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Minutes of a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of  
Courses for International Students held at Bedford College  
on Monday, 1st May 1939.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held at Bedford College on Monday, 1st May 1939 at 2.15 p.m.

P r e s e n t        The Principal in the Chair  
Miss Baggallay  
Miss Bridges  
Mrs. Carter  
Miss Coode  
Miss Darbyshire  
Mrs. Edkins  
Miss Hillyers  
Dame Alicia Lloyd-Still  
Dr. Mace  
Dr. Mess  
Lt.-Col. Parkinson  
Miss Parsons  
Professor Stebbing  
Mrs. Williams  
The Secretary.

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were confirmed and signed as correct.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Carter, who had been re-appointed one of the F.N.I.F. representatives in her new capacity as Technical Adviser on Nursing to the League of Red Cross Societies.

2. Arising out of the Minutes.

a. Applications from students to take special courses.

Reported the following resolution of the Bedford College Finance Committee:

"That £4.4.0 be allowed for the payment of Inter-collegiate fees on behalf of Miss Banworth (U.S.A.) and Miss Hofman-Bang (Denmark), two Florence Nightingale International Foundation Students who desire to take lectures in "Mental Hygiene" at King's College, Strand."

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b. Course in Psychiatry.

i. Report from the Sub-Committee set up to consider future provision for teaching Psychiatry.

This report had been circulated to the Committee. (Report appended, see Folio .....). Dr. Mess and Dr. Mace both spoke to it.

After consideration

RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

that a letter be written to Dr. Alice Hutchison informing her of the termination of her course at Bedford College as from the end of the current session owing to change in arrangements, and expressing the gratitude of the Committee for all she had done in the past for the International Students.

ii. Report on financial aspect.

The Chairman reported that the financial aspect of the new suggestions for teaching Psychiatry had been considered by the Bedford College Council, who had resolved that in the event of the proposals being adopted by the Organisation Committee, Bedford College would agree to the additional expense in payment of Lecturers' fees involved.

Noted.

iii. Recommendation for Lecturer on the medical side.

The question of a Lecturer for the course in Psychiatry on the medical side was considered and proposals were asked for. Dr. Mace recommended that Dr. J.A. Hadfield (King's College) should be invited, and failing him, Dr. Grace Culver (Dr. Hadfield's wife). The proposals were supported by the Committee.

RESOLVED that in the first place Dr. Mace be asked to approach Dr. Hadfield to ascertain whether there is any likelihood of his accepting an invitation to give the lectures required (10 in number).

Recommended that in the event of Dr. Mace reporting that Dr. Hadfield would agree, a letter of invitation be sent to him.

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Recommended (cont.) that in the event of Dr. Mace reporting that Dr. Hadfield would be unable to accept such an invitation, a letter be sent to Dr. Culver formally offering her the appointment.

RESOLVED that subject to the consent of the Lecturer, the lectures be open to all students of the College in addition to the F.N.I.F. Students and that they also be included in the list of lectures open to outsiders on payment of a fee.

c. Arrangements for the Presentation of Certificates, 1939.

Reported that Sir Arthur Stanley had undertaken to invite Mr. Eden to present the Certificates and speak to the students, but had not yet done so owing to the international situation. That Miss Jean Gunn and Miss Bergliot Larsson had been unable to accept an invitation to address the students from the nursing point of view, as neither of them would be in England at the time of the ceremony; that an invitation had now been sent to Miss B.G. Alexander (President-Elect of the F.N.I.F.).

The matter was further discussed and the Committee was generally of the opinion that it was very unlikely that Mr. Eden would undertake to present the Certificates, and it was suggested that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the American Ambassador, be invited in the first place. It was agreed that the decision must be left to Sir Arthur Stanley.

RESOLVED that in the event of Sir Arthur Stanley agreeing, Mr. Joseph Kennedy be invited to present the Certificates and speak to the students, and failing him, Mr. Ronald Collet Norman.

3. Communications received.

A letter was read from the College of Nursing reporting that it wished to make a change in the Hospital Administration lectures for 1939-40. The following recommendation was received from the Education Committee of the College of Nursing:

That Captain Brierley of the London Hospital be invited to give a course of lectures on Hospital Administration for the session 1939-40, and failing him either of the following:

F.A. Lyon, B.A. - Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.  
Lt.-Col. W. Parkes, - St. Mary's Hospital.  
D.S.O., M.C.

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It was further reported that Captain Brierley might not be able to cover the whole syllabus, but that there would be no difficulty in finding a lecturer or lecturers to fill in the gaps, when it was known how much of the syllabus would be undertaken by Captain Brierley.

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the College of Nursing be adopted.

4. Report from the Tutor on the Practical Work.

Miss Bridges gave a report on the practical work of the students during the Easter vacation. (For Report, see File 196F).

Later in the meeting and in connection with the practical work Miss Bridges asked the approval of the Committee for the rearrangement of the students' practical work as follows:

2 weeks in the summer	)	instead	(	4 weeks in the summer
1 or 2 weeks in January	)	of	(	5 weeks at Easter.
5 weeks at Easter	)		(	

She pointed out that the students were too strange to England and their work as a whole to get enough advantage out of 4 weeks practical course immediately on arrival, and she thought they would get quite as much benefit from 2 weeks in the summer and even one in January as they did out of the present 4 weeks in August and September. Miss Bridges pointed out that the month of September would, in her opinion, be most usefully spent by 10 days to a fortnight in Manchester Square learning English and adaptation to their new surroundings, followed by a fortnight's practical work.

The matter was discussed and the Committee generally were in sympathy with Miss Bridges' proposal. It was pointed out that the Health Visitors must have 6 weeks' course in the summer in order to comply with the Ministry of Health regulations, and that those students who lacked the English language would still need to come early to improve this part of their equipment.

After further discussion

RESOLVED that the first term for the F.N.I.F. students start on 1st September instead of the middle of August as hitherto, except for such students for whom special arrangements are made for language or other reasons.

that part of the Christmas vacation be in future devoted to practical work.

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5. Admission of Students, 1939-40.

Applications from the following students were considered:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>
1.	<u>Course in Public Health Nursing.</u>	
	Gudmundsdottir, Sigridur	Iceland
	Henderson, Mary Elizabeth	Canada
	Tuominen, Ester Maria	Finland
	Popovici, Letitia	Roumania
2.	<u>Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing.</u>	
	Armstrong, Vera Louisa	New Zealand
	Cannon, Margaret Mary	Eire
	Engel, Hanna	Germany
	Lambe, Laura Mary Rubidge	Canada
	Rees, Eileen Mary	Great Britain
	Tomka, Elisabeth	Hungary
	Narlieva, Elena	Bulgaria
3.	<u>Course in Nursing Education.</u>	
	Campbell, Margery Reid	W. Australia
	Summerschild, Gunvor	Finland
	Serry, Hayat el Nefausse Fouad	Egypt
4.	<u>Exceptional Student.</u>	
	Walsh, Cecilia Edna	America.

After consideration

RESOLVED that the following be admitted to the course for the session 1939-40:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>
1.	<u>Course in Public Health Nursing.</u>	
	Henderson, Mary Elizabeth	Canada
	Popovici, Letitia	Roumania

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RESOLVED  
(cont.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>
2. <u>Course for Nurse Administrators.</u>	
Cannon, Margaret Mary	Eire
Engel, Hanna	Germany
Lambe, Laura Mary Rubidge	Canada
Rees, Eileen Mary	Great Britain
Narlieva, Elena	Bulgaria
3. <u>Course in Nursing Education.</u>	
Campbell, Margery Reid	W. Australia
Summerschild, Gunvor	Finland

Miss Sigridur Gudmundsdottir (Iceland).

RESOLVED that acceptance of Miss S. Gudmundsdottir (Iceland) be postponed until the next meeting when further information concerning the standard of her general education be before the Committee.

Miss Ester Maria Tuominen (Finland).

RESOLVED that Miss Tuominen (Finland) be admitted to the course in Public Health for 1939-40, but that she be required to come early to England in order to improve her knowledge of the language.

Miss Vera L. Armstrong (New Zealand).

RESOLVED that Miss V.L. Armstrong (New Zealand) be admitted to the course for Nurse Administrators in spite of the fact that she is over the normal entrance age.

Miss Elisabeth Tomka (Hungary)

RESOLVED that acceptance of Miss E. Tomka (Hungary) be postponed until the next meeting, when further information concerning her activities between 1916 and 1929 be before the Committee.

that if finally accepted, Miss Tomka be required to come to England earlier to improve her English before starting the course.

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Miss Hayat el Nefausse Fouad Serry (Egypt).

RESOLVED that Miss Serry (Egypt) be admitted to the course in Nursing Education for 1939-40, but that she be required to come to England earlier in order to improve her English.

Miss Cecilia Edna Walsh (U.S.A.)

RESOLVED that acceptance of Miss Walsh (U.S.A.) be postponed until the next meeting when further information with regard to the exceptional course of study which she desires to follow be before the Committee.

6. Revision of the Curriculum, 1939-40.

Reported that there were no recommendations for changes in curriculum other than those which had already been discussed during the meeting and that the Lecturers would be asked later to revise the wording of the paragraphs in the Prospectus with which each was concerned.

7. Dates of meetings.

Meetings were arranged as follows:

(a) Examiners' meeting for award of Certificates,  
Thursday, 29th June 1939, at 2.0 p.m.

(b) Organisation Committee  
Thursday, 29th June 1939, at 2.30 p.m.

8. Other business.

Miss Baggallay mentioned a prospective applicant from Sweden whom the Swedish Red Cross had selected for their scholarship, but who was 45 years of age and wished to take fewer subjects and have greater freedom in selecting the subjects to be studied; that up to date she had had no further particulars.

Noted.