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Provost Usher mentioned that work-related experiential education continues to be a focus, and

, in 2023, the Board of Visitors approved to change the name of the School of Nursing to the College of Nursing; and

, the proposed revised department structure for the College of Nursing more appropriately aligns with the administrative structure of that academic unit and will align with the Teaching and Research Faculty Handbook; and

, the proposed department structure was approved by a vote of the faculty of the College of Nursing and was subsequently recommended by a vote of the Teaching and Research Faculty Senate; and

, the proposed departmental structure has a net-neutral effect on the budget;

, that the Academic Excellence and Research Committee recommends that the Board of Visitors approves to revise the department structure of the College of Nursing as proposed;

, that the President and/or designee(s) are hereby authorized to submit any and all documentation that may be required to receive approval of the revised department structure to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Referred by: Governance Committee

MOTION

The Faculty Senate supports the College of Nursing's proposed revision of its organizational structure to two departments

1. Department of Undergraduate Nursing
2. Department of Graduate Nursing

RATIONALE:

This proposal was approved by a vote of the College of Nursing faculty on August 12, 2024. Although the College of Nursing was formed in January 2024, the college does not align with the structure of other colleges and departments at Radford University. Functionally, the college has three units with "chairs," known as academic unit heads. Thus, the creation of departments within the college more appropriately aligns with the administrative structure of a college and with the *Radford University Teaching & Research Faculty Handbook*.

In order to accommodate the very large number of students and faculty in the BSN degree program (CIP 51.3801), the Undergraduate Nursing department will have two co-chairs – one for pre-licensure BSN and one for post-licensure RN to BSN. The Graduate Nursing department would only have one chair to house the graduate nursing CIP codes (51.3802, 51.3805, 51.3818).

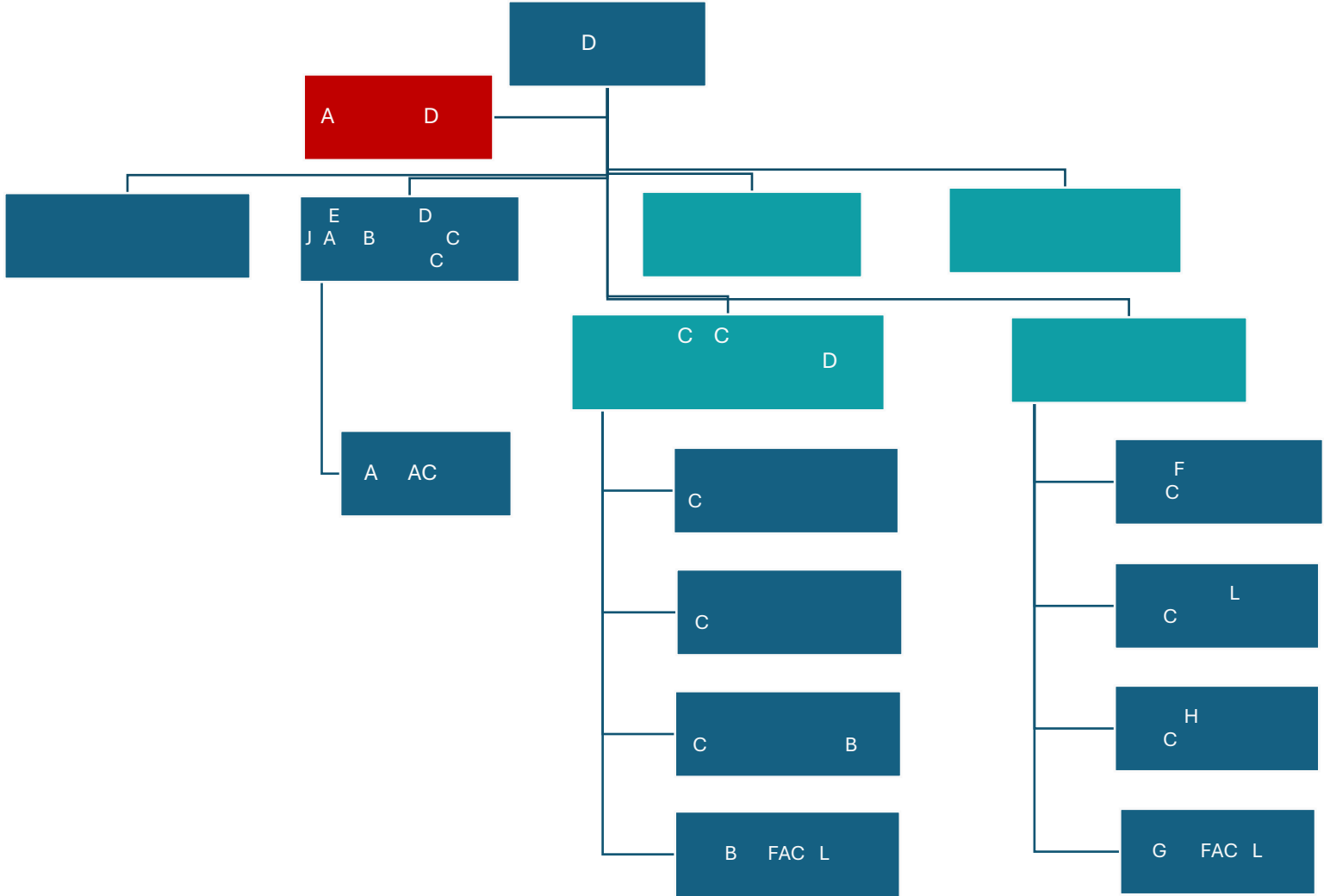
The change to the proposed departmental structure has a net-neutral effect on the budget. Associate Dean, Assistant Dean, and Chair stipends will come from funds already provided to the university for nursing education by the Commonwealth but not yet allocated.

The number of faculty and students in each department will be as follows:

- Department of Undergraduate Nursing
 - o Faculty: 40
 - o Students: 1,242
- Department of Graduate Nursing
 - o Faculty: 13
 - o Students: 130

The college also has a significant number of adjuncts throughout all programs, primarily for the clinical components of courses and online post licensure and graduate courses.

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