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BEDFORD COLLEGE
(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)

MEMORANDUM

To: Secretary, Dr Burton, Registrar, Accountant, Senior Assistant Secretary (Personnel)
From: Senior Assistant Secretary (Planning) 16th November 1979

NURSING STUDIES - PROPOSED DEGREE COURSE

Just to confirm the main points agreed at our meeting on 15th November.

1. Although the Academic Council has not yet approved the proposal in principle, we will go ahead with plans for spending the money allocated by the Court in anticipation of approval.
2. Failure to approve was due to lack of information. The Registrar and Dr Burton will ensure that this is available to the Academic Council for their meeting on 3rd December.
3. The Secretary will confirm with the University Court Department that the necessary formalities have been gone through with the UGC (see Academic Registrar's note 2 on Report to Academic Council of 5th November).
4. The award of grant and the (then) position with the Academic Council will be reported to Academic Board on 4th December. Academic Board has already approved the proposal for the course on the understanding that there will be no additional cost to the College and that the student population of the Department of Sociology will not be increased.
5. The grants of £5,000, £15,000 and £20,000 for 1979/80, 1980/81 and 1981/82 respectively are described in the University Principal's letter of 24th October as "earmarked". Although the grant level announced on 5th November for planning purposes purports to include all special grants and represents a cut of (the Accountant calculates) 3% on originally announced recurrent grant, these figures are regarded as sacrosanct minima.
6. Grant awarded for 1981/82 - when the courses are expected to be fully operational - is only adequate for two academic appointments. These will be the two Course Tutors.
7. Dr Burton will put his staffing proposals to Departmental Staffing Committee as soon as possible. He would prefer the senior of the two appointments (the one to be made in 1979/80) to be at Senior Lecturer level. This has implications for the senior/junior ratio and for the promotion policy of the College and will need to be argued.
8. The cost of one appointment at Senior Lecturer level and one at Lecturer level will exceed the £20,000 allocated for 1981/82. Dr Burton will put to DSC proposals for using other vacant staff posts to bring the staffing level up to requirements without throwing additional costs to the College. There will be a need for some Visiting Lecturers on the professional side.
9. Dr Burton would like to make the first appointment at about Easter so that the Tutor can work on the details of the course programme and iron out any of the objections raised by the Academic Council. To get the necessary approvals in time, it may be necessary to put preliminary proposals to DSC on 21st November. Dr Burton and the Senior Assistant Secretary (Personnel) will consult the Principal.

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FROM THE SECRETARY
Maj Gen S M Abraham CB MC

cc. Registrar
Dr. Burton

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15th November 1979

Dear Mr Roderick

I am writing further to the Principal's letter to Dr Black offering earmarked funds for the development into a degree course of the present combined Bedford College/Middlesex Hospital School course in Social Policy and Nursing.

At the foot of the Report to Academic Council of 5th November 1979, the Academic Registrar notes that "Because of the implications for Health Departments the UGC also asked to be consulted by universities before a final decision was taken on any new development in Nursing Studies". We assume that the Court Department has dealt with this.

Yours sincerely



S M ABRAHAM

MAPW/sps

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12 NOV 1979

BEDFORD COLLEGE
(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr Burton, Registrar, Senior Assistant Secretary (Personnel)

From: Senior Assistant Secretary (Planning)

12th November 1979

Proposed Degree in Nursing Studies

The Secretary has asked me to arrange a meeting to discuss action to be taken following the University Court's award of earmarked grant "for the development into a four-year course - unit degree course of the combined Bedford College/Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing course in Social Policy and Nursing."

This has been arranged for Thursday, 15th November 1979 at 11.00 a.m. in the Secretary's room.

The earmarked grants are:-

1979/80	£5,000
1980/81	£15,000
1981/82	£20,000

The University Court department has asked to be informed in some detail precisely how the College proposes to use the grants.

I attach a copy of the report which went to the last meeting of the Academic Council showing the point which has been reached in the procedure for approval. I attach also a copy of the letter we sent to the Court in February seeking funds for the course. The estimate of £24,000 was made up of three appointments at point 9 on the Lecturer Scale. On current salary scales I estimate that each point 9 appointment would now cost £8,750. Therefore the earmarked grant could not be expected to cover all three posts proposed.

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Principal } for information.
Accountant }

6. PROPOSALS FOR A BSC DEGREE AT BEDFORD COLLEGE WITH NURSING STUDIES AS THE MAIN FIELD OF STUDY [338]

TO CONSIDER: Proposals to introduce in October 1980 a course leading to a degree with Nursing Studies as the main field to be offered at Bedford College in conjunction with the Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing.

TO REPORT: (1) A background statement from Bedford College relating to the proposals to introduce this new degree course is given in Document A.6.

(2) At meetings in July and October the Special Advisory Committee in Nursing Studies has considered this statement together with an outline of the proposed degree structure. The Special Advisory Committee has now recommended that support should be given in principle to Bedford College offering a Nursing degree course with a bias towards the Social Sciences as this would appropriately complement the existing course at Chelsea College which has a bias towards the Biological Sciences. The Special Advisory Committee would consider, however, that the detailed proposals presently submitted could not be deemed to constitute a degree course with Nursing Studies as the main field but rather a course which might more appropriately be designated as "Social Sciences with Nursing Studies." The Advisory Committee would also consider that it is essential that appropriately qualified graduate nurses are appointed to Bedford College with responsibility for teaching and examining the nursing units before the course is introduced. It has therefore been agreed that University approval should be sought in principle for the proposal to introduce the course in order that, if this is given Bedford College may proceed with the appointment of suitably qualified staff and consider further the degree structure.

Note by Academic Registrar

1. In 1976 the UGC issued a note of guidance to universities contemplating new developments in Nursing Studies and the SAC in Nursing Studies is taking this into account in discussions on the detailed proposals put forward by Bedford College.

2. Because of the implications for Health Departments the UGC also asked to be consulted by universities before a final decision was taken on any new development in Nursing Studies.

Copies: Principal
Registrar
Dr Burton

14 February 1979

Dear Mr Roderick,

DEVELOPMENTS IN NURSING STUDIES

We have read into the "general observations" paragraphs on Academic Planning (paragraph 6 of Sir Fred Dainton's letter of 10 May 1977 to the Vice-Chancellor (letter re 10/77, UGC ref 44/53/013) the suggestion that the UGC may have earmarked funds for developments in Nursing Studies - extra to normal allocation.

If our interpretation is correct, the College would like to seek financial support for the development of an existing combined Bedford/Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing course in Social Policy and Nursing into a four year course unit degree course.

The proposed scheme, which has been worked out by an ad hoc committee of representatives of the College, the Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing, the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, the General Nursing Council and N.H.S. administration, is based on a combination of professional training with an honours degree in Social Policy which emphasises the health services in general and the nursing service in particular. The professional training element has already been approved by the General Nursing Council.

We can, if you wish, provide details of the academic content and objectives and of the arguments which led the College's Academic Board to approve the proposal in principle, subject to the availability of funds. An application to the Academic Council for permission to offer the course is at present being prepared. My object in writing at this point is to establish whether or not our interpretation of the UGC letter is correct, i.e. whether there is any possibility of our obtaining additional funds, estimated at £24,000 per annum, to cover:

One additional lecturer in Psychology
Two academic course tutors (lecturer's equivalent)
Support funds at £500 per annum

The School of Nursing's contribution would, we hope, continue as the provision of Practical training under the supervision of the two Nursing Tutors allocated to the present joint course.

The object would be to start the course in 1980/81.

Yours sincerely,

[SMA]

Secretary

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Mr. Steward
has suggested
Court funds for
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13 NOV 1979

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MEMORANDUM

To: Registrar

From: Dr. I.F. Burton

12 November 1979

I have no queries in respect of the letter from the University, concerning the Nursing Studies degree. I do not see great problems in academic terms, and I think that the immediate task is to deal with the question of staffing and finance.

Marigold Pakenham-Walsh is calling a meeting on this as soon as possible.

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