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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of  
Courses for International Students held on Friday, 4th May 1928.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Friday, May 4th 1928 at 5 p.m.

P r e s e n t                      The Principal in the Chair  
Dr. Brincker  
Mrs. Carter  
Miss Cowlin  
Miss Darbyshire  
Miss Dorsey  
Miss Lloyd Still  
Mrs. Reid  
Mrs. Williams  
The Secretary.

1. Minutes.

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

2. Report by Chairman

The Chairman reported that on her authority, the Director had arranged for the International Students to attend lectures on Tropical Nursing at the College of Nursing during the month of March; that a fee of 10/- per head had to be paid for these lectures, which matter would come before the Finance Committee for approval at their next meeting. Mrs. Reid, Director of the Department, asked for authority to allow the attendance of students at Public Lectures from time to time as she or Miss Dorsey should think desirable.

RESOLVED                      that the Chairman's action in authorising the attendance of International Students at the Lectures on Tropical Nursing be approved.

that the Director of the Department of Social Studies and Economics be given authority to arrange for the students to attend suitable public lectures from time to time as she may think desirable.

3. Arrangements for the session 1928-29.

a. Terms of appointment for Miss Baggallay.

Reported that no formal letter of appointment had yet been sent to Miss Baggallay, but that she had been notified that a formal letter of appointment would come to her in due course. A draft of the proposed conditions of appointment was before the Committee and approved with slight verbal alterations. The Chairman pointed out that the salary had not yet been fixed by the Finance Committee, but the question would come before them at their next meeting, after which date the letter of appointment would be sent.

b. Admissions of Students.

The names of students accepted for the course for 1928-29 were before the Committee and certain doubtful cases were discussed in detail as follows:-

i. Miss Helen Eliza Mullin. Canada.

Mrs. Carter reported that the above candidate fulfilled the requirements laid down by the syllabus of the League of Red Cross Societies, but that the League hesitated to recommend her in view of the fact that her age was 53 and that she had never held an important position. Discussion took place.

RESOLVED that in the view of the Committee Miss Mullin is not a suitable candidate for admission as she does not fulfil the conditions laid down by the League, but that the final decision with regard to Miss Mullin's case be left in the hands of Mrs. Reid with the authority to accept her should she, after an interview with Miss Mullin, think this course desirable.

ii. Miss Dolores Albo Marti Spain.

Reported that Miss Marti's professional training was weak, her English only fair and her age 44; that the League hesitated to recommend her admission, but would make special arrangements for her should she not be admitted to the course. The matter was discussed.

RESOLVED that in the view of the Committee it is inadvisable for a candidate with little knowledge of English to take the course, but that final decision be postponed until Mrs. Carter has obtained further information about Miss Marti.

iii. Miss Gajrabai Moray, L.C.P.S. India.

Reported that Miss Moray was a medical woman and not a nurse; that the League did not therefore recommend her admission to the course but would make special arrangements for her to study hospital and training school administration. It was pointed out that as Miss Moray was not a trained nurse she was not, under the existing regulations for admission, eligible for the course. Some discussion took place.

RESOLVED

that in the view of the Committee Miss Moray's circumstances are not so exceptional as to justify a departure from the general regulations for admission as laid down by the League.

that Mrs. Carter's action, in refusing Miss Moray's application on the grounds that she does not fulfil the requirements for admission as laid down by the League of Red Cross Societies, be approved.

Re numbers for admission.

Mrs. Carter reported that 26 applications had been received for next year up to date; that there was satisfactory evidence that the course was appreciated by the various countries in that for the first time foreign Red Cross Societies were in many cases bearing the expenses of their candidates themselves instead of asking for scholarships from the League; that as a result there were still 4 scholarships unawarded. The Committee thought this condition of affairs most gratifying.

4. Report re arrangements for Summer School 1928.

a. Re arrangements made:-

i. Lectures by Miss Reimann.

Reported that Miss Reimann had accepted an invitation to come for the last week of the Summer School and give 2 or 3 discussions of 2 hours each on the subject of "Nursing Legislature and Nursing Organisations"; that in consequence of the increase in the number of lectures to be given by Miss Reimann it was thought to be wise to omit the lecture by Professor Cyril Burt; that he had consequently not been invited.

RESOLVED that the action taken with regard to Professor Cyril Burt be approved.

ii. Proposed changes in lecturers and chairmen for the Evening Lectures.

Lecture on "League of Nations" by Dame Rachel Crowdy.

Lecturer Reported that Dame Rachel Crowdy was unable to accept the invitation to lecture. A proposal was put forward that she should be replaced by Dr. Gertrude Baumer who held an important position in the Ministry of Health in Germany. Mrs. Carter reported that negotiations had already been set on foot with regard to this matter with the German Red Cross to see if they would approve the suggestion.

Chairman The Principal of Bedford College agreed to hold herself in readiness to preside at Dr. Baumer's lecture if it was desired that she should do so.

Lecture on "The Spirit of Service" by Mrs. John de Glenn.

Chairman Reported that Miss Gill who had been proposed as Chairman for this lecture was ill and would be unable to undertake such an engagement. A proposal was put forward that Miss Lloyd Still be invited to preside at this lecture. Miss Lloyd Still signified her readiness to do so if required.

Lecture on "Social Service" by Dr. René Sand.

Chairman It was reported that no Chairman had yet been invited for the lecture on "Social Service". The Committee were reminded that at their last meeting they had recommended that an invitation be sent to either Lady Amthill or Dame Beryl Oliver. A proposal was put forward that Mrs. Reid should be invited to preside. After some discussion it was agreed that it was important to get a representative of the British Red Cross if possible.

RESOLVED that Dame Beryl Oliver be invited to take the Chair at the third Evening Lecture, but that failing her, Mrs. Reid be asked to preside.

iii. Report re Opener for Summer School.

Reported that neither Lord Cecil nor Sir Sir Cooper Perry had accepted the invitation to open the Summer School but that Lady Barrett, Dean of the London School of Medicine had kindly consented to perform this office. The Committee expressed their pleasure that Lady Barrett was to open the Summer School.

b. Re arrangements to be made.

Final form of programme.

Discussion took place as to the final form of programme for the Summer School, a tentative one being placed before the Committee by Mrs. Carter. It was further discussed what procedure should take place in the event of any alterations and adjustments having to be made in connection with the Summer School, including final arrangements for the demonstrations and discussion classes. In this connection Miss Cowlin reported that she was having satisfactory correspondence with Miss Jean Browne and Miss Hodgman about the question of demonstrations.

though at present she had nothing definite to report.

RESOLVED

that the tentative programme for the three week's Summer School be passed without investigation and the final form of the programme be left in the hands of the Summer School Sub-Committee with authority to present it, within a fortnight from the date of the meeting, to Mrs. Carter for printing purposes.