

University of London

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN NURSING STUDIES

The next meeting of the SAC in Nursing Studies will be held on Friday 24 May 1985 at 2.30 pm in Senate House.

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

TO CONFIRM: The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 1985 (previously circulated).

2. MATTERS ARISING

Membership

To Report: (1) Prof P H Millard, Dept of Geriatric Medicine, St George's HMS, has accepted an invitation to join the SAC.

(2) The Board of Studies in Pathology has nominated its Vice-Chairman, Prof J H L Playfair (MiddxHMS). This nomination will be considered formally by the Academic Council on 3 June.

To Consider: Any suggestions for potential members in the following categories:

- i. Industrial and Occupational Nursing
- ii. Psychiatric Nursing
- iii. Senior Nursing Administration/Management
- iv. Specialist in control of infection.
- v. Community Nursing

Royal College of Nursing Commission on Nursing Education (Minute 39 refers)

To Report: The main recommendations of the Commission are:

- (i) to switch the present hospital-based education of all nurses to higher education. Students to be financed through a system of bursaries;
- (ii) the establishment of a three year programme of studies leading to the award of a Diploma in Nursing Studies, to be validated by CNAA,
- (iii) an increase in degree provision from the present 2% to 5%;

Copies of the Report are available from the Secretary on request.

150th Anniversary of the University (Minute 34 refers)

To Report: The Principal has passed on the suggestions made by the SAC to the organisers of the 1986 celebrations.

SAC in General Practice (Minute 55 refers)

To Report: The Secretary wrote to Professor Higgins, Chairman of the SAC in General Practice asking for further information on the proposed Conference/Study Day, but has received no reply so far.

3. OFFICERS FOR 1985/86

TO ELECT: A Chairman, Deputy-Chairman and Secretary for the 1985/86 session.

TO REPORT: (1) The Officers for 1984/85 are:

- Chairman: Professor T E Oppé (StMy'sHMS)
- Deputy-Chairman: Prof J Hayward (ChelC)
- Secretary: Dr E W Thompson (Senate House)

(2) Under the Constitution, "The Chairman shall be eligible for re-election to a maximum period of service of three years and shall not be eligible for re-election in the following two years except with the approval of the Senate".

(3) Professor Oppé was elected for a fourth year in 1984/85 to provide continuity in the Officers of the SAC.

4. NURSING STUDIES AT CHELSEA COLLEGE

TO REPORT: A Working Party, under the Chairmanship of Sir Frank Hartley, has been reconvened to consider as a matter of urgency a proposal from the UGC that the University should consider accommodating the Chelsea College (KQC) Department of Nursing Studies within the unallocated space at St George's HMS, together with the Department of Pharmacy.

5. BSc IN NURSING STUDIES: CHELSEA COLLEGE

TO CONSIDER: A proposal from Chelsea College to change the method of assessment in one course unit (Document A).

6. WORKING PARTY ON HEALTH STUDIES

TO REPORT: The first report of the Working Party has been submitted to the Academic Council. The Council has agreed that the report should be considered in detail by the Academic Advisory Boards in Science and in Medicine, and a special meeting of the AAB in Science is being arranged in early July for this purpose.

7. EXTRA MURAL DIPLOMA IN NURSING

TO CONSIDER: (1) A report from the Working Party set up by the SAC at its meeting on 12 October 1984 (Document B, to follow).

(2) Possible mechanisms for increasing the links between the SAC and the Extra Mural Advisory Committee for Nursing. Membership of the two Committees is at Document C.

TO REPORT: Mr P Burt-Jones of the Extra Mural Department is attending this meeting as an Observer.

8. PANEL OF VISITING EXAMINERS FOR COURSE-UNIT EXAMINATIONS IN 1986

TO NOMINATE: A Chairman and Panel of Visiting Examiners for the BSc Course-Unit Examinations in 1986.

TO REPORT: The 1985 Panel with allocation between Chelsea and Bedford Colleges, and the date(s) of first appointment is at Document D.

9. ACADEMIC STANDARDS

TO CONSIDER: A letter from the Academic Registrar (3 April 1985) and the accompanying papers on External Involvement in the Maintenance and Monitoring of Academic Standards and Postgraduate Training and Research (Documents E.1, E.2 and E.3). These papers have been prepared by the CVCP, and the Academic Council has asked for the views of Boards/Committees particularly on the proposals for the final examination (Sections 19-22) in the Postgraduate paper.

10. PLANNING FOR THE LATE 1980s

TO REPORT: (1) At its meeting in January, the Joint Planning Committee considered a UGC letter of 19 November 1984 which deals inter alia with the preparation of universities' research plans. The UGC has formed three Working Parties to advise and report by April on these issues relating to research funding across the whole range of academic issues. It is thought likely that in May the UGC will circulate specifications for the preparation of research plans with a request to universities to submit research plans by November. Schools are currently engaged in drawing up provisional plans which will be studied by a Sub-Group of the JPC who will submit the plans to the UGC, together with a document drawing the attention of the UGC to the University's research strengths and to the importance of its collaborative endeavours.

(2) The JPC is aware that Boards of Studies, along with Special Advisory Committees and Academic Advisory Boards, will be able to make a valuable contribution to the University's statement of the research strengths and ambitions. Unfortunately, because of the tight timetable, the JPC's Sub-Group will have very little time in which to perform its task and it is therefore suggested that if members of Board of Studies wish to draw attention to any points to be included in the University's research plans, they be asked to ensure that the information is communicated directly to their Schools in order that this may be incorporated into their own research plans before submission to the University.

(3) Copies of the UGC's letter of 19 November 1984 have been circulated to Schools. Copies are, however, available from the Secretary if so required.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12. DATES OF MEETINGS IN 1985/86

TO CONSIDER: Dates of meetings for next session. The following are suggested:

Friday 11 October 1985
Friday 21 February 1986
Friday 23 May 1986

Proposal to modify the method of assessment for the half unit Psychiatric
Nursing (0746)

This fourth year half unit is currently assessed by course work : three essays, a patient care study, a patient care plan and a clinical assessment.

Experience from marking work and discussions with students in this first year of the course have indicated that most students find the volume of work excessive. Consequently, the three essays in particular have tended to be answered rather superficially because of lack of time. We have also found that the marks for each of the three essays tend to be highly correlated, although care plans and care studies have produced different patterns of marks.

We therefore propose that two rigorous essays would be a less time consuming and more intellectually demanding assessment for final year students than three necessarily superficial essays. The proposed distribution of marks shown below retains the same proportions for each component of the assessment as originally agreed :

<u>current assessment</u>	<u>proposed assessment</u>
- essay 1. psychiatric nursing 20%	- essay 1. psychiatric nursing, with methods of therapy 25%
- essay 2. methods of therapy 20%	- essay 2. abnormal psychology, with methods of therapy 25%
- essay 3. abnormal psychology 20%	
- patient care study 20%	- patient care study 25%
- patient care plan 10%	- patient care plan 12.5%
- clinical assessment 10%	- clinical assessment 12.5%

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From the Academic Registrar

Dear Chairman

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

In September 1983 the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals set up a group to study universities' methods and procedures for maintaining and monitoring academic quality and standards with a remit which included teaching and research at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The group to date has produced three papers: The External Examiner System for First Degree and Taught Master's Courses, External Involvement in the Maintenance and Monitoring of Academic Standards and Postgraduate Training and Research. I will be writing separately about the first paper on the External Examiner System.

External Involvement in the Maintenance and Monitoring of Academic Standards

The Academic and Collegiate Councils have both given preliminary consideration to this paper. It was noted that insofar as this University was concerned external involvement in the monitoring of academic standards was extensive - in examinations, in appointment of professors and readers, in peer review in the Subject Area Review Committees. The CVCP document had however drawn attention to the concept of External Advisory Committees, common in the universities of the USA where there was no general use of external examiners. While recognising the value of external ad hoc enquiries into specific issues there was no conviction that the involvement of External Advisory Committees as a routine element of the External monitoring process would be useful in this University. It was considered, however, that the CVCPS paper should be circulated widely within the University so that there could be adequate opportunity for debate on the issues it raised. I am therefore sending a copy of the paper for the information of your Board/Committee and should they wish to make any comment I will be pleased to receive it.

Postgraduate Training and Research

The CVCP paper on Postgraduate Training and Research is attached for consideration by your Board/Committee. In circulating this paper for comment the Academic Council has requested that I should draw particular attention to the section on Final Examination, which recommends that a candidate's supervisor should not normally be appointed as an examiner and should not normally attend any viva or meeting of examiners. The present position in the University of London is that Boards of Studies may appoint the supervisor as an examiner if they so wish. Practice varies, but there has been a trend over the past few years for more Boards not to appoint the supervisor as an examiner. This trend has the total support of the Academic Council, although opinion in the Council is divided over whether or not the supervisor should have a right to be present at the viva if he is not appointed as an examiner. The present practice in London is that the supervisor if not an examiner may attend the oral examination as an observer without the right to question the candidate or participate in any way.

It would therefore be particularly helpful to the Council to receive the views of your Board/Committee on the CVCP paper and in particular on the proposals on Final Examinations.

I should be grateful to receive your Board/Committee's response to both CVCP papers by Friday, 7 June 1985.

Yours sincerely



G F Roberts (Mrs)

To:

Chairmen of Boards of Studies,
Special Advisory Committees and Academic Advisory Boards

cc Secretaries

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Mr A Beattie	Extra-Mural Diploma Advisory Council
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