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BEDFORD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of
Courses for International Students held on February 5th 1932.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Friday February 5th 1932 at 2.30 p.m.

P r e s e n t

The Principal in the Chair
Miss Baggallay
Mrs. Carter
Miss Dorsey
Mrs. Edkins
Miss Lloyd Still
Miss MacManus
Lt. Col. Parkinson
Miss Parsons
Mrs. Reid
Mrs. Williams
The Secretary.

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. Communications received.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Miss Darbyshire
Professor Edgell

3. Concerning continuance of the course after the close of the current session.

a. Letter from the League of Red Cross Societies.

A letter was read from the League of Red Cross Societies giving information that the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies had authorised the continuance of the courses for a further year and that the funds necessary to carry on had been guaranteed until July 1933; that this decision had been taken in view of the proposal of the International Council of Nurses to found an International Memorial to Florence Nightingale and of the suggestion that the League's courses should become the basis of the scheme.

The committee received the news conveyed in the letter with much gratification.

At this point Colonel Parkinson rose to move a vote of thanks to Mrs. Carter for the part she had played in bringing about what he termed "the present happy position" which he felt was chiefly due

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to the effort put into the work by Mrs. Carter.

The motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED that this vote of thanks to Mrs. Carter be recorded.

b. Re-consideration of recommendations passed at the last meeting.

The Chairman asked the committee whether in view of the letter from the League of Red Cross Societies mentioned above, they would like to re-consider the resolutions passed under item 6 of the minutes of the last meeting (12 th January 1932).

She reported that the resolutions had been before the Council and had been referred back to the Finance Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED that no action be taken.

3. Business referred from the last meeting.

Consideration of the following question:-

"What standard of proficiency in the English Language is to be required from students who enter with a view to studying such subjects as Industrial Conditions which are likely to prove very difficult to them."

Mrs. Williams spoke to the matter and expressed the opinion that students who had great difficulty with the English language wasted much time in trying to understand such subjects as Economics of which the matter was entirely unfamiliar to them. That this unfamiliarity combined with want of facility in the language created an almost insuperable difficulty. She proposed that the same regulations with regard to compulsory courses should remain as at present but that if it was found at the end of some period, to be fixed, that a student did not know sufficient English to deal with the theoretical side of a difficult subject, she should be withdrawn from this course and concentrate on the professional side of the work; that such students at the end of the course should receive a certificate without endorsement by those subjects which for the reasons mentioned above they had been unable to take.

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Discussion took place and the Committee were of the opinion that if any general rule was made making it possible for students to be exempted from courses on account of language difficulty it might have serious results in lowering the standard of the work and the value of the certificate.

Mrs. Carter pointed out that the League took every care in the selection of the students but that it was impossible to know their exact proficiency in language until they had arrived in the country.

It was agreed after further discussion that any action on this matter should be deferred for the present in view of the hope that, should the scheme for the Florence Nightingale Memorial mature, there would be a far wider choice from which the selection of candidates could be made. The Committee were reminded that at present the selection was restricted to nominations through the various Red Cross Societies but under the Nightingale scheme members of all Nursing Associations would be eligible for nomination.

RESOLVED that no action be taken for the present.

4. Curricula for the session 1932-33.

The Organisation Committee were reminded of the resolutions passed at their meeting in October 1931, item 6.

Mrs. Reid asked that that portion of resolutions 1 and 3 dealing with instruction on Tuberculosis should be rescinded and the lectures by Dr. Gloyne be reinstated as further investigation had shown that it would be difficult to get sufficient instruction for the students without these lectures.

No requests for other changes in the curricula were received.

RESOLVED that resolutions 1 and 3, item 6 of the minutes of October 13th 1931 be rescinded.

that the following resolutions be passed:

that the curricula for 1932-33 be on the same lines as that for the session 1931-32 but that the following course be omitted:

10 lectures by Dr. Chodak Gregory on Maternity and Child Welfare

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RESOLVED
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that arrangements be made for students to receive practical instruction at Child Welfare Centres in place of the lectures by Dr. Chodak Gregory.

that authority be given to the Director of Social Studies to arrange for the students to receive instruction in Maternity and Child Welfare at Child Welfare Clinics and that these arrangements be reported to the Committee at their next meeting.

5. Recommendations for the re-appointment of Lecturers and Tutors for 1932-33.

Miss Baggallay, Miss Parsons and Colonel Parkinson were asked to withdraw while this item on the agenda was being discussed.

a. Re-appointment of Tutors.

i. Tutor to the Public Health Students.

Reported that Miss Baggallay's appointment terminated on August 31st 1932.

Recommended that Miss Baggallay be re-appointed as Tutor to the Public Health Students for one year from September 1st 1932.

ii. Tutor to the Nurse Administrator Students.

The Committee were reminded that Miss Parsons was appointed by the College of Nursing but that half her salary was paid by Bedford College for her services as Tutor to the Nurse Administrator Students.

Recommended that the College of Nursing be asked to allow the same arrangements with regard to Miss Parsons for the session 1932-33 as for the session 1931-32.

b. Visiting Lecturers.

Recommended that the following appointments be renewed for the session 1932-33:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Course.</u>	<u>No. of lectures.</u>
Dr. Crowden	Personal Hygiene	7½ lectures
Lt. Col. Parkinson	Hygiene and Public Health	35 lectures
Dr. Gloyne	Tuberculosis	6 lectures
Dr. Hutchison	Psychiatry	6 lectures

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Lectures on Health Publicity.

The question of the re-appointment of Miss Keating to give 4 lectures on Health Publicity was discussed and the committee agreed that the subject could not suitably be regarded as a lecture course in an academic sense, but should be included as part of the practical training of the students.

RESOLVED that Miss Keating be not re-appointed by the Council of Bedford College to give 4 lectures in "Health Publicity" but that authority be given to the Director of Social Studies to arrange for the practical training of the students in this subject to the extent of not more than 4 demonstrations.

6. Further arrangements for the Presentation of Certificates 1932.

Reported that the dates suggested for the presentation of certificates July 11th and July 12th were neither of them convenient to Sir Arthur Stanley; that July 7th which suited Bedford College had been one among other dates suggested.

Recommended that the date of the Presentation of Certificates be fixed for Thursday July 7th.

It was also reported that Sir Arthur Stanley was sending an invitation to Miss Margery Fry to present the certificates and make the principal speech.

Mrs. Carter reported that the permission of the Finnish Red Cross was being asked to approach Miss Snellman with an invitation to give the speech representing the Nursing side of the work; that as soon as their consent had been obtained, Bedford College would be asked to send the invitation to Miss Snellman.

7. Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting be fixed for Tuesday 17th May at 2.30 p.m.