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CONFIDENTIAL

For Council  
30th October 1930.

October 1930

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee for the Organisation  
of courses for International Students held on  
Tuesday, October 14th 1930.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Tuesday October 14th 1930 at 5 p.m.

P r e s e n t                      The Principal in the Chair  
Miss Baggallay  
Miss Darbyshire  
Miss Dorsey  
Professor Edgell  
Mrs. Edkins  
Miss Hallowes  
Miss Lloyd Still  
Lt. Col. Parkinson  
Mrs. Reid  
Mrs. Williams  
Miss Goodall by invitation  
The Secretary

Invitation to Miss Goodall to attend the meeting

Before the meeting started the Chairman asked the permission of the Committee to invite Miss Goodall to attend the meeting; she informed them that Miss Goodall had been carrying out the duties of Tutor to the Nurse Administrator students pending the appointment of a successor to Miss Bowes. She informed the Committee that Miss Goodall would give a report on the students' work to the Committee should they desire it.

RESOLVED                      that Miss Goodall be invited to attend the meeting.

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. Miss Dorsey pointed out that Miss Thora Gudmunsson was entered in the minutes as attending the course in Public Health whereas she was in fact attending that of the Nurse Administrators. She asked that the minutes be changed to this effect.

RESOLVED                      that with the amendment asked for by Miss Dorsey the minutes be signed as correct.

2. Communications received

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Carter from whom a letter dated October 13th 1930 was read stating that the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies had at a recent meeting resolved that the continuance of the courses for International students was necessary and had made provision in the budget for them to continue until 1932.

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3. Appointment of Tutor for the Nurse Administrator Students

The Committee received a letter from the College of Nursing stating that Miss Hester Constance Parsons, trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, was being recommended by the Committee of the College of Nursing for the appointment of Director in the Education Department. It was pointed out to the Committee that this officer would also carry the title of Tutor to the students taking the course for Nurse Administrators at Bedford College, if the Committee approved her appointment.

Details of Miss Parsons' career were read to the Committee as follows:-

Name	Hester Constance Parsons
State Registration No.	30692
College Roll No.	23423
Age	37 years
Training School	St. Thomas's Hospital
Qualifications	Higher & Lower Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board; Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board; Diploma in Nursing of the University of London.
Experience & positions held, with dates.	Holiday Sister, June 1924 - May 1925. Sister of Alexandra Ward, May 1925- January 1928 Night Superintendent, January 1928- January 1930. Office Sister, -January 1930 - May 1930. Sister of St. Thomas's Home for Private Patients, May 1930 - August 1930. Office Sister and Second Assistant Matron, August 1930.

Mrs. Reid who had been the Bedford College Representative on the appointment committee spoke in support of Miss Parsons' appointment as did also Miss Lloyd Still.

It was mentioned that Miss Parsons' experience had been confined to one hospital and that it would be an advantage for her work if she could during the coming year gain experience in other hospitals.

Miss Parsons was interviewed by the Committee.

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RESOLVED

that the College of Nursing be informed that the appointment of Miss Parsons as Tutor to the Nurse Administrator students for the session 1930-31 was acceptable to the Organisation Committee and that the appointment would go before the Council for their confirmation at their next meeting.

that the College of Nursing be asked to provide Miss Parsons as soon as possible with facilities for gaining experience in other hospitals, especially such hospitals as were used for the training of the International Students.

The point was also raised that it would be an advantage if Miss Parsons could secure some experience of Hospital Administration in European countries and that financial assistance in such a matter might be obtained from the League. It was, however, agreed to defer any action in connection with this suggestion until after Christmas when it would be better known how Miss Parsons shaped in her work.

4. Admission of Students for 1930-31

Reported the following application had been received:-

Course for Nurse Administrators - Elizabeth Petschnigg - Austria

It was further reported that the student was already in residence at Manchester Square and was regarded as a good student.

RESOLVED

that Miss Elizabeth Petschnigg who fulfils the requirements be admitted to the Course for Nurse Administrators for the session 1930-31.

5. Reports from the Tutors in the Practical Work.

The Committee received from Miss Baggallay a report on the practical work of the Public Health Students from August to October 1930. (For details of report see file 196a).

It was proposed in connection with Colonel Parkinson's lectures on Sanitation that it would be an advantage for the students to pay a visit to the Maidenhead Rural District where the arrangements were much simpler and more easily applicable to other countries than the London scheme. Colonel Parkinson strongly supported this suggestion stating that he knew Dr. Pattison, the Medical Officer of Health, would be glad to give him the necessary facilities for such a visit.

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In reply to questions asked Colonel Parkinson stated that the visit might entail a small fee and he undertook to ascertain how much.

The Committee agreed that the arrangement of such a visit would be most valuable for the students.

RESOLVED that Miss Baggallay be authorised to approach Dr. Pattison and make the necessary arrangements for the students to visit the Maidenhead Rural District.

The Committee received from Miss Goodall a report on the practical work of the Nurse Administrator students from August to October 1930.  
(For details of report see file 186c)

After giving her report Miss Goodall asked permission to leave the Committee.

6. Future form of endorsement of certificates due to giving up of the examination.

Considerable discussion took place on this point.

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to a sub-committee of the teachers concerned who be asked to bring to the next meeting of the committee a form of endorsement which would in their opinion be satisfactory.

7. Draft of Curricula for the session 1931-32.

The Committee were asked if they had any suggestions for change in the curricula for the session 1931-32. No proposals were put forward.

Reference was made to a change which was thought desirable in the arrangement of the Hygiene course. The matter was referred to the Head of the Department for consideration and report if necessary to the next meeting.

8. Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED that the next meeting be fixed for Tuesday, 20th January 1931 at 5 p.m.