

University of London

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN NURSING STUDIES

The next meeting of the Special Advisory Committee in Nursing Studies will be held on 17 February 1984 at 2.30 pm in Senate House

MINUTES of meeting held on Friday 14 October 1983.

Present: Prof T E Oppé (Chairman), Dr H R Anderson, Dr E R Beck, Prof I F Burton, Mrs M Ferguson, Mrs E M Fordham, Prof M Ginsberg, Prof R Goldsmith, Prof J H Green, Prof J C Hayward, Mr S J Holder, Prof J P Payne, Dr S J Redfern, Prof C Wastell, Miss A While, Mr W L Whitehouse, Dr J Wilson-Barnett.

Apologies were received from: Prof H Baum, Mr M Bury, Miss S M Collins, Prof Baroness Cox, Mr B Finn, Prof J L H O'Riordan, Prof R A Pinker, Dr D R Pitcher, Dr J R W Ross, Dr J A Weinman.

Minutes

Confirmed: The Minutes of the meeting on 13 May 1983. 1

Membership

Members congratulated Professor Burton on his appointment to the Chair of Social Policy at Bedford College. 2

Nominated: Miss Alison While (Dept Nursing Studies, Chelsea College) as a member of the Advisory Committee following her Recognition as a Teacher in Nursing and Sociology with assignment to the Board of Studies in Sociology. 3

Noted: Following recent reorganisation, Mr Finn is now at the English National Board for Midwifery and Health Visitors (Victory House, 170 Tottenham Court Road, WC1). 4

Matters Arising

Noted: The matters included in the Agenda. 5

Academic Advisory Board in Science

Re-elected: Prof T E Oppé as representative on the Academic Advisory Board in Science for the calendar year 1984. 6

Proposed MSc in Nursing

Recommended: That the Academic Council should be informed of the SAC's support for the introduction of an MSc course in 1984. The following points were noted: 7

(i) In the draft Regulations (Document A.1) the reference to (2 essays 2 seminar papers, 2 research proposals) in the Scheme of Examination should be deleted since this would permit the College a greater measure of flexibility in the light of experience. 8

(ii) Document A.2 might be replaced by a shorter statement outlining the aims of the course. An increase in the number of Health Authorities now establishing Nursing Research Units also strengthens the demand for such a course and helps ensure there will be an opening for the graduate. Some measure of funding for part-time study by DHSS Fellowships has been resumed. 9

(iii) An additional lecturer will be needed to help with the course, who may be funded by the University through an Academic Initiative Grant or from outside the University. 10

Working Party Report on Nursing Studies

Noted: The Senate recommendations, in accordance with which there has been no in- 11  
take of Nursing students at Bedford College in 1983.

BSc at Bedford College

Noted: The content of the 1983 examination papers and that the comparatively large 12  
number of questions from which the candidates make a choice is a common feature of  
examinations in the Social Sciences.

SAC in General Practice

Agreed: That it might be useful for meetings of the SAC in General Practice to be 13  
attended by a person with expertise in the area of Community Nursing. Miss Alison  
While (who is a Health Visitor) was nominated to attend meetings as an Observer in  
the first instance with a view to the SAC in Nursing Studies considering later whether  
they would wish to propose a change in the Constitution of the SAC in General  
Practice to permit full membership and whether or not it would be useful to have  
cross representation between the two Committees.

Appointment of Higher Degree Examiners and Notification of Thesis Title

Received: The following thesis title, and 14

Appointed: The following Examiners:

Internal PhD

OPENSHAW, Sheila Constance Title: Clinical judgements by nurses: Decision  
(ChelC) strategies and nurses appraisal of patient  
affect

Examiners: Prof A Summerfield (BkC)  
Dr J A Weinman (UMS[G])

MPhil/PhD Registration: Miss S A Haverty

Considered: An application for Sheila Anne Haverty to be registered for an MPhil/PhD 15  
at Chelsea College with a part-time course of study from October 1983 in the following  
field:

Evaluation of health education material related to smoking behaviour in  
patients and nurses

Miss Haverty is an SRN (1976) with a BA degree with 2nd Class Honours in English and  
the History of Art from the University of London (1979).

Agreed: That whilst Miss Haverty's BA degree in English might be an appropriate 16  
qualification for the work related to the development of written materials for use  
with nurses and patients on which she is employed, it would not appear, prima facie,  
to be a degree in a subject relevant to the field of research (ie evaluation of such  
materials). It was however verbally reported at the meeting that she is currently  
studying for an MSc in Sociological Research Methods at the University of Surrey.  
It was therefore agreed that a final decision on MPhil/PhD registration should be  
deferred pending information on when she is likely to have completed the MSc course.

DOCUMENT C

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN GENERAL PRACTICE FOR 1983

Representatives of Boards of Studies

Community Medicine:	Dr B R Bewley Dr C Peckham
Medicine:	Professor J Anderson Dr D Corless Dr M J Pritchard Dr E M Ross
Nutrition and Food Science:	Dr P T Fox
Obstetrics and Gynaecology:	Mr S J Steele
Pharmacology:	Professor D W Vere
Pharmacy:	Dr M A Simmonds
Postgraduate Medical Studies:	Dr A Paton Dr W Styles
Surgery:	Professor K E F Hobbs

Representatives of Schools

Charing Cross HMS:	Dr C J Leonard
King's College HMS:	Dr R Higgs
The London HMC:	Dr B T Harris
The Middlesex HMS:	Dr J Cohen <del>Dr A Haines</del>
Royal Free HSM:	Dr C Donovan
St Bartholomew's HMC:	Dr M R Salkind
St George's HMS:	Dr P Freeling
St Mary's HMS:	Dr C M Harris (Chairman)
United Medical Schools:	Dr C J Watkins (Secretary)
University College London:	Dr M Modell
Westminster MS:	Dr R D T Farmer

Appointed Teachers of General Practice

Professor P M Higgins  
Professor D C Morrell  
Dr P Freshy

Constitution

- (a) All the Appointed Teachers of General Practice in the University
- (b) Two representatives of the Board of Studies in Community Medicine and four representatives of the Board of Studies in Medicine
- (c) One representative of each of the following Boards of Studies:-
  - Nutrition and Food Science
  - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
  - Pharmacology
  - Pharmacy
  - Surgery
- (d) One teacher of General Practice from each of the eleven Medical Schools and one teacher of General Practice from University College London
- (e) Two nominees of the Board of Postgraduate Medical Studies.

The Committee may recommend to the Academic Council the appointment of additional members to assist it in the exercise of its duties.

Terms of Reference

- (i) To consider and initiate proposals for securing the most advantageous use of the resources of the University and its Schools in the field of study of general practice.
- (ii) To be informed of all proposals submitted by Schools or otherwise under consideration for courses of study in general practice and if it so desires to offer advice to Schools upon such proposals.
- (iii) To advise the Academic Council through the Academic Advisory Board in Medicine on the approval of syllabuses and of regulations concerning courses of study in general practice.
- (iv) To advise the Senate, its Standing Committees and the Academic Advisory Board in Medicine on any matter related to general practice which is referred to it by any of these bodies.
- (v) To advise any School which so requests on any matter within the field of general practice.
- (vi) To perform such functions in relation to higher degree students as are normally performed by Boards of Studies for candidates whose fields of study fall within their purview.

MSc in Nursing in the Faculty of Science - (Draft Regulations)

Additional Entry Requirements:

A degree in Nursing Studies or a related subject (such as a biological or social science) and a nurse whose name appears on the professional register.

Curriculum

All candidates take the following courses in the first year:

Course I. Theory, Research and Practices

Nursing models will be reviewed, applied in care planning and evaluated for their use in research. Relationships between research and knowledge and the nature of nursing knowledge will be discussed.

Course II. Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice

This course will build on previous nursing experience. Recent advances in nursing practice will be assessed. Innovative roles, new methods of evaluating and organising care in hospital and community and for implementing and monitoring change, will be studied.

Course III. Research Methods and their Application in Nursing

A range of research approaches and techniques will be related to nursing problems, including descriptive and experimental methods, action research and use of inference from observations. Students will be encouraged to draft research proposals, select and practice suitable methods of analysis and presentation.

Project work in the second year is designed to give practical research experience, linked with student's clinical work, where possible. Seminars and tutorials will provide group support and individual supervision.

Duration

Part-time: 2 Calendar years.

Examination

Candidates enter the examination in two parts: Three 3-hour written papers, course assessment of six pieces of course work (2 essays, 2 seminar papers, 2 research proposals) at the end of the first year; examination of project report and oral examination at the end of the final year.

Any candidate failing the first year examination may be allowed, at the discretion of the examiners, to proceed to the second year of study but in this case will be required to take all written papers at the end of the course.

Dates of Examination

Written papers: September of the first year  
Project report: by 1 September of the final year  
Oral: September of the final year.