Proposal to Change Admission Committee Requirements for MS in Nursing Program:

Change #1: Change the MS admissions requirements to state that applicants must have at least 2 years of clinical practice prior to entry into the MS program.

Rationale:

1. The program has far more applicants than we have spaces/clinical sites this is one method for increasing selectivity.
2. Research has demonstrated that students with practice are more successful in courses and clinical
3. Philosophically, the faculty feel that it is very hard to ingrain the concepts and role change of Advanced Practice Nurse when one has not done that with the role of Nurse.

Change # 2: Remove the rolling admissions and institute a hard date by which admissions must be received for both fall and spring admissions.

1. Rationale: Students will have more control and better planning as will the department.