

University of London

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN NURSING STUDIES

The next meeting of the Special Advisory Committee in Nursing Studies will be held on Friday 22 February 1985 at 2.30 pm in Senate House.

MINUTES of the meeting held on Friday 12 October 1984.

Present: Prof J C Hayward (Chairman), Mr A Beattie, Prof I F Burton, Mrs M Ferguson, Mrs M Fordham, Dr M B Segal, Miss I M Speight, Miss A E While, Dr J Wilson-Barnett, Dr A H Zeitlin.

Apologies were received from: *Mr B Finn, Prof T E Oppé, Prof J P Payne, Dr J R W Ross, Dr J A Weinman, Mr W L Whitehouse, Prof J L H O'Riordan. *Prof H Baum.

Minutes

Confirmed: The Minutes of the meeting on 11 May 1984. 1

Matters Arising

Health Studies (Minute 35) 2

Reported: The Working Party on Health Studies will hold a series of meetings between October and December with a view to producing its report by the end of the year.

BSc Student Numbers (Minutes 37) 3

Reported: Following receipt of the letter of 23 May from the Chairman to the Principal written following the last meeting of the SAC, the Principal had sent a letter to Dr Phelps. Members reluctantly accepted from the Principal's letter that there seemed little prospect of obtaining the increased intake through the Court and that an increase might only come through internal redistribution of science numbers within the merged School.

Agreed: A letter should be sent to the new Principal of KQC, when appointed, setting out the Committee's case as strongly as possible, and suggesting the need for new initiatives. 4

Chairman's Action

MSc Applications : Chelsea College

Reported: The Chairman had approved the following registrations for the MSc course in Nursing in October 1984: 5

Mr B E Pearce	BA Hons (2.1) Philosophy (KCL)	1975
	Cert Ed/RNT (Distinction) (Garnett)	1983
	SRN (St George's Hosp)	1978
Mrs K E Robinson	BA Hons (2.1) Theology (Bull Univ)	1976
	PGCE (Oxford Univ)	1977
	SRN (Middlesex Hosp)	1983
Mr B E Gilchrist	BSc (Massey Univ, New Zealand)	1981
	SRN (Wellington Hosp, NZ)	1980
Mrs J E Meyer	BSc/SRN (Leeds Poly)	1978
	Cert Ed (Garnett)	1983
	Cert J BCNS (Charing X Hosp)	1980
Mrs C M Goodman	BSc/SRN (Distinction) (Edinburgh Univ)	1981
Mrs S E R Sims	BNurs/SRN (Distinction) (Manchester)	1981

Dr Wilson-Barnett reported that 30 good applications had been received, half of whom fell outside the specified entry qualifications. Of these, 12 had been registered, 6 within the entry qualifications, together with the 6 above whose registration had been approved by the Chairman. In an initial discussion, it was felt that a reasonable approach was to allow case law to develop before making changes in the entry specifications. Miss Speight pointed out that a case law approach had been adopted by Colleges offering the shortened graduate course for nurses. These courses, too, specified a degree related to nursing and in a recent enquiry, the most common comment coming back to the English National Board was that no degree was unrelated per se but the content of each should be looked at in some detail.

- 6 Agreed: That the SAC should consider further what constitutes a degree in a subject related to Nursing Studies at the February meeting when the Chairman would be present.

Constitution

- 7 Reported: The present Constitution, as agreed by the Senate when the SAC was appointed for a further period of 5 years in June 1981 includes the following Category (C):

Other persons (to a maximum of 10) qualified to assist in the work to include representatives from:

- (1) Advisory Committee on the Nursing and Sister Tutor's Diploma (University of London - Extra-Mural Diploma)
- (2) Royal College of Nursing
- (3) General Nursing Council (to be the Institute of Advanced Nursing Education)
- (4) The NHS (to include the Regional Nursing Officers)
- (5) The Director of Clinical Teaching in a School of Nursing

It would appear from this wording that the membership should include representatives from the five named categories, although this had not been the intention and in fact two of the categories had never been represented.

- 8 Agreed: On grounds of flexibility to propose to the Academic Council that this Category should be replaced by:

(C) Other persons (to a maximum of 10) qualified to assist in the work.

Membership of the SAC

- 9 Reported: Dr E W Thompson, the new Faculty Officer for Science and Engineering, will serve as Secretary to the SAC in place of Mrs Longden.

The following changes in the membership:

Mr A Beattie, Dept of Health and Welfare, Institute of Education to replace Miss S M Collins as a representative of the Extra-Mural Advisory Committee on Nursing under Category (C) of the Constitution.

Dr M B Segal (UMDS[TJ]) to replace Prof J H Green as the representative of the Board of Studies in Physiology under Category (B) of the Constitution.

Retired - The Rt Hon Baroness Cox

The Chairman welcomed Mr Beattie, Dr Segal and Dr Thompson to their first meeting.

Membership under Category (C)

- 10 Noted: That following changes in their responsibilities, Mr Finn and Miss Speight would be resigning from the Committee.

- 11 Agreed: (i) The English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting should be invited to nominate one representative to replace Mr Finn and Miss Speight

(ii) The Extra-Mural Diploma Advisory Council would continue to be represented in this Category

- (iii) Mr S J Holder should continue to serve under this Category as a Director of Nurse Education in a School of Nursing
- (iv) The UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting should be invited to nominate a representative.
- (v) It was not essential, at this stage, for a Regional Nursing Officer in the NHS to be invited to serve.

Agreed: To send a letter of congratulation to Professor Oppé on becoming a CBE in the last Birthday Honours. 12

Academic Advisory Board in Science

Elected: Professor T E Oppé to continue as the representative of the Committee on the Academic Advisory Board in Science for the calendar year 1985. 13

Panel of Visiting Examiners: 1985

Reported: (i) Professor J Boore has never acted at Chelsea in the past and will only examine at Bedford in 1985. 14

(ii) Dr K A Luker will act only at Bedford in 1985.

Agreed: A nomination from Chelsea College for Mrs Audrey Miller, SRN RMN RNP BA BSC., Dept of Nursing, Welsh National School of Medicine, to replace Dr Luker. The finally agreed Panel is attached as Appendix A. 15

Examiners for MSc in Nursing at Chelsea College: 1985

Appointed: Internal Examiners 16

Dr J Wilson-Barnett, BA MSc PhD SRN DipN FRCN
Dr J Macleod Clark, BSc PhD SRN
Dr S J Redfern, BSc PhD SRN
Miss R Herbert, BSc MSc SRN

External Examiner

Dr A Tierney, BNurs PhD., Director Nursing Research Unit, Univ of Edinburgh

RCN Commission on Nursing Education

Considered: The views which the SAC would wish the University to make on the "key issues" identified by the Commission. 17

Reported: (i) Chelsea and Bedford Colleges had prepared detailed responses which had been sent to the University. 18

(ii) Professor Oppé had agreed to a request from the Joint Medical Advisory Council to prepare a paper on aspects of nursing education for consideration by the Academic Council on 29 October.

Agreed: (i) A meeting of the SAC, with a number of members apologising, was not an appropriate forum for completing a questionnaire with complex and often ambivalent questions, some of which did not fall within the competence of the University to answer. 19

(ii) To send Professor Oppé the Bedford and Chelsea responses to help him in the preparation of his paper. Mrs Ferguson and Dr Wilson-Barnett would be available to meet Professor Oppé if he felt this would be helpful.

(iii) To send the Bedford and Chelsea responses to members of the SAC for comment and endorsement where appropriate.

Department of Nursing Studies : K/Q/C Merger

- 20 Noted: (i) Major questions such as student numbers and geographical location of Departments still had to be answered and a Principal has still to be appointed.
- (ii) The Department of Nursing Studies would be part of the Faculty of Life Sciences
- (iii) From 1 October, Professor Hayward would be part-time Director of the Nursing Education Research Unit and Dr J Wilson-Barnett would take over as Head of Department.
- (iv) The Jules Thorne Trust had provided funding for a 5-year lectureship to teach on the MSc in Nursing, and Miss Rosamund Herbert had been appointed.

Extra-Mural Diploma in Nursing

- 21 Considered: Revised Regulations for the Diploma. Mr Beattie explained that the Diploma, first offered in the twenties, had recently been radically revised and improved, with greater integration of theory and practice, a stronger research base and a new scheme of validation and assessment. A continuing problem, however, was that the Extra-Mural Department received numerous queries from students and teachers concerning the status of the Diploma, but it was not possible to answer as no recognition had been given to the Diploma by the University, in relation, for example, to advance standing for entry to a degree. In discussion, it was observed that it was difficult for the University to make a statement on the suitability of the Diploma for advanced standing, as no post-basic nursing degree course was offered by the University and this was the most likely candidate for such advanced standing to be proposed. Another problem was the need to consider not just the content of the course, but also the academic background of those on the course. It would probably be necessary to distinguish those aiming to go further and those who only wanted the Diploma by having both Pass and Distinction levels.
- 22 Agreed: (i) In spite of these problems, an attempt should be made to assess the national currency of the Diploma and that a working party consisting of Mr Beattie, Mrs Ferguson and a member of staff from the Department of Nursing at Chelsea College should look at the Diploma in this respect.
- (ii) At some point in the Working Party's deliberations it would be important to seek the views of Mr Mohammed in the University Entrance Requirements Department.

The University's Policy for the External System

- 23 Noted: The information in the agenda.

Continuing Education

- 24 Noted: At its meeting on 30 May the Senate approved the terms of the University's final response to the Report of the UGC Continuing Education Working Party.

Dates of Meetings: 1985

- 25 Agreed: New dates for the February and May 1985 meetings as follows:
- Friday 22 February at 2.30 pm
Friday 24 May at 2.30 pm

PANEL OF VISITING EXAMINERS IN NURSING STUDIES : COURSE-UNIT EXAMINATIONS 1985

Chairman: Professor T E Oppé [St My's HMS] (1985)

- (C 84) +Battersby, Mrs Joan L., Nursing Studies Unit,
University of Liverpool
- (B 82) +Boore, Prof Jennifer, Dept of Nursing Studies,
New University of Ulster
- (B 84) (C 84) Carrier, J W., LSE
- (C 84) D'Mello, Dr A., LHMC
- (C 84) +Davis, B D., Nursing Research Unit, University of Edinburgh
- (C 83) +Faulkner, Mrs Ann, Dept of Nursing, University of
Manchester
- (B 84) +Hildebrand, Dr H E., Adult Dept, Tavistock Centre,
London NW3
- (C 84) +Hockey, Dr Lisbeth, Dept of Nursing, University of
Edinburgh
- (B 82) +Luker, Dr Karen A., Dept of Nursing, University of
Manchester
- (B 84) MacDonald, Prof J S., ChelC
- (C 85) +Miller, Mrs Audrey, Dept of Nursing, Welsh National
School of Medicine
- (B 82) +Mitchell, Prof G D., Inst of Population Studies,
University of Exeter
- (C 84) Oppé, Prof T E., St My's HMS
- (B 84) (C 81) Segal, Dr M B., UMDS(T)
- (C 82) Stockdale, Dr Janet E., LSE
- (C 85) +Turton, Miss P., Dept of Nursing, University of Manchester

B = Bedford College

C = Chelsea College

+ = External Examiner