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SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN NURSING STUDIES

The next meeting of the Special Advisory Committee in Nursing Studies will be on Friday 18 February 1983 at 2.30 pm in Senate House

MINUTES of the meeting held on 15 October 1982.

Present: Professor T E Oppé (Chairman), Professor H Baum, Dr I F Burton, Miss S M Collins, Dr T R Cullinan, Mrs M Ferguson, Mrs E M Fordham, Professor M Ginsberg, Professor R Goldsmith, Professor J C Hayward, Dr J L H O'Riordan, Professor J P Payne, Dr D R Pitcher, Dr S J Redfern, Dr J R W Ross, Mr W L Whitehouse, Dr J Wilson-Barnett.

Apologies for absence were received from: Dr E R Beck, Mrs C A Cox, Mr B Finn, Professor J H Green, Mr S J Holder, Miss I M Speight, Professor A Summerfield.

MINUTES

CONFIRMED: The Minutes of the meeting on 14 May 1982. 1

MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS OF THE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTED: (1) Changes in membership recorded in the Agenda subject to noting that Dr Cullinan is at St.Bt's HMC (not St.Thos's HMS as reported). 2

(2) The Chairman had expressed his thanks to Professor Clark for his services to the Committee since it was first formed.

(3) Professor M Jeffreys has also recently retired and the Board of Studies in Sociology has been asked to appoint another representative. It was suggested that the Board of Studies should be asked to note the desirability of their representative being also a member of the Special Advisory Committee in Sociology as Applied to Medicine.

ELECTED: The following Officers of the Board for the academic year 1982/83: 3

- Chairman: Professor T E Oppé
- Deputy Chairman: Professor J Green
- Secretary: Mrs J M Longden

NURSING STUDIES IN THE UNIVERSITY

REPORTED: (1) That the Chairman received a reply from the Vice Chancellor to his letter of 9 June 1982 (circulated with the Minutes of the meeting of 14 May 1982 - Document A) and subsequently met the Vice Chancellor to discuss points raised in the letter. Resulting from this meeting the Joint Planning Committee, on the advice of the Vice Chancellor, has recently set up a Working Party with the following Terms of Reference: 4

To review the provision for Nursing Studies in the University having in mind forthcoming institutional changes.

The Joint Planning Committee has appointed as the Chairman of the Working Party the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor L P Le Quesne, who is presently considering the membership which is likely to be quite small. The Working Party has not therefore yet met. It was noted that the Joint Planning Committee has it in mind to appoint working parties in several subjects, such as Nursing, for which proposed institutional changes have important implications.

(2) Bedford College: The College had accepted an intake of 12 students in October 1982 with an average of 7.5 A-level points. The first year intake had all been successful in the 1982 examinations. 5

The Sociology Department (now re-named Department of Social Policy and Social Sciences) which includes the teachers in Nursing Studies, planned to move to the Royal Holloway Egham site in 1984, subject to appropriate buildings being ready. It appeared that Royal Holloway College would welcome the addition of a Department of Social Sciences. Nursing students first registered for the degree whilst the Department is in Regent's Park will remain in Central London for the whole of their degree course with nursing attachments in London Teaching Hospitals. The Department hoped that the first intake of students based at Egham could be accepted in

October 1985 and was exploring with the Regional Health Authority the feasibility of the nursing practice being conducted in local hospitals from that date.

It presently appears that teachers in existing Departments at Bedford/Royal Holloway Colleges would be able to provide the necessary teaching in Physiology and Pharmacology but that it would be necessary to "buy in" lecturers in some other aspects of the courses in basic medical sciences. As this is already necessary for the course based on Bedford College in Central London it would not appear that the move would give rise to additional new problems.

Members of the SAC expressed some concern at undue reliance being placed on visiting teachers. There was also concern as to whether local hospitals in the Egham area would be able to provide practical experience and teaching that would meet the professional and academic standards demanded by a degree course.

Chelsea College: The 1982 intake of 25 students had an average of 10.8 UCCA A-level points which represents an increase in entry standards from previous years. Nobody came from Clearing and all named Nursing as their first choice of course and would have been likely to have applied for SRN training if they had not been accepted on a degree course in Nursing. The intake also included several men.

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Seventeen students graduated in 1982, one being awarded a 1st Class degree and 4 Upper Seconds. There was now a very low rate of loss on the nursing course from which it appeared that the admissions policy now being followed after some experience was appropriate.

A prominent charity is making available a quarter of a million pounds to help rebuild and refurbish part of the King's Road site of Chelsea College for the use of the Department of Nursing Studies. Three lecturers in the Department are also funded by charitable foundations. The SAC congratulated Chelsea College on obtaining this support for their Nursing Studies.

COURSE PROPOSAL : BEDFORD COLLEGE

AGREED: (1) That members would wish to endorse the action taken by the Chairman in the summer to give limited approval to the Bedford College course subject to amending the title and the number of hours teaching. Bedford College have now suggested as the new title "Therapeutics and Pathology" and after some discussion it was agreed that this title would be appropriate to a course for students of nursing.

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(2) The Visiting Lecturer, who is medically qualified, will be a member of the academic staff of Bedford College and has previously taught on a University post-graduate course.

(3) Bedford College should now submit an amended course proposal including an amended description of the general scope of the course. The Special Advisory Committee would wish to receive a report from the Visiting Examiner on the 1983 examination before approving the course for future years. In order that a decision might be taken before October 1983, the Chairman should seek the report from the Examiner as soon as possible after the examination and consider it together with Professor Ginsburg and Miss Collins.

(4) Bedford College should report on the progress of the course at the February 1983 meeting of the Special Advisory Committee. It was noted that the College may conduct a preliminary test of students in January, the results of which would be reported to the Committee and that there is also a possibility that Chelsea College might provide assistance if Bedford experience difficulties with the first year teaching.

PANEL OF VISITING EXAMINERS

NOMINATED: Professor A Herxheimer, Department of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Charing Cross Hospital Medical School as the 1983 Visiting Examiner for the Bedford course "Therapeutics and Pathology". It was noted that Professor Herxheimer has previously acted as Visiting Examiner at Chelsea College.

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MPhil/PhD REGISTRATION

NOTED: The change in procedures for approval of theses titles.

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APPOINTED: The following PhD Examiners for Julia Irene Brooking after recommending that her thesis title should be shortened to read as follows:

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"Patient and family participation in nursing care: the development of a nursing process measuring scale"

Professor J Hayward (Supervisor), Chelsea College

Professor M Jeffreys (recently retired from Bedford College)

Professor Baroness MacFarland (Dept of Nursing, University of
Manchester)

SPECIAL LECTURES

REPORT: That Dr Palmer's lecture at Chelsea College in May had been well attended and subsequently Dr Palmer had presented the College with an album of Florence Nightingale Memorabilia. The SAC expressed their thanks to Mr Whitehouse for his help in securing funds with which to finance this lecture. 11

CENTRAL RESEARCH FUND

NOTED: The relevant dates for submitting applications for assistance from the Fund. 12

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