

c.c. Mrs. Ferguson

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7 October 1982

Mrs. J.M. Longden
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SENATE HOUSE

Dear Mrs. Longden,

I received your letter when I returned from leave. Of course, I had spoken to Professor Oppé earlier. I will, in due course, submit a revised proposal form incorporating the new title "Therapeutics and Pathology" and increasing the number of hours from 80 to 100, but first would like to listen to the discussion at the SAC to ensure that any further changes suggested are incorporated in the final version. I can report to the SAC that I have arranged in fact for at least 112 hours teaching and that we are using the revised title. Either Mrs. Ferguson or myself will deal at the next meeting with the points raised in Professor Oppé's letter to you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. I.F. Burton
Head of Department

2nd August, 1982.

Mrs. Janet Longden,
Secretary, SAC in Nursing Studies,
University of London,
Senate House.

Dear Mrs. Longden,

B.Sc. in Nursing Studies at Bedford College

I have considered the helpful responses from members of the Special Advisory Committee to your letter of 16th July 1982 that invited comment on the proposal for a course at Bedford College in "Chemotherapeutics and Pathophysiology". The replies indicate some differences in opinion in regard to the scope and content of the course and several suggestions have been made on matters of detail. It seems therefore that the S.A.C. should have further opportunity for discussion before unlimited approval should be given to the course. I have had to bear in mind the degree of urgency and the difficulties which have beset Bedford College in the arrangement of this course, and the implications which might follow from any recommendations of the Working Party which, I understand, is to be set up shortly by the J.P.C.

I have decided that: the proposed course at Bedford College entitled 'S.290 Chemotherapeutics and Pathophysiology' should be approved for one year only provided that:-

(i) the number of hours is increased from 86 hours to at least 100 hours,

(ii) the title of the course is amended so as to avoid the ambiguous term "chemotherapeutics" and to replace "pathophysiology" by a more acceptable word.

It should be indicated to Bedford College that several members of the S.A.C. found the Further Particulars unclear and in particular drew attention to (a) the differences in meaning which may be attached to the word "chemotherapy", (b) use of the word "paedological", and (c) to the apparent error "brought" for (?) taught in the last sentence. Also, several members seek reassurance about (a) the degree to which the students will have had sufficient preparation in physiology and in biochemistry to benefit from the course, and (b) the standard of the teaching that will be given, and of the examination.

I would be most grateful if you will take the necessary action.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


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Dear Dr Burton,

NURSING STUDIES COURSE PROPOSAL

Just before he went on holiday last week, Professor Oppé wrote to inform me that he is prepared to give the proposed course in Pathophysiology/Pharmacology provisional approval for one year only subject to the following:

- (i) the number of hours is increased from 80 hours to at least 100 hours,
- (ii) the title of the course is amended so as to avoid the ambiguous term "chemotherapeutics" and to replace "pathophysiology" by a more acceptable word.

I should therefore be grateful if you could arrange for me to be sent revised proposals for the course S290 "Chemotherapeutics and Pathophysiology". I am copying this letter to Mr Turnbull as it will be necessary for the revised proposal to come through the College Registry.

I understand that Professor Oppé did in fact discuss the proposed change with you over the telephone and that "therapeutics" might be an acceptable alternative to "chemotherapeutics". In order to give you the background to Professor Oppé's decision and the reasons for approval being only provisional, I enclose a copy of his full letter to me of 2 August. He has suggested that, whilst provisional approval will enable the College to commence teaching the course this October, the revised proposal should be discussed at the next meeting of the Special Advisory Committee in Nursing Studies on 15 October. I hope therefore it will be possible for you to let me have the form in good time for it to be circulated with the Agenda for the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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cc Mr L Turnbull, Registrar, BfdC

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