

University of London

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN NURSING STUDIES

The next meeting of the Special Advisory Committee in Nursing Studies will be held on Friday 24 May 1985 at 2.30 pm in Senate House.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 22 February 1985.

Present: Prof T E Oppé (Chairman), Dr R T Cullinan, Mr B Finn, Mrs E M Fordham, Prof J C Hayward, Prof J P Payne, Dr S J Redfern, Dr M B Segal, Dr J A Weinman, Dr J Wilson-Barnett.

Apologies were received from: Prof H Baum, Mr A Beattie, Mrs M Ferguson, Prof J G Grudzinskas, Prof C Wastell, Miss A While.

Minutes

Confirmed: The Minutes of the meeting on 12 October 1984.

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Constitution

Reported: That the Academic Council has approved the change in Category (c) of the Constitution of the SAC to read:

(c) Other Persons (to a maximum of 10) qualified to assist in the work.

Membership

Reported: (1) The information given by Miss Speight at the last meeting in respect of Mr B Finn was incorrect (Minute 10) and he has not resigned from the Committee. Mr Finn's reported resignation probably arose from a misunderstanding of his position with the English National Board and its relation with the previous work of the Joint Board of Clinical Nursing Studies.

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(2) The Academic Council has approved the appointment of Prof J G Grudzinskas (LHMC) as the representative of the Board of Studies in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, in place of Mr W L Whitehouse who died in October last year.

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(3) The UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting had declined to nominate a representative to serve on the SAC as they felt that they were sufficiently well represented on the SAC by members serving in other capacities.

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(4) Prof A Fleck (Board of Studies in Pathology) has suggested that consideration be given to including a Pathologist on the SAC, arguing that social and community aspects of Medicine are well represented, as are basic aspects of Biology and Biochemistry, but there is currently "no representative to ensure that some attention is paid to basic aspects of disease".

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(5) Dr Jill MacLeod-Clark (ChelC) is now a Recognised Teacher and should be added to Category (a).

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Agreed: (1) That as there was no Geriatrician on the SAC, to nominate Prof P Millard (St G's HMS) to serve under Category (c).

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(2) That the Board of Studies in Pathology be invited to nominate a representative.

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(3) That, in the current membership list under Mr B Finn's entry, Joint Board of Clinical Nursing Studies should be replaced by English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.

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(4) That it was not necessary, for the time being, to invite the ENB to nominate a replacement for Miss Speight.

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37 (5) That consideration should be given at the next meeting, to including under Category (c) representation of some or all of the following:

- i. industrial and occupational nursing;
- ii. psychiatric nursing;
- iii. senior nursing administration/management;
- iv. community nursing;
- v. specialist in control of infection

and that members should think of appropriate names in these areas for consideration at the next meeting.

BSc in Nursing Studies: Chelseas College

38 Approved: A new 1 credit course "Communications and Psychological Care in Nursing" which would replace two existing ½ credit courses.

Royal College of Nursing Commission on Nursing Education

39 Noted: (1) The University's input to the Commission,

- (2) That the Commission's Report would be ready by early March.

Extra Mural Diploma in Nursing

40 Reported: That the Working Party has met twice and intends to submit a report to the May meeting of the SAC.

Working Party on Health Studies

41 Reported: (1) That the Working Party is in the process of preparing a first report to the Academic Council, by early May.

42 (2) That the Working Party met Dr Wilson-Barnett and Professor Hayward on 14 February. After they had explained the development of the Chelsea Department and courses to the Working Party, a stimulating discussion had been held on the possibility of generic courses for the health care professions and the merits of four-year integrated courses compared with 3 + 1 models. Dr Thompson reported that the Working Party had found the discussion to be extremely helpful.

Applications for MSc in Nursing at Chelsea College

43 Considered: What constituted a "degree in a subject related to Nursing Studies".

44 Reported: (1) The approved entry requirements state:

"A degree in Nursing Studies or a degree in a related subject (such as Biological or Social Science) together with professional registration as a nurse."

45 (2) The 1984 intake included students with the following entry qualifications:

Philosophy (2.1) + Cert Ed/RNT (Distinction)
Theology (2.1) + PGCE
BSc (Massey University, New Zealand)
BSc/SRN (Leeds Poly) + Cert Ed + Cert J BCNS
BSc/SRN (Distinction) [Edinburgh University]
BNurs/SRN (Distinction) [Manchester University]

46 Further Reported (1): Experience, to date, suggested that the important factors for success in the course were the depth of nursing experience linked to the research aptitude acquired from the first degree. On the basis of this, it could be argued that few degrees should be ruled out as being not related.

Agreed: That, rather than recommending a change in the Regulations at this stage, 47
the SAC should continue to interpret "related subject" very liberally until
case law had developed.

Taught Master's Degrees: Award of Mark of 'Merit'

Considered: (1) A proposal by the Board of Studies in Laws that, in addition to 48
'Pass' and 'Distinction', a mark of 'Merit' be introduced for the LLM
degree.

(2) Whether the SAC would wish to see such a provision introduced in 49
any or all Master's degree examinations.

Agreed: (1) That the Board of Studies in Laws had made a good case for the introduction 50
of a mark of 'Merit' for the LLM which the SAC did not wish to
oppose.

(2) That there was no case for the introduction of the mark of 'Merit' in 51
the MSc in Nursing.

External Examiners for Candidates Registered Under the Schemes for Public
Research Institutions and Industrial Research Laboratories.

Noted: A letter on this issue from the Faculty Officer for Science and Engineering. 52

Central Research Fund

Noted: That the final date of application for grants from the Central Research Fund 53
this session (including the Long Vacation) is 23 March 1985.

150th Anniversary of the University

Agreed: To feed into the University, the view of the SAC that in the celebrations 54
the newer areas in the University, such as Nursing, should not be overlooked.

SAC in General Practice

Agreed: To endorse the plans of the SAC in General Practice to hold a conference/ 55
study day on interdisciplinary research in the community.

Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 24 May, at 2.30 pm in Senate House.

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