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Professor P. T. Stevens

NOT URGENT

LPT.

Unless you have any objections I would like to ask the Secretary if I may send this draft reply to you and Dr. Burton for comment, explaining that as ^{the Sec's office} I handled the earlier discussions you had passed it on to me to deal with. I had a long discussion with Janet Houghden & read her Sec's letter to Mr. Roderick (Feb). She didn't know we had made application for funds. Is in no hurry for the reply.

WJ 6/7/79

DRAFT

TO: Faculty Officer, Science and Engineering

FROM: The Registrar

Dear Mrs Longden,

BSc IN NURSING STUDIES

Your letter of 28 June asks for some more information about the College's proposal to introduce a BSc in ~~Social~~ ^{Nursing} Studies.

As far as resources are concerned, I attach a copy of a letter from the College Secretary to the Financial Secretary of the Court, which I think outlines the position quite clearly. As of 4 July the Court Department is not able to give a firm reply, although the proposal has been 'noted' and is being considered.

You are correct in assuming in your fourth paragraph that there is no intention to establish a Department of Nursing Studies. The plan is quite simply to develop into a degree course an existing combined course in Social Policy and Nursing - in which the Department of Sociology and Bedford College and the Nursing School of the Middlesex Hospital have been collaborating for some years.

However, it is very useful to have the UCC Notes of Guidance. We believe that the College's proposals are in accord with paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Notes, with a possible short-fall in Biological Sciences. We find a problem in reconciling in one person the qualifications for training in practical nursing care and for academic teaching at a level appropriate to Universities. The staffing proposals, as outlined in the Secretary's letter to Mr Roderick, tend to keep the two types of appointment separate, although they would work very closely together and each would be expected to do some work with the other's department.

You ask for a statement as to why the course should lead to a degree in the Faculty of Science. The nursing element of the Working Party which has worked out these proposals would find unacceptable a degree in either the Faculties of Arts or Economics. A more academic justification is that ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~care~~ ^{care} of the aims of the

course would be "to use the behavioural sciences to provide an academic base upon which a body of knowledge related to the principles and practices of nursing can be developed." As you will know, the Bedford College Department of Sociology is particularly well qualified to develop the behavioural sciences in this area as a result of the work of Professor Jefferys and Professor G W Brown in medical Sociology.

I hope this gives you the information you need. Please do not hesitate to come back to me if not.

MAPW/JM

5 July 1979

Copies: Principal
Registrar
Dr Burton

14 February 1979

Dear Mr Roderick,

DEVELOPMENTS IN NURSING STUDIES

We have read into the "general observations" paragraphs on Academic Planning (paragraph 6 of Sir Fred Dainton's letter of 18 May 1977 to the Vice-Chancellor (letter re 10/77, UGC ref 44/53/013) the suggestion that the UGC may have earmarked funds for developments in Nursing Studies - extra to normal allocation.

If our interpretation is correct, the College would like to seek financial support for the development of an existing combined Bedford/Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing course in Social Policy and Nursing into a four year course unit degree course.

The proposed scheme, which has been worked out by an ad hoc committee of representatives of the College, the Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing, the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, the General Nursing Council and N.H.S. administration, is based on a combination of professional training with an honours degree in Social Policy which emphasises the health services in general and the nursing service in particular. The professional training element has already been approved by the General Nursing Council.

We can, if you wish, provide details of the academic content and objectives and/or the arguments which led the College's Academic Board to approve the proposal in principle, subject to the availability of funds. An application to the Academic Council for permission to offer the course is at present being prepared. My object in writing at this point is to establish whether or not our interpretation of the UGC letter is correct, i.e. whether there is any possibility of our obtaining additional funds, estimated at £24,000 per annum, to cover:

One additional lecturer in Psychology
Two academic course tutors (lecturer's equivalent)
Support funds at £500 per annum

The School of Nursing's contribution would, we hope, continue as the provision of Practical training under the supervision of the two Nursing Tutors allocated to the present joint course.

The object would be to start the course in 1980/81.

Yours sincerely,

[SMA]

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Our ref CT/JSR/mp
Your ref

4 July 1979

Dear Abraham,

I am writing in reply to your letter of 27 June 1979 about the proposed development of an existing combined Bedford College/ Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing course in Social Policy and Nursing into a four year course unit degree course.

As the Principal has explained orally to Dr. Black, I am afraid that it is not possible at the moment to give a firm reply one way or the other to the College's request for additional recurrent grant for this purpose. The College's wish to extend the existing teaching in Nursing Studies has been noted, particularly in the context of the Vice-Chancellor's discussion with the Chairman of the College Council and the Principal of the College and will be considered definitively when the Court allocate the sums which they have reserved in their provisional resource allocation for 1979-82 to assist "academic initiatives".

You will appreciate that my reference above to consideration of your application is made quite without prejudice to the ultimate decision of the Court in the matter.

Yours sincerely,



J. S. RODERICK,
FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE COURT.

The Secretary,
Bedford College.