

BEDFORD COLLEGE

(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)

MEMORANDUM

To: Marian

From: Ivor

21st October 1981

I thought I ought to put on record the fact that I thought you did very well to defend the department's course against what were sometimes trivial and often irrelevant criticisms from people who clearly had not read their papers and so prepared themselves to contribute usefully to the discussion. I think this sort of situation is something that happens all too frequently in London University and is the result of our peculiar federal structure.

Our next stage must be to put the syllabuses in final shape for submission on the official forms. That done, I hope they could be approved by Chairman's action. If not, I will take a stand at the next meeting on our constitutional right to have the discussion restricted to the matters that are the responsibility of the Special Advisory Committee. But we must talk about this at leisure.

I regret that I could not give more effective support than I did and perhaps we ought to adjust our tactics on another occasion.

I have spoken to the Secretary about the insurance. He has asked me for a short statement of about the eventuality we think might occur and he will put this before the College insurers. He sees no difficulty.

V The statement I envisage is "A Bedford College student might during the course of her^{her} clinical training have to carry out an ^{procedure} (operation,) for example, giving an injection which through inexperience or negligence she performs so that the patient is harmed thereby. Such a patient might reasonably sue the person responsible for damages through her negligence. These students are not National Health Service employees and therefore could not look to that body to defend their interests in a court of law."

Would you let me have your comments on this or suggest an alternative.

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We have a sub-Board of Examiners meeting on Wednesday, 4th November at 10.30 a.m. Would you like to have a meeting of our Working Party at 2 p.m the same day or would you prefer sometime on Wednesday 11th November? ✓

An alternative time for me would be in the evening at 5 p.m with odd exceptions, for example, not the 3rd ~~or 5th~~ November.

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