

University of London

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN NURSING STUDIES

The next meeting of the SAC in Nursing Studies will be held on Friday, 21 February 1986 at 2 30 pm in the Senate House.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 11 October 1985.

Present: Prof M Ginsburg (Chairman), Mr A Beattie, Mr E R Beck, Mr R B Combes, Mr B Finn, Mrs E M Fordham, Prof J G Grudzinskas, Dr J Macleod Clark, Prof J H L Playfair, Miss J R W Ross, Mrs A E While, Dr J Wilson-Barnett.

In attendance - Mr P Burt-Jones (Dept of Extra-Mural Studies)

Apologies were received from: Prof H R Anderson, Mr P D Holgate, Prof P H Millard, Prof J P Payne, Prof R A Pinker, Prof T E Oppé, Prof J O'Riordan, Mrs B M Robottom, Dr M B Segal, Dr J A Weinman

Minutes

Confirmed: The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 1985 subject to the addition of Dr R J Wilson-Barnett to the list of those present. 1

Matters Arising

a) Nursing Studies at KCL (KQC) (Minutes 70-72 refer)

Reported: The Hartley Working Party had not yet reported to the Joint Planning Committee. Dr Wilson-Barnett would be giving evidence next month. 2

b) Extra Mural Diploma in Nursing (Minutes 76-86 refer)

Reported: The Working Party was still in the process of exploring the points raised at the last meeting, particularly a one year full-time top up to an honours degree for the best students. This possibility had received sympathetic reaction from KQC, although the course may need to last for a calendar year. The Working Party would report fully to the next meeting. The SAC recognised that there was now some urgency as CNAA had recently agreed to approve 2 year part-time post diploma ordinary degrees. 3

c) Working Party in Health Studies (Minutes 74, 75 refer)

Reported: The AAB in Science at its meeting on 5 July 1985 had recommended to Academic Council that the Working Party be invited to continue its work with an extended membership of one or at the most two members, drawn from the AABs in Science and Medicine. The Working Party would be asked to look in detail at the further proposals from Schools, received in the light of the report and to discuss the proposed Health Sciences degree in detail with relevant professional bodies. 4

Agreed: To recommend to the Academic Council that as Nursing had received a green light from the Working Party an additional member from this area would be able to make a valuable contribution to the next stage of the Working Party's work. 5

Membership

- 6 Reported: (1) The Academic Council Standing Sub-Committee in Science and Engineering had approved the appointment of Professor J H L Playfair (Middlesex HMS) and Mrs Julia I Brooking (Dept of Nursing Studies, KQC)
- 7 (2) Following approval by the Standing Sub-Committee, Mr R B Combes (Principal Nursing Officer (Education), Maudsley Hospital), Mr P D Holgate (Principal Advisory Tutor in Occupational Health Nursing, Royal College of Nursing) and Miss Barbara M Robottom (Professional Officer, District Nurse Education and Training, ) had accepted invitations to serve on the SAC as "Other Persons".
- 8 (3) Dr Jill Macleod-Clark (Dept of Nursing Studies, KQC) had been a recognised teacher for some time and should have been included under category (a) of the membership of the SAC since that time.
- 9 Agreed: (1) That as Prof Hayward had now retired, he could not continue as Deputy Chairman and that Dr J Wilson-Barnett be appointed as Deputy Chairman for 1985/86.
- 10 (2) That Prof J C Hayward and Prof R Goldsmith, who had also retired be invited to serve on the SAC as "Other Persons".

The Chairman welcomed Mr Combes and Prof Playfair to their first meeting.

Chairman' Action

Applications for the MSc in Nursing Studies: at KQC

- 12 Reported: The previous Chairman had recommended acceptance of the registrations of three students with the following qualifications:
- BA Open University (1984) - Social Sciences  
SRN and RMN (1974/75)  
Cert Ed (1980) University College Cardiff  
Diploma in Nursing Part A (1977)  
10 Years professional experience
- B Nurs (1983) University of Wales, College of Medicine  
RMN (1978)  
Further Education Teachers Certificate (1983)  
Varied professional experience
- BSc (1974) University of Nottingham (Physics, Stats, Maths, Social Sciences)  
SRN (1977)  
JBCNS Intensive Care Nursing Certificate (1981)  
Extensive professional experience including 3 years running an Intensive Care Unit.

MSc in Nursing Studies at KQC

- 13 Dr Wilson-Barnett reported on the operation of the first year of the course. Ten of the twelve enrolled students entered the examination and passed all three parts and the external examiner had been very impressed.
- 14 The 1985 intake was again twelve, with a broad range of first degree subjects and nursing specialisations.

Examiners for the MSc in Nursing Studies at KQC

Approved: The following Board of Examiners for the MSc in Nursing Studies in 1986: 15

Internal  
(all at KQC)

Dr J Wilson-Barnett (Chairman)  
Dr J Macleod Clark  
Miss R Herbert  
Dr S J Redfern

Visiting

Dr A Tierney      Director of Nursing  
Research Unit  
University of Edinburgh

Academic Advisory Board in Science

Elected: The Deputy Chairman, Dr J Wilson-Barnett to serve on the Academic Advisory Board in Science for the calendar year 1986. 16

English National Board: Strategy Proposals

Reported: (1) The University was not asked formally to submit comments, but several members of the SAC had been able to make an input through other channels before the 15 September deadline. 17

(2) The only direct reference to degree courses in the policy statement is as follows (page 16): 18

"Existing degree courses will continue and any future extension or development of such courses will be welcomed."

(3) A letter had been received from Dr Perkins of the South East Thames Regional Health Authority and the Secretary had sent a copy of the University's input to the RCN enquiry in the first instance. Dr Wilson-Barnett had also spoken to Dr Perkins. 19

Agreed: That a further response to the questions posed in the letter from the South East Thames Regional Health Authority was not required. 20

CVCP Code of Practice on the External Examiner System

Considered: A letter from the Academic Registrar (21 May 1985) and the accompanying CVCP paper "The External Examiner System for First Degree and Taught Master's Courses". 21

Agreed: To make the following comments to the Academic Registrar: 22

(i) That in a young subject such as Nursing Studies, it was not always possible for all, or even a majority, of external examiners to be at professorial level.

(ii) It was important that any mechanism devised to look at reports from visiting examiners should not be cumbersome, as to be useful, comments usually needed to be acted upon very quickly. The SAC can see no reason why reports should not go in parallel to Colleges and to the Chairman of the SAC/Panel of Visiting Examiners. 23

Data Protection Act 1984: Implications for the University's Policy on the Release of Examination Marks

Considered: A letter of 16 September 1985 from the Academic Registrar. 24

- 25 Agreed: To reply to the Academic Registrar that the SAC saw no problem in principle with the release of examination marks but were concerned at the conversion of the proposed general factor into an actual examination mark. It was felt that the discretion of the Examinations Board should if at all possible be reflected in a change to the marks finally awarded. If this was not possible in the case of a course unit degree where the final classification depended on earlier exam results which had already been released, then it would be better for the general factor to be a literal grade with an accompanying explanation of how this grade could in certain circumstances effect the final classification awarded.

Panel of Visiting Examiners in Nursing Studies: Course Unit Examinations 1986

- 26 Agreed: (1) To ask Prof Oppé if he still wished to continue as the Chairman of the Panel in 1986. If not, then the Chairman should approve a replacement.
- 27 (2) Amendments to the Panel as set out in Anex A.

Panel of Advisors for Appointed Teachers

- 28 Agreed: To consider at the next meeting whether the SAC wished to appoint a Panel as allowed for in the Booklet on Boards of Studies/SACs/AABs.

SAC in General Practice

- 29 Noted: An oral report from Miss While on the work of the SAC in the past year.

PANEL OF VISITING EXAMINERS IN NURSING STUDIES; COURSE-UNIT EXAMINATIONS 1986

Chairman:

(R 85)		+Baker, Dr Dorothy, University of Manchester
	(C 84)	+Battersby, Mrs Joan L, Nursing Studies Unit, University of Liverpool
(R 82)		+Boore, Prof Jennifer, Dept of Nursing Studies, New University of Ulster
(R 84)	(C 84)	Carrier, J W, LSE
	(C 84)	D'Mello, Dr A, LHMC
	(C 84)	+Davis, Dr B D, Nursing Research Unit, University of Edinburgh
	(C 83)	+Faulkner, Dr Ann, Dept of Nursing, University of Manchester
(R 84)		+Hildebrand, Dr H E, Adult Dept, Tavistock Centre, London NW3
	(C 84)	+Hockey, Dr Lisbeth, Dept of Nursing, University of Edinburgh
	(C 86)	Imms, Dr F J, Dept of Physiology, UMDS
(R 82)		+Luker, Dr Karen A, Dept of Nursing, University of Manchester
(R 84)		MacDonald, Prof J S, Chelc
	(C 85)	+Miller, Dr Audrey, Dept of Nursing, Welsh National School of Medicine
(R 82)		+Mitchell, Prof G D, Inst of Population Studies, University of Exeter
	(C 84)	Oppe, Prof T E, St My's HMS
	(C 86)	+Roy, Mrs Penny, Centre for Clinical Communication Studies, City University
(R 84)	(C 81)	Segal, Dr M B, UMDS(T)
	(C 85)	+Turton, Miss P, Dept of Nursing, University of Manchester
	(C 86)	Weinman, Dr J A, Dept of Psychology, UMDS(G).

R = Royal Holloway and Bedford New College

C = Chelsea College

+ = External Examiner