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Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee for the Organisation  
Courses for International Students held at Bedford  
College on Tuesday, October 9th 1934.

A meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students was held on Tuesday, 9th October 1934 at 2.30 p.m.

P r e s e n t            The Principal in the Chair  
Miss Baggallay  
Miss Coode  
Miss Darbyshire  
Mrs. Edkins  
Mr. Mace  
Miss MacManus  
Lt. Col. Parkinson  
Miss Parsons  
Mrs. Reid  
Mrs. Williams  
The Secretary.

1. Minutes

The minutes had been circulated and were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. Communications received

An apology for absence was received from Dame Alicia Lloyd-Still.

3. Reconstitution of the Committee.

The Chairman reported that during the long vacation the Council of Bedford College had been asked to reconstitute the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students in order to include representatives from the Florence Nightingale International Foundation; that on the authority of the Chairman of Council the College of Nursing had been asked to nominate three members as hitherto, and the Florence Nightingale International Foundation had been asked to nominate two representatives, the number hitherto nominated by the League of Red Cross Societies; that these nominations would have to be confirmed by the Council at their next meeting, but that meanwhile for the purposes of carrying on the work, the nominees had been invited to be present at the Committee that afternoon.

The nominations were as follows:-

(a) Nominated by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

Mrs. Carter  
Dame Alicia Lloyd-Still

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(b) Nominated by the College of Nursing.

Miss D. S. Coode  
Miss Darbyshire  
Miss MacManus

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman welcomed Miss Coode, the one new member of Committee.

4. Admission of Students for the session 1934-35.

1. Applications referred from the last meeting.

(a) Elli Behrendt.

The Committee received an excellent report on Miss Behrendt's progress in the English language, as well as a good report on her practical work. On the recommendation of the Director of Social Studies

RESOLVED that Elli Behrendt (Germany) be admitted to the Course in Public Health for the session 1934-35.

(b) Margareta Sasburg.

Mrs. Reid reported that after conversation with Miss Sasburg, it had been agreed that she should take the course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers.

RESOLVED that Margareta Sasburg/<sup>(Holland)</sup> be admitted to the Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers for the session 1934-35.

(c) Miss P. R. Williamson (Nightingale Scholar)

RESOLVED that Miss P. R. Williamson (Great Britain) should be admitted to the course in Public Health for the session 1934-35.

2, New Applications.

(a) Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers

Applications for admission to this course were received from

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the following:-

Marion L. Zilley	U.S.A.
Christina C. Murray	Canada

Both candidates fulfilled all qualifications for admission and were admitted without discussion.

RESOLVED that Marion Zilley (U.S.A.) and Christina Murray (Canada) be admitted to the course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers for the session 1934-35.

(b) Course in Public Health.

Applications for admission were received from:-

Elizabeth Smith	Canada
Gretta MacKay Ross	Canada

The qualifications of both applicants fulfilled all conditions. It was noted that Miss Ross was 42 years of age, which was above the recognised limit for admission, but in view of her strong qualifications, it was agreed to admit her as an exceptional case.

RESOLVED that Elizabeth Smith (Canada) and Gretta MacKay Ross (Canada) be admitted to the course in Public Health for the session 1934-35.

3. Application for the new One Year Course in Social Work.

Mrs. Reid reported that four students had desired to take this course,

Elli Behrendt	Germany
Gergana Balabanova	Bulgaria
Anne M. Krohn	Finland
Mirdza Veilands	Latvia

that neither Miss Behrendt nor Miss Krohn were qualified to carry on Public Health work in their own country, and therefore could not be admitted; that Miss Balabanova was qualified in some respects, but was not good enough at English for this work;

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that Miss Veilands fulfilled all conditions and had obtained an excellent report on her practical work; that she could therefore be permitted to take the Course in Social Work.

RESOLVED that Mirdza Veilands (Latvia) be admitted to the One Year Course in Social Work for the session 1934-35.

With regard to this last case Mrs. Reid pointed out that in accordance with the regulations laid down by this Committee, this course required 30 lectures in Modern Industrial Problems. The Course for International Students was 20 lectures only. This would mean, if the directions of the Committee were to be carried out, that 10 extra lectures would have to be put on for the one student who had just been accepted for the Course in Social Work. The Committee considered the question and resolved

RESOLVED that this Committee are satisfied that the student accepted for the One Year Course in Social Work should have 20 lectures on the "Comparative Study of Some Modern Industrial Problems" together with directed reading for the remainder of the work required, for the present year.

5. Report from Tutors on the Practical Work.

The Committee received a report from Miss Baggallay, Tutor to the Public Health students and from Miss Parsons, Tutor to the Nurse Administrator students, on the practical work carried out by the students during the long vacation ( for reports see file 196d).

Miss Parsons stated that, with the permission of the Committee, she proposed in future to follow the practice adopted with the Public Health students, of giving them short periods of individual coaching, rather than taking them in pairs; that, in her opinion, this arrangement would be more beneficial.

6. Curricula.

1. 1934-35.

Mrs. Reid said that she was glad to be able to report that Professor Stebbing had undertaken to lecture to the International Students on "Ethical Principles", and would start in the summer

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of 1935; that the course would consist of six lectures; that there were no other changes in the Curriculum for the current session.

2. 1935-36.

The Prospectus for International Students for 1935-36 was considered. The Committee approved the draft proposals for the Introduction to the Prospectus, as sent forward for consideration by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, including the wording on the cover as follows:-

I N T E R N A T I O N A L   C O U R S E S

Offered By

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE  
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

(founded jointly by the League of Red Cross Societies  
and the International Council of Nurses)

- at -

BEDFORD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN  
(University of London)

In conjunction with

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING  
LONDON

SESSION 1935-1936.

15, Manchester Square,  
London, W. 1.

Some discussion took place on the wording, but no proposal for alteration was put forward, except that Bedford College should carry her right title of Bedford College for Women.

Mrs. Reid, on behalf of the teaching staff of the Department, put forward a number of proposals for changes in the existing courses. (For record of changes see File 284).

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The proposals involved no recommendations for change in Lecturers, except those in Hygiene. Mrs. Reid reported that the omission from the Course of any teaching on the practical administration of a Medical Officer of Health had been the subject of criticism, and she therefore suggested that eight lectures on "Public Health Administration with Special Reference to the Work of the Medical Officer of Health and his Staff" should be given by a Medical Officer of Health; that the forty lectures given by Colonel Parkinson should, in future, include teaching on "Personal Hygiene", hitherto given by Dr. Crowden.

RESOLVED that the recommendations for alteration in the teaching arrangements in "Personal Hygiene and Public Health" be approved.

7. Date of next meeting.

This question was discussed at some length, as it was thought desirable to fix the meetings of the Organisation Committee in relation to the meetings of the ~~Committee of Management~~ of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Miss Baggallay reported that the ~~Committee~~ of Management proposed to hold their meetings at the week-end, and would endeavour to fit the time so as to be during the week-end preceeding the meeting of the Organisation Committee.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, January 21st at 5.30 p.m.