Marini started PhD work at University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- Mrs. Dina Shehab was accepted for PhD study at University of Manchester, UK.
- Mrs. Marina Adra was accepted for PhD study at University of Manchester, UK.
- Dr. Hani Dimassi participated in the “2007 Mellon Summer Seminar”.
- The SON organized a Faculty Retreat on Evaluation Methods; August 16 -17.

C. FACULTY RECRUITMENT

- A total of 28 applicants; 23 for full time and 5 for part-time positions were reviewed by search committee. 8 applicants did not qualify, 12 were invited for (teleconference) interview of which 6 took place; 3 at AUB and three using teleconferencing facilities. One offer was made for a full-time academic position and it was accepted.
- A number of positions are still under negotiations.
- 13 applicants either deferred applications or accepted positions elsewhere because of the July 2006 war and the current situation in Lebanon.
III. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

A. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- **BSN:**
  1. A Comprehensive Evaluation Plan is put in place.
  2. Theory and clinical nursing courses were combined.
  3. Standardized Clinical Evaluation Tools were developed and approved.
  4. Content on ‘communication’ integrated in theory and clinical components of all nursing courses.

- **RN-BSN:**
  1. The first six RN-BSN students graduated June 2007.
  2. RN-BSN curriculum evaluation questionnaire was administered June 2007; results analyzed and used for RN-BSN program and course revisions.
  3. One Kuwaiti student enrolled; two expected to enroll fall 2007.
  4. Recruitment plan developed to enhance RN-BSN enrollment.

- **MSN:**
  1. Eight students did their clinical residencies in the USA; 6 at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, one at MD Anderson and one at St. Jude’s Children’s Cancer Center.
  2. A proposal for the Nurse executive track, MSN/MBA is approaching completion and will be submitted for review Fall 2007.
  3. A Psychiatric Mental Health Track was approved and launched AY 2007-2008.

B. STUDENT ENROLLMENT

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<td>20</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>9</td>
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C. STUDENT RECRUITMENT STRATEGY

- Two Graduate Assistants assisted SON in implementing SON marketing and student recruitment strategy.
- Different SON documents for the BSN, RN-BSN and MSN programs were developed for electronic dissemination in Lebanon to high schools, hospital and nursing service administrators, schools of nursing, vocational and technical nursing programs, and to all nurses registered in the Order of Nurses in Lebanon.
- Similar documents were developed for electronic dissemination to Ministries of Health, hospitals, Schools of Nursing, and alumni in the region.
- SON posters, brochures, and Frequently Asked Questions documents were sent to all High schools in Lebanon.
• SON posters, brochures, and Frequently Asked Questions documents were distributed to potential students during AUB Fair in March and April.
• An Open House was held in June for all accepted students to the BSN program during which SON film was shown and information was given on all academic programs.
IV. ACCREDITATION

A. CCNE ACCREDITATION

• The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) approved extending the eligibility period for initial accreditation of the SON to June 2007 due to the recent war events in Lebanon.
• The CCNE site-visit took place May 21-23, 2007; the evaluation team included 4 international nursing scholars and a CCNE staff member as observer. The briefing of the three-day meeting was very positive.
• The report of the CCNE Evaluation Team was received in June. AUB School of Nursing met all standards for BSN and MSN Accreditation. The only compliance issue was related to offering the MSN Pharmacology and Pathophysiology courses as two independent courses instead of integrated as currently offered. The School of Nursing responded to the site-visit team report on June 18, 2007 in a letter correcting errors and addressing compliance concerns. The syllabus of the new MSN Pharmacology course was also submitted.
• The CCNE Board during its meeting on October 13, 2007 granted the BSN and MSN programs of the School of Nursing accreditation for a five-year term, which is the maximum term given by CCNE for initial accreditation. The Board felt that the master's program's response to the compliance concern had been satisfactorily addressed in the response, and so there were no remaining concerns. The decision is effective as of October 13, 2007. The BSN and MSN Programs at AUB are the first CCNE accredited nursing programs outside the US territories.

B. STRATEGIC PLANNING

• A Strategic Planning Management Review Team chaired by the director and assisted by executive officer monitors the implementation of initiatives based on KPIs on 6-monthly basis.
• Data on students and graduates is being collected and entered into the system on a regular basis.
• Survey tools were developed and pilot-tested in June. They include BSN Exit Survey, BSN Satisfaction Survey, MSN Exit Survey, Alumni Satisfaction Survey, and Employer Satisfaction Survey. A Peer Evaluation Tool is being developed and will be tested in the near future.
V. RESEARCH & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Current programs of research in the School of Nursing include:

- Stress Research. Lead researcher Dr. L. Farhood.
- Pain Management and Palliative Care. Lead researcher Dr. H. Huijer.
- Health Beliefs and Behavior; Health-seeking behavior among the chronically ill. Lead researcher Dr. S. Noureddine.
### A. Current SON Faculty Research

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| Mary Arevian          | *Reproductive Tract Infections (RTIs) among Young People: “A Social Franchising Approach to Prevention”.*  
                          Other researchers: Mrs. A.B. Chadarevian                                                                                                                  | UNFPA           |        |          |         | X         |
| Mary Arevian          | *Levels of Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices among Lebanese/Armenian Women following an Educational Program.*  
                          Other researchers: Dr. S. Noureddine, & Mrs. T. Kabakian                                                                                             |                 |        |          |         | X         |
| Mary Arevian          | *Beliefs about breast cancer, breast self exam and mammography, among Lebanese/Armenian women*. (Funded by Armenian Relief Cross in Lebanon).*  
                          Other researchers: Dr. S. Noureddine                                                                                                                     | ARC             |        |          |         | X         |
| Mary Arevian          | *Perception of health related quality of life and Adherence to therapeutic regimen of diabetics*. (Funded by Armenian Relief Cross in Lebanon).*  
                          Other Researcher: T. Bakalian                                                                                                                                  | ARC             |        |          |         | X         |
| Sossy Balian          | *Nursing in Lebanon and the Middle East; A Historical Perspective.*  
                          Other researchers: Dr. H. Huijer                                                                                                                            |                 |        |          |         | X         |
| Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebara | *When Religions Speak of Life and Death: the perspective of Muslims and Christians in Lebanon.*  
                          Other researchers: H. Tashjian                                                                                                                               |                 |        |          |         | X         |
| Hani Dimassi          | *Evaluation of Medication for Mental Health Illness. Cross sectional Study.*  
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| Samar Noureddine | **Factors Associated with Delay in Seeking Health Care among Persons Experiencing Symptoms of Acute Coronary Syndromes.**  
*Other SON faculty members involved: Mrs. N. Dumit, Mrs. M. Adra, Mrs. M. Arevian, & Mrs. D. Shehab.* | URB and MPP funding | X |
| Samar Noureddine | **Illness Representations and Potential Responses to Acute Coronary Syndrome Symptoms in a Lebanese Community Sample.**  
*Other researchers: Dr. E. Froelicher; Dr. A. Sibai, Dr. H. Dakik, H. & Dr. H. Huijer. Data collection in progress.* | Funding will be sought from MPP or URB | X |
| Samar Noureddine | **In-hospital Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation at AUBMC: A retrospective review.**  
*Other researchers: Dr. G. Jamaleddine & Mrs. H. Tashjian  
Approval secured from IRB* |  | X |
*Proposal submitted to NIH for funding. Preliminary studies in progress, including chart abstractions from the Family Medicine and Dietary Department at AUBMC and Rafik Hariri University Hospital on obese patients’ demographic and health profiles. Also pilot testing of instruments in progress in a prospective study at the outpatient department, AUBMC.* | NIH R01 | X |
| El Zein, H., Nabulsi, M., Ghaddar, M., Noureddine, S., Najjar, D., & Barhoumi, A. | **Pediatric obesity integrated school intervention and clinical management.** | NIH R01 | X |
| Dina Shehab | **Pain in Children with Cancer.**  
*Other researchers: Dr. H. Huijer  
Proposal writing.* |  | X |
B. SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS:

- Abu-Saad Huijer, H. (2006). Editor, Special Issue on Nursing in the Middle East – Cherishing the Past; 100 Years of Nursing Education at AUB. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 17 (4) October Issue.


**Reports:**

- Arevian, M., Chadarevian, A.B., El Roueiheb, Z. (2006). Knowledge, perceptions and practices of young people in Borj Hammoud community regarding reproductive tract infections. Published in a special report by UNFPA.

- Dumit, N. (2006). School Book Content Analysis of Reproductive and Sexual Health. Educational Center for Research and Development (ECRD), and UNFPA

C. COMPLETED PHD DISSERTATIONS SUPERVISED

Huda Huijer

- Anne-Sylvie Ramelet. The Development of a Multidimensional Pain Assessment Scale for Critically Ill Preverbal Children. School of Nursing and Midwifery-Curtin University of Technology. Australia. October 2006.

D. EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Mary Arevian
2006-now Reviewer, Journal of Transcultural Nursing
2006 Reviewer, Journal of Interprofessional Care

Myrna Doumit
2007 Reviewer, Collegian Journal
2007 Reviewer, European Journal of Oncology Nursing

Laila Farhood
2000-now Reviewer for “Dirasat”, a scientific publication of Jordan University
2006-now Reviewer, Journal of Transcultural Nursing
2006-now Reviewer, Journal of Interprofessional care
2007 Reviewer, Journal of Clinical Practice and Epidemiology in Mental Health

Huda Huijer
1994-now Member of Advisory Board, International Journal of Nursing Studies
1999-now Member of the Advisory Board, Journal of Transcultural Nursing
2000-now Member, Editorial Board, Scandinavian Journal of Caring Science
2002-now Member of Editorial Board, the Suffering Child
2003-now Member of Editorial Board, Journal of Supportive Palliative and Cancer Care
2005-now Member of Editorial Board, Journal of Nursing Scholarship
2006-now Member of Editorial Board, Japanese Journal of Nursing Science
1995-now Reviewer, Clinical Journal of Pain
1998-now Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine.
1998-now Reviewer, Clinical Nursing Research.
2002-now Reviewer, Pain
2005-now Reviewer, Journal of Interprofessional Care
2005-now Reviewer Lancet
Jane Kelley
2006-now Reviewer, Journal of Transcultural Nursing

Samar Noureddine
2006-now Reviewer, Journal of Transcultural Nursing
2004-now Editor, Order of Nurses Newsletter

E. SCIENTIFIC & RESEARCH GRANT REVIEWS

Huda Huijer
2006-2007 Reviewer, Dutch Organization for Scientific Research, NWO, the Netherlands
2006-2007 Reviewer, Austrian Science Fund
2006-now Reviewer of International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) Collaborative Research and other Grants; John J Bonica Trainee Fellowship: Scan/Design Bruun Foundation Fellowship: Patrick D. Wall Young Investigator Award (for Basic Science): Ulf Lindblom Young Investigator Award (for Clinical Science); Ronald Dubner Research Prize.
2007 International reviewer, Marsden Fund, New Zealand
2006-2007 External Assessor; Personal Chair, Dr. Julie Taylor; School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Dundee, Scotland, UK

Hani Dimassi
2007 Reviewer research proposals, Faculty of Medicine Research Committee and Faculty of Health sciences, AUB.

Myrna Doumit
2007 Reviewer of research proposals, URB, AUB

Samar Noureddine
2007 Reviewer research proposals from Faculty of Engineering and Architecture and Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, AUB.

F. SCIENTIFIC LECTURES

Mary Arevian

Myrna Doumit
- The lived experience of Lebanese oncology patients receiving palliative care. Workshop organized by the Pain Relief and Palliative Care Workgroup under the auspices of the Lebanese Cancer Society, June 16, 2007, Beirut, Lebanon (Postponed).

Hani Dimassi
- Dimassi, H. Role of Statistics in Research. El Iman Hospital, Riyadh, KSA, June 2007.

Laila Farhood
- Farhood, L. “Mental Health & Psychosocial Care of Citizens Affected by the War” presented at the Lebanese psychiatric society, Dec 9, 2006.
- Farhood, L. Psychiatric morbidity in South Lebanon: PTSD & Depression, presented at the International Congress of Psychosomatic Medicine August 25-31 2007, Quebec, Canada
Huda Huijer
- Huijer Abu-Saad, H. Interprofessional Education in Pediatric Palliative Care; A Must. November 7-8, 2006. Pediatric Palliative Care Conference, Milan, Italy (Invited).
- Huijer Abu-Saad, H. Palliative care in Lebanon; knowledge, attitudes, and practices of physicians and nurses. Faculty of Health Sciences Research Seminars, AUB. April 12, 2007. Beirut, Lebanon.
- Huijer Abu-Saad, H. Palliative Care in Lebanon. Workshop organized by the Pain Relief and Palliative Care Workgroup under the auspices of the Lebanese Cancer Society, June 16, 2007, Beirut, Lebanon (Postponed).

May Khoury
- Zooming into Medical Ethics Group. Teaching Ethics: What movies offer? 18th Wonca World Conference: Genomics & Family Medicine, 24-27 July 2007, Singapore. Represented by Dr. Bassem Saab. The group is made up of the following societies/ departments at the American University of Beirut: The Family Medicine Department, The Nursing Services Department (AUMC), The School of Nursing represented by Mrs. May Khoury, The Lebanese Medical Students International Committee, The Nursing Student Society, The Resident Staff Organization, the Internal Medicine Residents Society, The Internal Medicine Residents Society – Cine Club

Samar Noureddine
VI. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE/SERVICE

Mary Arevian
• Prevention of Substance abuse: Train the Trainers, Program development, Oxfam Quebec Fund for Social Development, Canada.
• Reproductive Tract Infections among young people, UNFPA. Wrote final report
• Chaired the organizing committee of the workshop for health professionals on ‘How to approach reproductive tract infections among young people’.
• Prepared a module for the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health on Measles Immunization.

Jouhayna Bejjani-Gebara
• Clinical Expert, Department of Psychiatry, April – September 2007. Activities included the preparation of self-study modules for nurses who will be involved in the psychiatry unit.
• Mental health trainer, WHO, Lebanon; October 2006 and April/May 2007. The primary purpose of the WHO project was to train primary care physicians and health workers in the South of Lebanon in psychosocial interventions for war victims. This project came in response to the recent war in Lebanon that took place in July 2006. Main responsibilities included: preparing and presenting sections about caring for one’s own emotional wellbeing during times of war as well as the psychosocial interventions for post-war populations. Currently, this endeavor has extended to other parts of Lebanon (Bekaa, Tripoli…etc.), however has been postponed due to the recent conflict in the North of Lebanon.
• Basic Life Support (BLS) provider

Laila Farhood
• Clinical Associate Department of Psychiatry, FM (one day per week). Clinical activities include Psychiatric assessment & Psychotherapy (individual, couple & family therapy).
• Involved in organizing workshops on mental health relief to internally displaced individuals (IDP) & families. The aim was to help mental health workers (psychologists, medical students, residents & nurses) help IDP (train the trainers) Sept – Oct 2006. AUBMC Psychiatry department
• Mental Health coordinator for Lebanon (WHO) July 06 – May 2007; coordinated the mental health relief efforts in Lebanon “Mental Health & Psychosocial Care of citizens affected by the war”.
• Reappointed “WHO expert advisory panel on nursing” 2007- 2009

Myrna Doumit
• Initiator of a cancer patients’ support group at AUBMC.
• Member of the organizing committee of the 2008 Marathon for breast cancer patients in Lebanon.

Nuhad Dumit
• Served on the Colloquium Examining Committee, June 2006
• Lead investigator in the School Book content Analysis for reproductive and sexual health, Center for Educational Research and Development, Ministry of Education, supported by the UNFDP.
• Consultant to the MOH Syria; designing nursing curriculum to be proposed to the Syrian Ministry of Higher Education. Funded by WHO.
• Development of a proposal for a hybrid RN-BSN program for KFMC

Huda Huijer
• Co-organizer of the Workshop on Palliative Care in Lebanon, Pain Relief and Palliative Care Working group, under the auspices of the Lebanese Cancer Society (postponed).
• Development of the Mohammad Almana' College of Health Sciences in close collaboration with faculty members from SON, FM, FAS, and the REP Office. Meetings and consultations ongoing.
• Development of a proposal for a School of Nursing in Abu-Dhabi in close collaboration with REP.
• Development of a proposal for a School of Nursing in Dubai.
• Development of a collaborative proposal with King Fahd Medical City (KFMC) Riyadh Saudi Arabia and a proposal for a hybrid RN-BSN program for KFMC.
• Co-chair, Steering Committee Pediatric Palliative Care in Europe, funded by the Maruzza LeFebvre Foundation.
• Appointed by the Minister of Health to serve on the Steering Committee of National Nursing Development Project (NNDP). Contributed to the development of the National Nursing Plan, the Scope of Nursing Practice, the Law governing the practice of nursing in Lebanon, and to the development of the nursing competencies for the assistant nurse, nurse, and advanced practice nurse.

Jane Kelley
• Nursing Services Department (AUBMC) Communication Task Force (consultant and facilitator for team-based initiative), until January 2007.

May Khoury
• Zooming into Medical Ethics. Teaching Ethics: What movies offer? Member of a multidisciplinary group at AUB coordinating this effort.

Samar Noureddine
• Served as member of the examining committee of applicants to the position of Nursing Director for the Rafik Hariri University Hospital by the Council of Civil Service. 12 applicants interviewed and their files reviewed, June 18 and 19, 2007.
• Acted as president of the first nursing conference in Southern Mount Lebanon titled ‘Nursing Care in the Emergency Room’, May 26, 2007
• Developed and pilot tested a survey for the National Nursing Development Program, Ministry of Public Health, on the profile, working conditions, continuing education needs and job satisfaction of nurses at government hospitals; gave a training session for data collectors, March through May, 2007.
• Served on the Colloquium Examining Committee, June 2006
• Elected Council member, Order of Nurses in Lebanon and Chair, Scientific Committee, Order of Nurses in Lebanon, till April 2007. The major achievement was developing the Scope of Practice document in English and Arabic.
VII. THIRD INTERNATIONAL NURSING CONFERENCE

- The theme of the conference is ‘Bridging Cultures: Developing the Capacity of Nursing’, which is planned to take place June 18-20, 2008 at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

- This conference is planned with a number of objectives in mind. We believe, nursing is at the core of the health care professions and its key role in health care is increasingly being recognized by other disciplines and policy makers in Lebanon, in the region and internationally. The nursing shortage and the migration of nurses have a number of global ramifications which span the economic, social, educational, and health systems in developing and developed countries.

- The conference aims to address the current global issues in nursing and discuss culturally relevant ways to develop the capacity of nursing. We aim to have a forum where speakers from various continents discuss their perspective and experiences on the pivotal position of nursing. The main issues that will be addressed include:
  1. The impact of migration of the nursing workforce on the economics of both exporting and importing countries.
  2. The impact of nursing shortage and migration on health care, including patient outcomes and cultural differences between health providers and care recipients.
  3. The impact of nurses’ migration on the families of nurses, who are mostly women.
  4. The policy and educational ramifications of nursing shortage and migration.
  5. The experience of various cultures in developing the capacity of nursing and strategic implications.
VIII. REP/GULF ACTIVITIES:

- The Mohammad Almana’ College of Health Sciences (MACHS) project in Al-Khobar KSA which includes Divisions of Nursing, Pharmacy, and Medical Laboratory technology, is ongoing. Activities included consultations on orientation year, assistance with faculty recruitment and selection, assistance with program development and other logistics. A number of meetings took place in Beirut with Dr. Aisha Almana’ and project team. A follow-up proposal was approved for three years.
- A full proposal was submitted to Institute of Applied Technology (IAT) Abu-Dhabi UAE responding to an RFP to develop a School of Nursing in UAE.
- Follow-up contacts with Saudi Institute for Health Services (SIHS) in Jeddah to plan collaborative projects with AUB SON.
- Proposal was submitted to establish College of Nursing in Dubai.
- Proposal was submitted to King Fahd Medical City elaborating possible collaborative plans including a College of Nursing and a hybrid RN-BSN program. A follow up conference call to discuss collaborative efforts took place July 2007.
- AUB SON was visited by a number of delegations from Ministry of Health, Kuwait, and King Bin Abdul Aziz University, Riyadh Saudi Arabia.
IX. HONORS, AWARDS, & RECOGNITIONS

- Mrs. Nuhad Dumit received the AUB ‘Teaching Excellence Award’.
- Dr. Laila Farhood received the Suad Sabbah Recognition for distinguished research - AUB Alumni Association.
- Dr. Huda Huijer, Honorary Visiting Professor, Maastricht University, the Netherlands. Until 2007.
- Dr. Huda Huijer, Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins University, School of Nursing, USA. Effective 2006.
- Dr. Samar Noureddine, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University, School of Nursing, USA. Effective 2006.
- Huda Huijer. Featured on 3 TV programs on Pain Management.
## X. MSN STUDENTS PROJECTS AND THESIS

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<td>Development of a Self-Learning Module “Pharmacological Management of Cancer-Related Pain in Adults”</td>
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