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Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of  
Courses for International Students held at Bedford College  
on Monday, 18th January 1937, at 2.30 p.m.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held at Bedford College on Monday, 18th January 1937

P r e s e n t           The Principal in the Chair  
Miss Baggallay  
Miss Coode  
Mrs. Edkins  
Dame Alicia Lloyd-Still  
Miss MacManus  
Mr. Mace  
Dr. Mess  
Col. Parkinson  
Miss Parsons  
Mrs. Williams  
The Secretary.

1. Minutes of Special and Ordinary Meetings.

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting had been circulated and were signed as correct. The minutes of the special meeting were taken as read and signed as correct.

2. a. Arising out of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting.

i. Admission of Students - Report on Miss Blagoeva.

Reported that Miss Blagoeva still experienced considerable language difficulty, but that she had made great strides in the last few weeks. It was therefore recommended that she be allowed to continue her course.

RESOLVED           that Miss Blagoeva be permitted to continue her work for the F.N.I.F. Certificate.

ii. Case of students desiring to take outside courses in place of those in the curriculum.

Reported that in accordance with the recommendation made at the last meeting of the Organisation Committee Miss Gadd and Miss Kessell had been permitted by the Finance Committee, without payment of extra fee, to take outside courses in place of those in the curriculum.

b. Arising out of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the F.N.I.F. reporting that the memorandum from the Council of Bedford College on the practical implications of the Report of the Study Committee of the F.N.I.F. had been received by the Committee of Management at its meeting on

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Saturday, November 28th, 1936; that the comments on page 3 - 4 of the memorandum (Part B) had been included verbatim in Part B of the final memorandum prepared by the Committee of Management to be circulated with the Report of the Study Committee to all member countries of the Foundation. The letter further reported that certain of the opinions expressed by the Council of Bedford College on Page 1 and the first part of Page 2 of their report were endorsed by the Committee of Management and included in Part A of their memorandum, paragraphs 1 and 2. A copy of the memorandum of the Committee of Management is appended. (See folio .....).

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3. Communications received.

a. Letter from Miss Darbyshire.

A letter was read from Miss Darbyshire resigning her membership of the Organisation Committee, as for health reasons she had to live in Brighton.

RESOLVED that Miss Darbyshire's resignation be accepted with great regret and the appreciation of the Committee for all the help she had given the Organisation Committee be conveyed to her.

b. Letters concerning students for admission 1937-38.

i. Letter from the Secretary of the F.N.M. Committee of Sweden.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the F.N.M. Committee of Sweden concerning the admission of Miss Lagercrantz to the Social Course at Bedford College for 1937-38. It was explained that this candidate, who was a trained nurse, 24 years old and who was paying her own expenses, wished to take a post as Lady Almoner in Sweden afterwards, and that though Sweden had no course for Almoners, they had a good two-year social course in Stockholm.

The point was raised by Miss Baggallay that the Social Course at Bedford College was only intended for students who could not obtain longer training for social work in their own country, and the fact that a student had been accepted for a shorter course in England might not be favourably viewed in Sweden. It was further made clear that under the circumstances the Council of Hospital Almoners might not accept such a student for a shortened six-months' training for Almoners, after she had finished her one year's Social Course at Bedford College.

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The matter was discussed and it was agreed that it would be difficult to refuse a private student, if she was qualified for admission to the course.

RESOLVED that the Secretary of the F.N.I.F. be authorised to accept Miss Lagercrantz, if she really wishes to come, but that she should point out the difficulty in such circumstances of obtaining training for Almoners in England and the advantage of getting her social training in her own country.

ii. Letter from the President of the F.N.M. Committee of Finland.

A letter from the President of the F.N.M. Committee of Finland was read asking whether next year's student could get special training in Industrial Nursing, saying that she would be a carefully selected person with Public Health training and experience. Miss Baggallay suggested that such a student should be accepted for the International Course, taking General Psychology, Social Administration and Modern Industrial Problems at Bedford College, and the professional courses at the College of Nursing on the intercollegiate system. She pointed out that students registering at the College of Nursing did a similar course the other way round, by taking their academic courses at Bedford College on the intercollegiate system. The Committee approved the proposal and

RESOLVED that provided next year's student from Finland is suitable for the purpose, she be allowed to have a special training in Industrial Nursing by registering at Bedford College as an International Student, and taking the professional courses at the College of Nursing on the intercollegiate system.

4. Reports from the Tutors on the Practical Work.

Reports were received from the Tutors on the Practical Work.  
(For Reports, see file 196e).

5. Arrangements for the Presentation of Certificates 1937.

Reported that Dame Alicia Lloyd-Still had asked that the date might be fixed within the week July 5th - 10th.

In connection with the date for the Presentation of Certificates the Principal informed the Committee that the British Red Cross had asked permission to hold a two-days' bazaar at Bedford College

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in aid of the F.N.I.F., one of the days to synchronise with the date for the Presentation of Certificates; that the Red Cross would be entirely responsible for the organisation of the bazaar and that Bedford College had only undertaken to provide the premises; that it would be held in the Large Hall, if the Presentation Ceremony was, as last year, held in New Hall; if the Presentation Ceremony had to be held in the Large Hall, other arrangements would have to be made for the bazaar; that in fixing the date of the bazaar, one of the ideas of the British Red Cross had been to secure the same person who presented the Certificates to open the bazaar on that day; that this plan might affect the time for the Presentation of Certificates. It was agreed that, provided Sir Arthur Stanley raised no objection, the time for the Presentation Ceremony should be 3 p.m. instead of 3.30 p.m. as in previous years.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the names of persons for presenting the Certificates and for making the speeches.

After discussion

Recommended that the date for the Presentation of Certificates be fixed for Thursday, July 8th 1937, and the time 3 p.m.

that the following be invited to present the Certificates in the order stated:

1. The Rt. Hon. Lord Eustace Percy, P.C., M.P.,  
Chairman of the British Council of  
Relations with other Countries.
2. The Rt. Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood, P.C., M.P.,  
Minister of Health.
3. Dr. Alma Sundquist,  
President of the International Women's  
Medical Association.

that Mrs. Carter, A.R.R.C., S.R.N., Chief of Nursing Division, League of Red Cross Societies, be invited to make the speech from the nursing point of view.

6. Revision of the Prospectus for 1937-38.

Reported that no change was desired for next year.

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7. Appointment of Lecturers for the session 1937-38.

The following proposal moved by Dr. Mess was spoken to at his request by Miss Baggallay:

"That the subjects, Tuberculosis, Psychiatry and Maternity and Child Welfare, be taken at the College of Nursing on an Intercollegiate basis, the Lecturers being first approved by the Organisation Committee".

Miss Baggallay informed the Committee that the reason for the motion was that she feared that the numbers attending these classes might become too small to justify the expense of a special lecturer. In reply to questions asked the Committee were informed that similar lectures were required by the College of Nursing students twice in the same year; that one section attended classes at the College of Nursing given by the same lecturers, and that the other section came to the classes provided by Bedford College for the International Students.

The point was raised that the International Students paid special fees for the privilege of having special attention in these as well as in other subjects, and it was doubtful whether to send such students to share in classes arranged for English students would be equally beneficial to the foreign students. The question was asked whether, in the event of foreign students attending the College of Nursing classes, they would get the same individual attention as was given them in the Bedford College classes.

The question of finance was also raised. It was pointed out that since the College of Nursing sent students to these lectures Bedford College received fees on behalf of these students towards the expenses.

RESOLVED

that further discussion on the matter be deferred until:

1. a report is before the Committee on the number of students requiring the classes concerned.
2. information is before the Committee as to the financial position of these classes, when the intercollegiate fees received from the College of Nursing students are taken into consideration.

that the whole question of recommendations for the re-appointment of Lecturers for the session 1937-38 be deferred to the next meeting.

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8. Report from the Secretary of the Committee of Management on the prospects for the session 1937-38.

Miss Baggallay reported that there were at present at least 9 scholarships available for the session 1937-38. She had heard of the possibility of 2 or 3 independent students, but it was too early yet to have information about other students.

9. Date of the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday, 10th May, 1937, at 2.30 p.m.