

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY AUGUST 4, 1961

The University Faculty met in special session Friday, August 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of Lafferty Hall. President Dickey presided.

The minutes of June 2 were read and approved.

Dean Dake presented recommendations from the College of Nursing. These included the dropping of two courses and approval of new courses to be offered in the Fall Semester of 1961-62. The University Faculty approved the recommendations.

The College of Nursing presents the following courses for Faculty approval. These courses are to be offered Fall Semester 1961.

New Freshman level course:

Nursing 001 Orientation to Nursing (0 Cr.)

The role of students in nursing and their future in the profession.

Freshman Level courses to be dropped

Nursing 100 Foundations of Nursing (4 crs.)
101 Foundations of Nursing, Lab

Nursing 102 Foundations of Nursing (4 crs.)
103 Foundations of Nursing, Lab

Explanation

Experience of instructors indicated that the objectives defined for Nursing 100 and Nursing 102 could not be reached until students had gained increased foundation knowledge through courses in general education. This change in the credit allotment of first year nursing courses makes possible placement of additional courses in behavioral, physical and biological science courses in the first year schedule. It does not change previously included work in other liberal and fine arts areas.

Experience likewise indicated the importance of a more specific opportunity for freshman students to orient themselves to nursing as a career and to nursing education at the University of Kentucky.

New Sophomore level nursing course:

Nursing 220-221 Foundations of Comprehensive Nursing II (7 crs.)

Exploration of the nurse's role in meeting the needs of hospitalized patients: introduction of basic skills, which contribute to fulfillment of this role.

Lecture, 5 hours. Laboratory, 8 hours.

Explanation

One of the significant approaches to curriculum construction being strenuously pursued by the nursing faculty is to minimize unnecessary segmentation and repetition of nursing content. Historically nursing curricula have been segmented into courses paralleling major specialties in medical practice (medical nursing, surgical nursing, pediatric nursing, etc.). There is considerable support for the belief that emphasis should be placed on identifying elements of nursing practice common to patients with problems representing various medical specialties.

The opportunity at the University of Kentucky, to capitalize on the "clean slate" has been experienced by few persons in nursing. The timing for presenting what is in fact a general introduction to clinical nursing is the result of an extensive amount of effort in identification of objectives of curriculum and in exploration of common elements in the traditional specialty areas of nursing. These steps were essential prerequisites to definition of the first clinical nursing course content.

New Upper Division Course:

Nursing 346 Trends in Nursing (2 crs.)

Analysis of trends in nursing education and nursing service in relation to society and the forces of social change.

Dean Carpenter presented the names of two students who had been dropped by the College of Commerce a second time and recommended that the University Faculty approve their readmission. Dean Matthews of the College of Law, requested clarification of the basis of the recommendation - that is, whether it represented a recommendation of the Commerce Faculty or a right of the individual student to appeal to the University Faculty. Dean Carpenter explained that he thought of it as an action of the University Faculty to revoke its previous action, not as an action of the college faculty; that he had told the students concerned that he would bring their petitions to the University Faculty, which could always receive petitions. The two students reinstated are James Hugh Rogers and Karl H. Thomas.

President Dickey announced that there would be a conference at Spindletop September 7 and 8, arranged by the Program Planning Committee of the University Faculty, working with other persons including Dr. Albright and that the University Faculty was invited to attend. Dr. Kuiper, Chairman of the Program Planning Committee, stated that the letters announcing the conference would be self explanatory. Matters considered by the Conference would be presented to the University Faculty at the October Meeting.

The Faculty adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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