

*Itawa*B E D F O R D C O L L E G E(University of London)NURSING STUDIESStaff Meeting with Middlesex School of Nursing Staff

- MINUTES : Meeting held on 19 June, 1985
- PRESENT : M. Ferguson  
L. Meerabeau  
Mr. Nazeer
- ABSENT : C. Clamp
- A. Completion of 4th year Nursing Studies course: 26 July 1985
- i) Completed written examinations; awaiting external examiners' comments.
  - ii) Practical placements in theatre and accidents and emergency to be completed by 26 July 1985
- COMMENTS :
- Students' reported a certain amount of dissatisfaction with theatre experience probably through a combination of factors: strangeness of environment; separation of theatre work from rest of hospital, conflicting expectations, etc.
  - iii) Mr. Nazeer to provide support if and where appropriate also to chase nursing ward reports and assessments.
  - iv) Their completed ENB record cards will be sent to the ENB 26 July, 1985 - students will receive their 'certificates of good conduct' to be signed by Marion Ferguson - to be returned by the students to the UKCC with money for registration.
  - v) Students' files to be updated with a final report about their four year education and training for purposes of later references.
  - vi) Immediate employment: Students expressed wish to have a long holiday and to commence work in October. Students had individual talks with Marion Ferguson and Mr. Nazeer will follow this up during theatre supervision to report back to Marion Ferguson.
  - vii) Parties:
    - a) Students had one very successful finalist party at Department
    - b) This will be followed by another 26 July to which Middlesex School of Nursing and Hospital staff will also be invited.

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- B. Move to 11 Bedford Square - July 1985.  
Marion Ferguson to inform re: new address and telephone numbers.
- i) Part-time secretary will be in her office, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings only for three hours.
- ii) Books:  
All nursing books and journals to be moved to 11 Bedford Square under the responsibility of Marion Ferguson to Librarian at Egham.  
3rd and 4th year students have borrowing rights at University College; students can also use Middlesex School of Nursing Library; Bedford Square might be able to develop a borrowing system with Egham with the help of a microfiche library catalogue. Marion Ferguson to investigate access to PhD thesis reading at Bedford Square.
- iii) Time-table:  
1st term: Consolidation period of nursing management arranged for October 1985 - to be supervised by Liz Meerabeau and Mr. Nazeer according to desirability. Mr. Nazeer to offer clinical tutorials. Remaining assessments IV and III to be taken during consolidation period and geriatric nursing.  
2nd term: Geriatric nursing: Liz Meerabeau to explore newly developing geriatric wards.  
3rd term: Theatre and accident and emergency observation similar to this year.
- iv) Dissertations:  
Marion Ferguson and Liz Meerabeau interviewed students about their dissertations. Have seen five so far and decided on subject matter. Each will supervise five students.
- v) Feedback :  
Mr. Nazeer to contact Marion Ferguson about theatre support, information about employment intentions, likely tutorial requirements and obtaining an honorary contract with Bloomsbury to work with Bedford students.

Marion Ferguson  
20 June 1985

Addendum:

Re: PhD Theses:

Bedford College Library policy and this applied incidentally to all British Universities is that it is not customary that undergraduate students read PhD thesis. If it is agreed at being essential undergraduate students can only read them, that is obtain them on the written recommendation of the supervisor. This is a) because the borrowing of theses is extremely expensive, b) The loss is irreplaceable, c) The actual value to the students given their time-limit of other pressing work highly doubtful

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I FOR MYSELF WILL NOT EXPECT STUDENTS TO CONSULT SUCH THESES FOR THEIR DISSERTATION.

MARION FERGUSON

24 June 1985.