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Gentlemen:

In response to Representative Fitzsimons' letter of May 2, 1966, I am transmitting recommendations for the Health-Science Training Program by the University of Minnesota, which carries the approval of the University Board of Regents. These are based upon the findings and recommendations of the Health-Manpower Study for the Upper Midwest sponsored and supported by the Louis W. and Maud Hill Family Foundation.

In answer to your specific points, Item 2 in our recommendations proposes an increase of the Medical and Dental Schools. Initial studies show that this is feasible, and estimated costs to implement this are described in our Supplementary Request of July 15, 1966, to the 1967 Legislative Building Commission. Item 4 suggests a means of establishing a family practice program and also considers the question of attracting students to the medical profession. It should be pointed out that each year a number of qualified applicants are unable to gain admission because of our present enrollment limitation.

On behalf of the Regents may I express appreciation to Committee members for their interest in a matter so vital to the University and the State.

Sincerely yours,



O. Meredith Wilson  
President

Minnesota University

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCE  
TRAINING PROGRAM BY THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MINNESOTA TO THE SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCE TRAINING PROGRAM  
BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

These are based upon the findings and recommendations of the Health Manpower Study for the Upper Midwest, sponsored and supported by the Louis W. and Maud Hill Family Foundation and have been approved by the Board of Regents.

1. Acceptance by transfer to the third year of all students satisfactorily completing the basic science years at the University of North Dakota and the University of South Dakota Medical Schools who wish to complete their medical education at the University of Minnesota, and who are deemed acceptable by the Admissions Committee.
  - a. Present number of transferees: 6-10 per year depending on the number of openings in our third year.
  - b. Estimated number of transferees who would wish to come here: 25-30 per year.
  - c. Additional requirements: at least 8 additional faculty members, largely for affiliated hospitals. (This is based on an assumption of 20 more such transfer students each year than we now take, or 40 total in 3rd and 4th years, and on a 5:1 student-faculty ratio for clinical work.)
  - d. Timetable: as soon as additional faculty are authorized.



- e. Possible way of increasing number desiring transfer: provision by state governments of North Dakota and South Dakota to residents of their states of tuition differential that would permit them to attend the University of Minnesota at resident tuition rate.

2. Increase the size of the entering class of the University of Minnesota Medical School from 150 to 200 and of the entering class of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry from 110 to 150.

a. Requirements:

1. The physical facilities development program as envisioned in the supplementary request to the 1967 Legislative Building Commission.
  2. For the Medical School enlargement: 35 to 40 additional faculty members. (This is based on assumed additional total of 180-190 students and a 6:1 student-faculty ratio in the basic science years, 5:1 in the clinical years. Faculty additions can be staged to a certain extent as the increased class size involves the first-year, second-year and clinical departments.) Commensurate increases in civil service staff will also be required.
  3. For the School of Dentistry enlargement: 20 to 24 additional faculty members. (This is based on a 5:1 student-faculty ratio in the clinical years.) A concomitant increase in civil service staff will also be necessary.
- b. Timetable: class size can be increased 2 years after building funds have been appropriated if planning funds are available,

i.e. planning funds in 1967 with building funds in 1969 would permit expansion in 1971.

- c. Related programs: realization of this building program will also permit expansion in related health sciences educational programs such as nursing, public health, medical technology, dental hygiene, occupational therapy, physical therapy and, undoubtedly, the development of still other programs that future health needs may require, such as anesthetic technicians.

3. Increase the size of the entering class of the University of Minnesota Medical School from 200 to 250 and of the entering class of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry from 150 to 200 sometime between 1975 and 1980.

- a. Requirements for faculty will be based on considerations similar to those presented with respect to the more immediate expansion proposal.
- b. The building program proposed envisions ultimate classes of this size and will provide space for the major teaching laboratories and lecture rooms. When such increment is found to be necessary, additional space will be required for faculty offices, associated research laboratories, and hospital facilities.

4. Family practice. A special legislative appropriation of \$50,000 per year for each year of the coming biennium to finance a study to be carried out under Medical School and University auspices but with the advice of professional and lay persons outside the University, of the most effective kind of family practice program or programs that could be established within the Medical School and the most effective means of attracting students to such programs.