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Dr. I. Burton,
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Dear Dr. Burton,

PROPOSED DEGREE IN NURSING STUDIES

Thank you for your note of 17th December which I regret I did not receive until after the Christmas break. I am now writing at the suggestion of Professor Green who has discussed your letter with me.

We fully appreciate that the College will not wish to submit detailed course proposals until after a Director of Nursing Studies has been appointed and that the most imperative point for the moment is to obtain academic planning approval in principle so that the funds agreed subject to such approval may be released and the appointment advertised. I regret, however, that we do not think the brief statement made in your letter to Professor Green would in itself provide an adequate basis for reference back to the Academic Council.


As you know at their meeting on 16th November the Council expressed reservations at approving in principle a proposal to introduce such a course while the SAC in Nursing Studies considered that the proposals before them did not constitute a degree course with Nursing Studies as the main field of study. The SAC and the Council had noticed that the statement from the College submitted to them included in para. 6 the statements that "the present submission does not change the basic ingredients of the present combined course The basis remains that of an honours degree in Social Policy (my underlining) combined with a special professional training." If, therefore, the Council is now to be persuaded that the College are seeking approval to introduce a BSc course with Nursing Studies as the main field it would seem necessary for Bedford College to submit to the University a revised statement which should also show how the College propose to accept responsibility for the teaching and examining of courses in Nursing by members of the academic staff.

Professor Green therefore suggested that it might be helpful to the College if I undertook to draft such a statement which would supersede the various documents so far submitted by the College but would incorporate information included in them and would, so far as I could see, cover the various points the Academic Council would wish to know at this stage, whilst omitting details of the proposed content. I am, therefore, enclosing such a draft document but I hasten to make three points:

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- (a) this is only a suggestion and the College are, of course, totally free to reject or modify it as they wish.
- (b) this draft has not presently been seen by anyone else and I cannot, of course, prophesy academic Council's reactions. I am sending a copy to Professor Green who may wish to make further suggestions to you.
- (c) I am also sending a copy to Mr. Turnbull as I rather assume the revised submission would be made through him on behalf of the College authorities.

Yours sincerely,



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c.c. Mr. L. Turnbull,
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