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BEDFORD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
(University of London)

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses
for International Students held at Bedford College on
Friday, 17th January 1936 at 4.30 p.m.

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P r e s e n t The Principal in the Chair.
Miss Baggallay
Mrs. Carter
Miss Coode
Mrs. Edkins
Mr. Mace
Dr. Mess
Lt.-Col. Parkinson
Miss Parsons
Mrs. Williams
The Secretary.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. Arising out of the Minutes.

i. Report on Student on Probation - Miss Michalska (Bulgaria).

Dr. Mess reported that Miss Michalska was not, in his opinion, capable of profiting by the Course, because she was a poor linguist and her English was not improving; that she really had no adequate means of communicating with her teachers; that her written work was meagre. His report was supported by other teachers who knew her work, namely Miss Parsons and Mr. Mace. The Committee were unanimous in agreeing that the standard of performance in the International Students must be kept up.

Miss Baggallay reported that she held one of the Foundation Scholarships and not one from the Bulgarian Red Cross; that she thought it might be possible to make arrangements for Miss Michalska to gain some experience in orthopaedic work at St. Thomas's Hospital, which would be of value to her in her own country, and that Dame Alicia Lloyd-Still was prepared to help her in this way.

After careful deliberation and at the motion of Dr. Mess supported by Mrs. Carter

RESOLVED that Miss Michalska, student from Bulgaria, be not permitted to continue with the Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing on the grounds that her command of English is too poor to enable her to profit by the Course.

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RESOLVED
(cont.)

that the Finance Committee be asked to give favourable consideration to the repayment of a proportion of the fees already paid on behalf of Miss Michalska.

ii. Report on Miss Dunbar (U.S.A.) and consideration of her Certificate at the end of the Course.

Dr. Mess reported that, acting on the recommendations made at the last meeting of the Organisation Committee, arrangements had been made for Miss Dunbar to study "The Development of Nursing Schools in two London Hospitals (St. Thomas's and Guy's)"; that this arrangement had been concluded after writing to America and receiving their answer; that her thesis on the subject of her study was being supervised by himself and Miss Hallows from the College of Nursing; that she was in addition taking certain other courses as follows:

Social Administration
Public Health Nursing.

Social and Industrial Conditions
of the 19th Century.

(This course is one of the Bedford College
Social Studies Courses, not an International
Course).

In speaking of the communication with America, Dr. Mess explained that the answer from America had been vague, but had, in the opinion of those concerned, been open to an interpretation which allowed Miss Dunbar to proceed as she was doing.

The question of the Certificate to be given to Miss Dunbar at the end of her Course was raised, but it was agreed to postpone decision of this matter for the present.

RESOLVED

that the question of the Certificate to be given to Miss Dunbar at the end of the Course be deferred for consideration until the May meeting.

3. Communications received.

i. Letter from Miss Parsons.

A letter was read from Miss Parsons to the effect that the College of Nursing did not desire to make any appointment in place of Miss Darbyshire on the Committee, provided she was willing to

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continue to serve on her return in six months' time. The Organisation Committee expressed satisfaction at the decision of the College of Nursing.

ii. Apology for Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Dame Alicia Lloyd-Still.

4. Reports from Tutors on the Practical work.

i. Report from the Tutor to the Public Health Students.

Miss Baggallay made a report on the practical work of the Public Health students from October 1935 to January 1936. (For Report, see File 196 e). She reported that three of the students had asked to have some observation abroad during the Easter vacation; that she thought she could arrange a useful and instructive tour for them in France, Yugo-Slavia and Hungary; she would, however, like to have the approval of the Committee before she did so, because it was a new departure to arrange the practical training abroad, and she did not know whether the Committee desired to encourage such a practice; that the three students in question, namely, Miss Abelgas (Philippine Islands), Miss Bridges (New Zealand) and Miss Dunbar (U.S.A.), could afford the travelling expenses.

The Committee satisfied themselves that Miss Baggallay herself approved the suggestion.

RESOLVED that the Committee agree to Miss Baggallay arranging for the following students to have observation abroad during the Easter vacation 1936:

Miss Abelgas	Philip,ine Islands
Miss Bridges	New Zealand
Miss Dunbar	U.S.A.

ii. Report from the Tutor to the Nurse Administrator students.

Miss Parsons reported on the work of the students training as Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing. (For Report, see File 196 e).

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5. Arrangements for the Presentation of Certificates 1936.

After discussion

Recommended

that H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent be asked to present the Certificates to the International students.

that Dame Alicia Lloyd-Still be asked to propose the name of some Sister of high standing in the Hospital world, who would speak to the students from the professional point of view.

that one of the following in the order stated be invited to make the principal speech:

Senor Salvador de Madariaga
The New Secretary-General of the League of
Red Cross Societies (to be elected).
Sir A. Stanley Woodwark (late Dean of
Westminster Medical School.)

that in the event of it being impossible to secure speakers from the above list the matter be left in the hands of Dame Alicia Lloyd-Still, Chairman of the F.N.I.F., and the Principal of Bedford College.

that the Ceremony of the Presentation of Certificates be fixed for Thursday, 2nd July, 1936, at 3.30 p.m.

6. Revision of the Prospectus for 1936-37.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the Committee of Management of the F.N.I.F. were arranging for an investigation of the training facilities for Nurses in London, including that provided by Bedford College, during the next three months (beginning of February to the end of April); that the Commission appointed for this work were being financed by the Rockefeller Foundation, and that Miss Russell (Director of the Nursing Department of Toronto University) was coming to England for the purpose, to take charge of the investigation; that she would be assisted in her work by:

Professor Edgell
Miss Dey of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Miss Hillyers, Sub-Matron of St. Thomas's
Hospital.

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that it was hoped that the report of the Commission would be of assistance to the F.N.I.F. in guiding their future policy; that in view of this scheme, it would be undesirable to consider the revision of the curriculum for 1936-37 until Miss Russell had reported to the Foundation; that this would not probably be until the end of April. The report might, therefore, come to the May meeting of the Organisation Committee, when the revision of the curriculum could be considered in conjunction with it.

Dr. Mess agreed with this proposal, but mentioned that he thought the Courses did require a certain amount of re-organisation; that as far as he could tell at present there were two kinds of students for whom provision had to be made - (1) those who wished to do genuine post-graduate work, and (2) those who required a general broadening course; that the Course, in his opinion, was not well adapted for (1), because it was too repetitive, nor for (2), because it was too complicated.

After some discussion

RESOLVED that the question of the revision of the curriculum for 1936-37 be postponed until the May meeting.

7. Appointment of Lecturers for the session 1936-37.

In view of the postponement of the revision of the curriculum

RESOLVED that the recommendations for the re-appointment of Lecturers for the session 1936-37 be postponed until the May meeting.

8. Report from the Secretary of the Committee of Management on the prospects for the session 1936-37.

Miss Baggallay reported that it was rather early to give a full report, but she would like the Committee to know that she had definite prospects of nine students, and four or five probable ones, and she thought the prospects were on the whole quite satisfactory.

9. Date of the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, May 18th 1936 at 2.30 p.m.

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10. Other Business

Presentation of Certificates 1937.

The Committee received a request from Dame Alicia Lloyd-Still that the Presentation of Certificates for 1937 might be in the course of the week July 4th to 11th, owing to the Conference of the International Council of Nurses, which was meeting in London that year, and which would take up the rest of the month.

Discussion Groups at 15 Manchester Square.

Miss Baggallay reported that the discussion groups mentioned at the last meeting and reported in the Minutes had proved very useful; that five groups had been arranged; that the students had prepared for these meetings, and had put in a good deal of hard work with satisfactory results; that this term the students had no time to prepare for such discussion groups and it was, therefore, thought a waste of energy to hold them, so they had been dropped for the term.