Using the data provided by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, please provide a brief narrative to contextualize your request.

Using the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty (FT FTEF / PT FTEF), please give a little more information about the need for the increase in full-time faculty.

Due to both approval and accrediting body requirements to maintain an equal or higher number of FT-to-PT faculty numbers, a FT faculty position is needed to be able to expand the VN career pathway. Expansion of this pathway is needed as it provides upward mobility to higher degrees from the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program and graduates of the VN program contribute to the number of students applying to the LVN-to-RN advanced placement program. Continued interest by community partners to expand the pathway between CNA and LVN will help the School of Nursing participate in current and future apprenticeship programs and other grant opportunities. A FT faculty position will allow us to increase our enrollment numbers into a program that allows students to advance their education and enter the workforce into high paying jobs in one year. Having the ability to increase enrollment will also allow the School of Nursing to participate in apprenticeship programs which we are limited in doing at our current capcity. Increasing the number of graduates in a short period of time will also positively contribute to the healthcare needs of our community and the needs of our partnering clinical agencies.

Using the waitlist per section report (additional tab), please discuss the number of courses ranking high on the college’s waitlist per section report. Please also note which CSU General Education requirements these course fulfill.

The VN program does not use waitlists.

Using the efficicency metric based on WSCH/FTEF, discuss the discipline efficiency. How has the efficiency changed over the past few years? What is your discipline doing to increase efficiency? Have you changed course delivery methods (online to face-to-face, evening offerings, etc.) to try and improve efficiency?

Due to clinical agency requirements, faculty-to-student ratios must be 1:10 or less which prohibits overall program efficiency. We have increased efficiency by increasing the faculty-to-student ratios for on-campus lab offerings, when possible.

Please discuss any faculty trends (historical and recent changes) which have helped you identify this need.

Due to the pandemic, the State of California is experiencing a severe nursing shortage which is predicted to worsen with the vaccine mandates. This faculty position request is a proactove attempt to increase enrollment/graduate numbers in order to meet the healthcare needs of our community. All community college nursing programs in the area have either decreased enrollment numbers or temporarily halted their programs. The School of Nursing is trying to grow all of our programs but is limited to due to number of FT faculty.

Please discuss any specific activities your discipline has participated in with a focus on reducing the student equity gap. This could include serving on the student equity committee, holding office hours in engagement centers, or faculty participating in Champions for Change equity training, attending an equity summit, or attending Center for Urban Excellence training.

The School of Nursing faculty have been actively focusing on reducing student equity gaps. Our current demographics for the School of Nursing reflect that 80% of our students identify as belonging to an underserved group. In 2020, the department established a Social Justice Committee with representatives from all program faculties, students and classified professional staff. From that committee, the Student Nurse Organization has adopted local chapters of professional nursing organizations that focus on topics unique to particular cultural groups in an effort to decrease healthcare disparities within the communities we serve and provide professional development and networking opportunities for our students and graduates. Additionally, a grant funding was used to establish a Nursing Outreach Coordinator whose efforts target recruitment and retention efforts for students from underserved groups. The coordinator works closely with high schools and cultural engagement centers on campus. In Spring 2022, the first cohort of Umoja students will enter the RN program. The faculty have participated in a variety of equity training through professional development activities offered by the college, department grant offerings and through the Health Workforce Initiative. Two of the faculty actively particiate in Champions for Change and share insights with their colleagues.
This position is needed to fulfill expand the program and participate in future grant activities and apprenticeship opportunities with our community agency partners. The position will contribute to increasing the enrollment and graduate numbers in the VN program. Additionally, this faculty position aligns with the requirements to maintain FT-to-PT faculty ratios by approval and accrediting agencies.

A number of faculty have attended training on both the AB 705 initiative and AVID pedagogies. AB 705 has allowed students to complete necessary prerequisites in a more timely manner which allows them to apply earlier to the programs and enter the workforce. Because of the need to foster high-level clinical reasoning and judgment skills in nursing students, incorporating active learning strategies, such as those used in the AVID training, is crucial in the nursing classroom. Faculty use many of the strategies discussed in the AVID training in both lecture and on-campus lab courses.

Have members of your discipline participated in faculty training including 3CSN, AB 705, AVID, CUE, or other training? How is the information learned being implemented within your discipline?

Please discuss your discipline’s assessment activities in the last 2 years. How many SLO’s were assessed? What percentage of the scheduled SLO’s were assessed? How many PLO’s were assessed? Is a faculty from your discipline active on the Assessment Committee?

There is a long-standing and active nursing faculty member who serves the department on the Assessment Committee. Course and program SLOs are assessed at the end of each semester. The data is aggregated/disaggregated (depending on the cohort) and the results are evaluated by faculty, who also develop a plan for continuous course/program improvement based on the results of student/graduate data. The data is compiled in the VN Systematic Plan for Evaluation and trended over time.

Please include any other additional factors which the Leadership Councils should know about (pending accreditation needs, significant curriculum changes, grant funding for the position, specialized faculty expertise needed, etc.)

All nursing pathways have all been designed to allow students multiple entry points into the field of nursing and are designed to offer students a true career pathway model. RCC nursing courses are contextualized with on-campus simulation experiences as well as the student’s experiences in a variety of local healthcare agencies. The Health-Related Science Engagement Center and Coordinator have provided students with integrated academic support services and directed them to on-campus resources.

Please discuss your discipline’s roles on Leadership Councils, committees, or academic senate.

All FT nursing faculty serve on at least one college-wide committee, as well as departmental committees required by approval and accrediting agencies. The Nursing Department has a representative on the academic senate, each leadership council, and one faculty who serves as Treasurer of CTA.

Please discuss how your discipline is working to ensure your course offerings align with college strategic goals included Guided Pathways, HS/CSU/UC partnerships, accelerated courses, support courses, contextualized education, integrated academic support, etc. Has your discipline developed a Pathways Map? If not, why not?

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