

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN NURSING STUDIES

The next meeting will be held on Friday 20 February 1981 at 2.30 pm in Senate House

MINUTES of the meeting held on Friday 17 October 1980

Present: Dr H R Anderson, Professor H Baum, Dr J R Beck, Miss S Beresford, Dr I Burton, Miss S M Collins, Miss M J Cooper, Mrs M Ferguson, Ms E M Fordham, Professor J Green (Chairman), Professor J Hayward, Professor M Hobsley, Professor J S Macdonald, Professor T E Oppe, Dr D C R Pitcher, Dr S J Redfern, Dr J R W Ross, Dr J Wilson-Barnett.

Apologies for absence were received from: Mrs C Cox, Professor A N Exton-Smith, Mr J Malvern.

MINUTES

CONFIRMED: The minutes of the meeting on 13 June 1980. 1

MATTERS ARISING

PANEL OF VISITING EXAMINERS 1981 2

NOMINATED: Professor J A D Anderson, Professor of Community Medicine at Guy's Hospital Medical School, as an additional member of the Panel of Visiting Examiners in Nursing Studies in 1981, to meet the view of the SAC that there should be at least one senior representative of clinical subjects serving as an Examiner with particular responsibilities for the final assessment of Honours of the first group of students who will be completing degree studies in 1981.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Committee congratulated Miss Cooper on the award of an OBE in the Birthday Honours. 3

AGREED: That Mrs M Ferguson, Director of Nursing Studies at Bedford College, should be invited to attend all meetings of the Special Advisory Committee pending her recognition as a Teacher of the University. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Ferguson to the meeting and also Dr Burton, who had been invited to attend for item 7 of the agenda. 4

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC ORGANISATION

NOTED: The final response from the Committee, circulated as Document A with the agenda, and that the first sentence should have stated that the SAC includes representatives of Boards of Studies in Medical, Science and Social Science disciplines pertaining to Nursing Studies. 5

MPhil/PhD EXAMINERS

AGREED: That the normal practice of the Special Advisory Committee should be to appoint two Visiting Examiners and the Supervisor as Examiners for candidates for the MPhil and PhD degrees and that, whenever possible, one of the Visiting Examiners should be a senior Teacher of the University of London, fully experienced in PhD examining. 6

PhD EXAMINERS: MRS JUNE LINDA CLARK

APPOINTED: The following Examiners for Mrs June Linda Clarke, whose thesis title is 7

Nurse-Patient Verbal Interaction - An Analysis of Recorded Conversations in Selected Surgical Wards.

- (i) Professor J Hayward, Department of Nursing Studies, Chelsea C
  - (ii) Professor A T Altschul, Department of Nursing, University of Edinburgh
  - (iii) Professor A Summerfield, Department of Psychology, Birkbeck C
- Reserve for Professor Summerfield: Professor G F M Russell, Professor of Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry.

EXTRA-MURAL DIPLOMAS

RECOMMENDED: That no extra-mural diplomas in the field of Nursing should presently be included in the list of qualifications acceptable under the Regulations for Advanced Students proceeding to a Bachelor's degree for the following reasons:

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- (i) The revised diploma Regulations have only recently been introduced and the first course for the Diploma in Nursing is commencing this term. It is, therefore, considered desirable that further experience of the courses and examinations should be obtained before the issue is considered further.
- (ii) There are presently no first-degree courses for which an extra-mural diploma would be an appropriate qualification giving its holder exemption from University examinations or from part of a course. A diploma holder would already be a qualified nurse and would not, therefore, wish to follow the degree course in Nursing.

AGREED: That the Special Advisory Committee would wish to be kept informed of the development of the extra-mural diploma courses, particularly through reports from Miss Collins, who is the member nominated by the Extra-Mural Advisory Committee in Nursing.

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NURSING STUDIES AT BEDFORD COLLEGE

RECEIVED: A preliminary report from Mrs Ferguson, who only took up appointment as Director of Nursing Studies at Bedford College on 1 October. The following points were made in Mrs Ferguson's report and the ensuing discussion:

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- (i) Mrs Ferguson hopes to be in a position to submit an outline of the Bedford College course by the next meeting, having visited in the meantime a number of other universities offering degree courses in Nursing and Chelsea College. It is presently proposed that the courses in Nursing Studies might be based on age groups and areas of study rather than the traditional division into medical and surgical nursing. The clinical nursing content will take into account guidelines issued by the General Nursing Council and the EEC.
- (ii) It is probable that the courses will be divided in a 6:4:2 ratio between Nursing/Social Sciences/Biological Sciences. It has become apparent that it may be necessary to organise Social Sciences courses with a particular slant for the Nursing students to a larger degree than when it had originally been proposed that they should be taught with other students following degree courses in the Social Sciences. It is also likely that the Nursing Studies will be more integrated with the other courses than originally envisaged.
- (iii) If there are only to be two units in Biological Sciences, the students would need either to have a good scientific background in terms of 'O'/'A' level subjects (probably at least one 'A' 1 level in Science) or be students of exceptional calibre. It was the experience of Chelsea College that nursing students without a firm foundation in science generally found the first-year courses difficult, but there had been exceptions. It appeared likely that there would be a sufficient number of applicants with appropriate 'A' levels.
- (iv) The Nursing Study units should be centrally concerned with Nursing and largely devised, taught and examined by Teachers of the University.

SPECIAL UNIVERSITY LECTURE

NOTED: That Dr Charlotte Kratz had accepted an invitation to give a Special University Lecture on Tuesday 3 March 1981.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTED: That it would be necessary at the meeting in February or May 1981 to consider whether the Committee wishes to submit to the University a request for re-appointment for a further period with the same or amended terms of reference and membership, as the initial five-year period of appointment runs from June 1976 to July 1981.

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