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CONFIDENTIALB E D F O R D   C O L L E G E   F O R   W O M E N( U N I V E R S I T Y   O F   L O N D O N )MINUTES of the Meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of  
Courses for International Students held on Wednesday,  
October 19th 1932 at 2.30 p.m.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Wednesday, October 19th, 1932 at 2.30 p.m.

P r e s e n t                      The Principal in the Chair  
Miss Baggallay  
Mrs. Carter  
Mrs. Edkins  
Miss MacManus  
Lt. Col. Parkinson  
Miss Parsons  
Mrs. Reid  
The Secretary.

1. Minutes.

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

2. Arising out of the Minutes.

Summer School proposed for 1933.

Mrs. Carter reported that the Summer School proposed for the summer of 1933 had had to be given up as the Finance Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies had struck it out of their budget on the grounds that everything must be concentrated on the new Florence Nightingale scheme and that to spend money on bringing students to England for a Summer School would be an unjustifiable expense at the present time.

3. Communications received.

Apologies for absence were received from: Miss Darbyshire  
Professor Edgell  
Miss Lloyd Still  
Mrs. Williams.

4. Admission of students 1932-33.

a. Candidates whose admission was postponed pending a report on their knowledge of the language -

Veronika Monkute  
Vinka Sholjan  
Lara Jonsson

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Mrs. Reid informed the committee that Miss Baggallay who had had the direction of the practical work of these students during the summer weeks was best qualified to speak about their progress in the English language.

Miss Baggallay reported that she had no hesitation in advising the Committee that all three candidates should be accepted; that their English was not brilliant but was certainly up to the average standard; that they all promised well.

RESOLVED that the following be admitted to the courses for 1932-33:-

Public Health Course.

Veronika Monkute	Lithuania
Vinka Sholjan	Yugoslavia

Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers.

Lara Jonsson	Iceland
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b. New candidates for admission.

i. Public Health Course.

Cecile Theys - Belgium, - age 24 8/12.

Details given by the candidate in her application form:

Education - General Secondary - 5 years 1919-1924.

Professional Training - "Ecole Professionnelle - Assistance aux Malades", rue Amyot, Paris - 2 years 1928-1930.

Public Health Nursing Training - "Association des Infirmières Visiteuses de Belgique" - 33, rue Caroly, Brussels - 1 year 1931-32.

Present Position - Staff nurse in St. Gilles, Brussels.

Knowledge of English - fair.

Recommended - Belgian Red Cross by Mlle. Mechelynck.

Future work - Instructor at the new school of nursing of the "Assistance Publique" of Brussels.



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Miss Baggallay was again referred to as she had had experience of Miss Theys during the summer weeks. She reported that she was a good student and though her English was not in any way perfect, she had already done some quite good written work. She recommended that she be accepted as a student for the course.

RESOLVED that Miss Cecile Theys, Belgium, be admitted to the Public Health Course for 1932-33.

Violet Wickham - Great Britain, - age 33.

Details given by the candidate in her application form:

Education - General Secondary - 1910-1920, St. Elphin's School, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire.

Professional Training - 4 years 1922-26, St. Thomas's Hospital.

Experience - C.M.B. Certificate 1927. Queen's District Nursing 1930-32.

Recommended by the Nightingale Fund Foundation and the British Red Cross.

Miss Wickham was reported to be a good student and recommended for admission to the course.

RESOLVED that Miss Violet Wickham, Great Britain, be admitted to the Public Health Course for 1932-33.

Application from the Argentine Red Cross.

Mrs. Carter reported that an application had been received from the Argentine Red Cross for the admission of a candidate but she had not yet arrived in England and it was not known whether her English was really good; that if she suddenly arrived and was sufficiently qualified in English to follow the course, would the College admit her as late as the end of October?

RESOLVED that the admission of the student from the Argentine Red Cross be left to the discretion of Mrs. Reid in consultation with the Principal, it being understood that she should not be admitted unless her English was really good.

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c. Withdrawals.

Dharmasaroja Swatt

Reported that this candidate could not complete her studies for the C.M.B. examination until November 18th and therefore would not be able to start the Public Health Course until after this date.

The Committee were asked whether Bedford College would permit her admission to the course as late as the middle of November, or whether they would expect her to withdraw.

A report was before the committee to the effect that Miss Swatt spoke English fluently, had been trained in England for four years and was much better equipped than the majority of students taking the course; that the Siamese Government were prepared to finance any special coaching which was necessary to bring her up to the standard of the work at the end of November.

RESOLVED that Miss Swatt be admitted to the course at the end of November after she has completed her work for the C.M.B. examination.

5. Reports from the Tutors in the practical work.

Miss Baggallay presented a report on the work of the Public Health students done during the summer. (For report see file 196C)

Miss Parsons presented a report on the practical work done by the Nurse Administrator students during the summer. (For report see file 196C).

6. Curricula for ensuing session.

Mrs. Carter reported that the responsibility of the League of Red Cross Societies for the financing of the course ended in the summer of 1933; that the International Council of Nurses were not meeting to make decision concerning the memorial to Florence Nightingale until the summer of 1933; that under these circumstances there would be an interim period 1933-34 for which no committee would be responsible for making arrangements; that the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies had held a meeting and suggested that an interim committee be formed consisting of three members from the League of Red Cross Societies and three members of the International Council of Nurses who should be responsible for the conduct of the course for 1933-34 provided that 15 full scholarships could be assured by the



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1st January 1933; that the League of Red Cross Societies had already included 5 full scholarships in their budget for this purpose; that it was hoped that the British Red Cross Society would finance another 5 scholarships and that it should not be difficult to collect 5 more from the other countries; that if these 15 scholarships were guaranteed by 1st January and the International Council of Nurses agreed to co-operate in the matter, then the interim committee proposed above would make all necessary arrangements for the conduct of the course for 1933-34; that no action could be taken until January 1933.

7. Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting be fixed for Monday, 16th January, 1933 at 2.30 p.m.

8. Other business.

Date of Presentation of Certificates 1933.

Mrs. Carter asked that this date should be put as early as possible in the last week of June and in any case not later than the last day of June as the League of Red Cross Societies had very important engagements in Paris early in July and their representatives would not be able to attend a later meeting.