

University of London

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN NURSING STUDIES

There will be a meeting of the Special Advisory Committee in Nursing Studies on Friday 20 February 1981 at 2.30 pm in Senate House.

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES

TO CONFIRM: Minutes of the meeting on 17 October 1980 (previously circulated).

2. MEMBERSHIP

TO REPORT: The following changes:

Professor C G Clark, Professor of Surgery and Director of the Surgical Unit (UC), has replaced Professor Hobsley as a representative of the Board of Studies in Surgery.

Professor J P Payne, Professor of Anaesthesia (LHMC) has replaced Professor Conway as the second representative of the Board of Studies in Surgery with special interests in anaesthetics.

Mr J Malvern (Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology) has asked to withdraw from membership. The Board of Studies in Obstetrics and Gynaecology have not yet named a representative to replace him.

Mrs C A Cox, Director of Nursing Education at Chelsea College, has become a Recognised Teacher in Nursing Studies assigned to the Board of Studies in Sociology and will, therefore, now be appointed as a member of the SAC, for which the constitution includes in the membership Appointed and Recognised Teachers in Nursing Studies.

3. SPECIAL UNIVERSITY LECTURES

TO CONSIDER: Nomination of a lecturer in 1981/82.

4. AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREES OF MPhil AND PhD

TO CONSIDER: Revised regulations for the MPhil and PhD degrees.

TO REPORT: (1) The Academic Council has recommended amendment to the regulations for internal students proceeding to the degrees of MPhil and PhD in a report which has been given wide circulation in Schools and Boards of Studies in order to seek their comments before proceeding further. Comments on the report are requested by not later than Monday 30 March.

(2) The only matters likely to be of particular concern to the SAC relate to additional qualifications for registration for an MPhil or PhD degree in the subject Nursing Studies. All Boards of Studies and SACs are asked whether they wish to consider existing special requirements or to include these in future.

(3) At present there are no requirements for Nursing Studies for either the MPhil or PhD degrees, as only an occasional student has been registered in this field to date. It is being proposed that the General Regulations should include the statement "A candidate for a research degree will normally be registered initially for the MPhil degree" (para 4.2). If this is agreed, the Committee may consider that there will be no need to include any special requirement for PhD registration, but may wish to consider the first degree subjects normally considered to be of relevance for a candidate wishing to register for an MPhil in the field of Nursing Studies.

5. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC ORGANISATION - DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

TO REPORT: (1) The Committee on Academic Organisation, under the Chairmanship of Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, have produced a document which they describe as "a discussion paper raising issues central to our activities" rather than an interim report. The Committee write:

"Our first task has been to assess the size and nature of the problems that face the University. One purpose of this document is to present

that assessment; for until there is a measure of agreement on the problem, there is unlikely to be sensible discussion of possible solutions. We are now asking those bodies and individuals who wish to be involved in the discussion whether our analysis is at fault - and if so where and how far it is at fault. For it is in the light of this assessment, modified by the comments that we receive, that we must formulate our recommendations."

(2) A limited number of copies of the document have been sent to each School for discussion within Academic Boards and a copy has been sent to the Chairman and Secretary of each Board of Studies. Copies are not at present available for each member of a Board of Studies or SAC, notwithstanding the request in the document that Schools and other bodies should comment by 31 March. It is probable that this time will be extended in order to provide for Schools to comment first and for Boards/SACs to comment subsequently in the light of discussions which have taken place in the Schools.

6. BSc COURSES AT CHELSEA COLLEGE

TO CONSIDER: (1) Proposals to include a new $\frac{1}{2}$ course-unit entitled 'Principles of Nursing' in the first year.

(2) Amendments to the degree structure over the four years.

TO REPORT: (1) The following are details of the proposed new course:

The general scope of the course is to provide a conceptual framework within which the students can view nursing practice, and to introduce some of the topics which are studied in greater depth in subsequent nursing course-units. It is proposed that there should be 24 hours of lectures, 50 hours of field/laboratory work and 2 hours of seminar/tutorial work. Examination is to be by one written paper, a compulsory element of which will be a written account of field work/laboratory experiments. Further details are given in Document A.1.

(2) The content of this course has in fact been included in the teaching to first-year students from the start of the degree course, but not examined. The Department now wishes to regularise the position by including it as an examined core course. To include this in the first year virtually means an elimination of any optional elements since the total core course content will give four course-units in value. In order to maintain the optional element it is proposed to transfer one of the first year half course-units entitled 'Elements of Social Policy and Administration I' to the third year and to transfer the half course-unit 'Elements of Social Policy and Administration II' to the fourth year as an option. 'Communication in Nursing' ~~is no longer to be a core first-year course.~~

(3) The present degree programme, as approved by the SAC in Nursing Studies, (with some courses approved by the Board of Studies in Social Administration), is given in Document A.2. Document A.3 shows the revised scheme consequent upon the current proposals.

7. NURSING STUDIES AT BEDFORD COLLEGE

TO CONSIDER: Revised proposals for the course to be introduced at Bedford College in October 1981 leading to the award of a BSc degree in the Faculty of Science with Nursing Studies as the main field (see Document B).

TO REPORT: The Head of the Department of Sociology at Bedford College, Dr Burton, has written:

"I will prepare course-unit proposal forms for the nursing core course and for Sociology I, but of course, these will proceed to you by different channels. I will also let you have further papers concerning Physiology and Anatomy as soon as I can complete my discussions in the College which have been held up by the problems associated with the financial difficulties of the University".