

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN NURSING STUDIES

There will be a meeting of the Special Advisory Committee in Nursing Studies on Friday 14 May 1982 at 2.30 pm in Senate House.

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES

TO CONFIRM: The Minutes of the meeting of 19 February 1982 (previously circulated).

2. MATTERS ARISING

Special Lecture in Nursing Studies (Minute 36)

TO RECEIVE: A report on the progress of plans to hold a Special Lecture addressed by Dr Irene Palmer, Dean of Nursing at San Diego University. *5-0 PM*

PhD Student: J A Akinsanya (Minute 38)

TO CONSIDER: (i) An amended thesis title;
(ii) Appointment of Examiners.

TO REPORT: (1) At its last meeting the Special Advisory Committee considered and suggested amendments to the proposed thesis title. A notification of thesis title has now been received amending the title from:

Nursing Education: the Contribution of the Life Sciences

to:

Curriculum Development in Nursing Education: the Contribution of the Life Sciences.

(2) An entry form has now been received for this student, giving the following abstract of thesis:

Discussion and investigations related to nursing education have ranged over a wide area. Much of the work in the curriculum development field in nursing has been concerned with the contribution of behavioural and social sciences. This study reports a three-phase investigation into the role of the life sciences in nursing education.

Section 1 examines the scientific foundations of nursing and covers the philosophical, educational and practical contributions of the underlying sciences.

Section 2 focuses on the educational and training processes involved in nursing education. Current training patterns are examined in their historical context.

Section 3 presents empirical results from exploratory studies of learners in non-teaching hospitals in the South East of England (N = 195).

Section 4 presents findings from surveys of two separate national intakes of nurse tutor students (N = 324) and interviews with course directors of all tutor courses in England and Wales.

Finally, an attempt is made to introduce a specific conceptual link between nursing and its life sciences foundation. It is suggested that a distinctive knowledge base for nursing could be developed using the concept of bionursing as a link between nursing theories and the life sciences.

(3) The Special Advisory Committee has now been asked to appoint examiners for this candidate. At its meeting on 7 October 1980 the Special Advisory Committee considered the principles it would wish to follow in appointing MPhil and PhD Examiners and decided as follows:

That the normal practice of the Special Advisory Committee should be to appoint two Visiting Examiners and the Supervisor as Examiners for candidates for the MPhil and PhD degrees and that, whenever possible, one of the Visiting Examiners should be a senior Teacher of the University of London, fully experienced in PhD examining.

(Minute 6, 7 October 1980)

(4) Preliminary consideration was given to the appointment of examiners at the last meeting of the Committee and the Supervisor, Professor Hayward, made the following

suggestions:

Intercollegiate Examiner: Mr Alan Beattie (Inst Educ)

External Examiner: Dr Pamela Hawthorn, Director of Nursing Studies
(University of Manchester)

Supervisor: Professor J C Hayward.

(5) The Committee recognised the difficulty of finding appropriate examiners, but considered it desirable for a new subject to ensure that the Intercollegiate Examiner should have considerable experience of examining for the London PhD. Professor Hayward agreed to make further enquiries about Mr Beattie's examining experience and to report back at the May meeting.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

TO NOTE: Dr S A A Beresford has resigned as representative of the SAC in Medical Statistics and Biometry, following resignation from her post as a Recognised Teacher. Dr T R Cullinan (St Bt's HMC) has been nominated by the SAC as their new representative.

TO CONSIDER: Appointment of member(s) to replace Miss M J Cooper and Miss J Radway, who have resigned following retirement.

TO REPORT: The constitution includes provision in the membership of other persons (to a maximum of 10) to include representatives from the General Nursing Council. Miss Cooper has served as a member as Chief Education Officer of the Council and Miss Radway as Senior Inspector of Training Schools. Miss Cooper and Miss Radway have had discussions about the rather different situation which now exists from the time when they were both first appointed to the SAC. Miss Cooper writes:

"My successor Miss I M Speight, SRN RMN RNT HV BA, has now taken up her post as Professional Officer (Basic Nursing Education) at the English Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting. She is seconded to this Council until our new statutory bodies take over full functional responsibilities, the date for which is not fixed but is likely to be April 1983."

"Miss Speight agrees that in future the Inspector concerned should always be a member of the Course Liaison Committee between the College concerned and the School of Nursing - but that it is possibly not necessary to have a second person from Council staff as a member of the Advisory Committee."

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4. PANEL OF VISITING EXAMINERS 1983

TO NOMINATE: A Panel of Visiting Examiners in Nursing Studies for course-unit examinations in 1983.

TO REPORT: (1) Details of the Panel of Visiting Examiners for 1982, together with their dates of appointment, are given in DOCUMENT A.

(2) The SAC agreed at its meeting on 9 May 1980 that:

". . as Nursing Studies is a four-year course, it is justifiable for Visiting Examiners to act at Chelsea College for four years instead of the three normally acceptable under course-unit Regulations. The College /Chelsea/ should, however, give further consideration to the desirability of introducing new names at an early stage so that a system of rotating names can be established."

(3) It will be noted that Dr Hawthorn and Miss Baker have now acted for four years. Although Professor Jeffrys has been on the Panel since 1978, she has not acted in all years.

Psychology

5. NURSING AT BEDFORD COLLEGE

TO CONSIDER: (1) Proposals for the second-year Psychology course, amended in the light of discussions at earlier meetings (DOCUMENT B.1);

(2) A full outline revised curriculum for the four-year degree course (DOCUMENT B.2).

TO REPORT: The Special Advisory Committee at its meeting on 19 February considered a draft proposal for the course in Psychology and suggested that it would be helpful to have at the May meeting a document outlining the overall curriculum and including the course-unit value of each course being taken and the amount of practical nursing not assessable for the degree related to each University course. As Mrs Ferguson has been abroad since March, it has not been possible for Bedford College to submit these documents in time for inclusion with the agenda, but, if possible, they will be circulated before the meeting.

6. PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN INNER LONDON: THE ACHESON REPORT

TO CONSIDER: A proposal from the SAC in General Practice to set up a working party consisting of representatives of General Practice, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy in the University to exchange ideas on primary health care.

TO REPORT: (1) The London Health Planning Consortium set up a study group, under the Chairmanship of Professor Donald Acheson, to study primary health care in Inner London. The study group's report was published in May 1981 and, having identified problems relating to the provision of primary care, included the suggestion that, through its medical schools, the University should collaborate in seeking urgent solutions.

(2) In its response the University has recognised that it cannot directly influence many of the recommendations of the report, which are concerned with the terms and conditions of service of general practitioners in London. At the same time, the University recognised the need to plan the development of primary care and its response includes the statement:

"The Schools and Departments of Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy in the University have the potential to contribute to the solution of some of the problems of primary care, but need to develop further an outward looking policy and to develop links with the primary care workers if this is to be achieved."

(3) This statement has suggested to the SAC in General Practice one course of action which need not wait for the Government's response on the possibility of new money. The Chairman of the SAC has written:

"We thought that a start could be made within the University if some kind of meeting between our four disciplines were arranged. It could put people who already have schemes they would like to implement in touch with each other, and perhaps even generate new ideas to be taken up by anyone interested."

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE SESSION 1982/82

TO CONSIDER: Suitable dates for the three meetings to be held in the session 1982/83.

TO REPORT: If the meetings are held at approximately the same time as they have been in the session 1981/82, they will be on:

Friday 15 October 1982
Friday 18 February 1983
Friday 13 May 1983.

PANEL OF VISITING EXAMINERS IN NURSING STUDIES FOR COURSE-UNIT
EXAMINATIONS 1982

Chairman: Professor J H Green (Middx HMS)

	Anderson, Prof J A D (Guy's HMS)	1981
+	Baker, Miss Dorothy E, SRN SCM BSc(Soc) PhD, Dept of Nursing, Manchester University	1978
	Armstrong, Dr D (Guy's HMS)	1982
+	Boore, Dr Jennifer, Inst Nursing Studies, Hull University	1982
+	Crow, Dr Rosemary, MA SRN SCM HV, Director, Nursing Practice Research Unit, Northwick Park Hospital and CRC	1980
+	Duberley, Mr J D, SRN RSCN NSC DIP ADV NURS STUD, Dept Human Biology and Health, Surrey University	1980
+	Fentem, Prof P H, MSc MB, ChB, Dept of Physiology and Pharmacology, University Hospital and Medical School, Nottingham	1978
*+	Hawthorn, Dr Pamela, SRN SCM, Dept of Nursing, Manchester University	1979
	Jeffrys, Prof Margot (BdfC)	1978
+	Luker, Karen A, BNurs, PhD, Dept of Nursing, Manchester University	1982
+	McFarlane, Prof Baroness, MA MSc DSc BSc(Soc)SRN SCM FRCN, Dept of Nursing, Manchester University	1981 (Soc)
+	Mitchell, Prof G D, MBE BAc(Econ), Dept of Sociology, Exeter University	1982
	Robinson, Dr B V (Guy's HMS)	1980
	Segal, Dr M B (St Thos's HMS)	1981
	Stockdale, Dr Janet E (LSE)	1982

+ denotes and Examiner external to the University

* will have examined at Chelsea College for four years - 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982