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Faculty & Staff Development Coordinator

Dear Joyce,

I am the primary faculty advisor to the Maui Student Nurses Association (MSNA), a constituent member of the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) headquartered in Brooklyn, NY. As a former national president (1992-1994) of the NSNA, I am seasoned in guiding the MSNA chapter president through the professional nursing initiatives happening on a national level. I do this by accompanying the student president to the national convention and their participation in the organization's governing body, the House of Delegates. Learning activities for our nursing students in their pre-licensure association engenders the students to become active members in the American Nurses Association, the leader and voice for Registered Nurses.

According to campus policy, the following is the required one-page summary report of:

A description of the activity and how it impacted student learning and success/your job/UH Maui College and how the program activities were shared.

NSNA is a membership organization representing over 60,000 students in Associate Degree, Diploma, Baccalaureate, and generic Masters' programs preparing students for Registered Nurse licensure, as well as RNs in BSN completion programs. NSNA's objectives are to:

- Bring together and mentor students preparing for initial licensure as registered nurses, as well as those enrolled in baccalaureate completion programs.
- Convey the standards and ethics of the nursing profession.
- Promote development of the skills that students will need as responsible and accountable members of the nursing profession.
- Advocate for high quality, evidence-based, affordable and accessible health care.
- Advocate for and contribute to advances in nursing education.
- Develop nursing students who are prepared to lead the profession in the future.

How student learning was impacted; specifically, for the Maui Student Nurses Association's newly-elected chapter president, Jaime Ferreira, who is currently enrolled in the 1st Level of the UHMC Nursing Program:

As a nursing faculty member, I am obligated by my discipline to engender our student present to implementing resolutions passed by the HOD related to ethics and governance; engaging members in the Code of Ethics; assisting chapters to submit amendments to the Code of Ethics; guiding chapters with bylaws, policies and procedures; reviewing NSNA's policies bylaws and procedures when related issues arise. Upon my return to campus, I shared a summary of convention and student activities, as well as several of the 59 Resolutions that were deliberated and voted on in the NSNA's House of Delegates, the governing body of the association.

As a recent student nurse graduate attests, "NSNA is an organization that tailors its every move to suit the student nurse. From conferences to publications, NSNA is there to support student nurses and help mold them into tomorrow's leaders. The NSNA Convention afforded me the opportunity to network with nursing students,



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faculty and nurse leaders. As a nursing student I firmly believe every student nurse should be a member of this organization and leave their Imprint on the world."

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Potter-Dunlop".

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