

Toledo Urged As Site Of New Medical School By Education Commission

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Eventual 5-3 Favorable Vote Is Anticipated

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COLUMBUS, Dec. 10 — The Governor's Interim Commission on Education Beyond High School formally recommended today establishment of a new state-supported medical school on the campus of the University of Toledo.

The commission's report will be sent to Governor DiSalle, who is expected to forward it to Governor-elect James A. Rhodes and leaders of the incoming General Assembly for their consideration.

Only five members of the nine-man commission were present today. The vote in favor of the Toledo recommendation was 3 to 2.

Dr. John Millett, president of Miami University and commission chairman, said that when all commission members are contacted, the vote will be at least 5 to 3 in favor of the recommendation. Dr. Millett said he does not know the position of the ninth commission member—Dr. Clarence Stoughton, president of Wittenberg University.

Recorded In Favor

Dr. Millett said those who will be recorded in favor of the proposal are State Sen. Frank W. King (D., Toledo); James H. Maloon, state finance director, and State Rep. A. G. Lacione (D., Bellaire), all of whom were present and voted for the recommendation, and Dr. John C. Baker, retired president of Ohio University, and Dr. Terry Wickham, president of Heidelberg College, both of whom were absent but had indicated they favored the

Dr. Baker and Dr. Wickham were later reached by telephone by The Blade and said that if they had been present at today's meeting they would have voted in favor of the Toledo recommendation. Dr. Stoughton could not be reached for comment.

Those who will be recorded as against the recommendation included Dr. Millett and State Sen. Ross Pepple (R., Lima), who were present, and C. W. Ingler, Dayton, who was absent but who earlier had indicated that he objected to the recommendation.

Plans Mail Poll

Dr. Millett indicated that the final results will be confirmed later in a mail poll of those commission members absent.

The report recommended that first priority should be given to improvement of the existing facilities of the medical school at Ohio State University, but without any expansion in the size of the entering class.

Both Dr. Millett and Senator Pepple argued that expansion of OSU should not be ruled out. But Senator King and other commission members said the report should avoid any phrasing that would give the impression that first priority was being given to an expansion of class size at OSU.

Second Priority

Senator King said this would be exactly contrary to the recommendations of the panel of out-of-state medical educators, acting as consultants to the commission, who had specifically recommended against an expansion at OSU at this time.

As a result, Dr. Millett and Senator Pepple cast dissenting votes against the wording of the OSU recommendation.

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Second priority in the report was given to a recommendation that "a new medical school should be started in Toledo in association with and on the campus of the University of Toledo; this school should be planned for an entering class of 100; the state of Ohio should enter into a contract with the University of Toledo in the operation of the medical school—and \$1 million should be appropriated by the 1963 legislature for the next biennium so that the university may obtain a dean and an administrative staff, develop a program and employ architects to prepare plans for the medical center."

Dr. Millett delivered a written formal dissent to the recommendation. He said that he believes that it is desirable that another medical school should be created in Ohio, and added:

"I think Toledo as a city would be a quite satisfactory location, although I think the same thing could be said about Akron and Dayton.

"The problem as I see it is whether a medical school can be established and operated without concern for the general university base of which it should be a part. If a university base is not important for a medical school and if a high-quality graduate program is not important for a medical school, then the state of Ohio might proceed at this time to establish a new medical school in Toledo," Dr. Millett said.

He added that TU is a good municipal university, rendering important service to Toledo and to the northwest part of the state. But it is unreasonable to expect the city of Toledo to assume the expense of building and operating a good medical school in conjunction with a good graduate program in the health sciences, he contended.

Dr. Millett said he thought that a carefully worked-out plan of long-range uni-development and financ which medical education be a part should be pr before the Legislatu proves any contracts wi for a medical school a fore the \$1 million is priated.

He said he thinks the needs to know what its cial commitments are lik be, and how these are go be met before any final sion is made on the locat a new medical school.

Senator King noted that ably about two-thirds of construction cost of a me school will be borne by Federal Government, if gress enacts the bill to pr federal aid for new me schools. "We know that v not going to have a new r cal school without subst federal help," he said.

Third priority in the re was given to a recommend that the state start negotiat with the University of Cir nati to enlarge its me school freshman class size f 100 to 125 or 150.

Fourth priority went t recommendation to cons the long-range developmen medical school facilities Ohio as part of a master for the state's total role in panding and improving hi education.

The commission sugge that special attention shoul given to the advantages ferred by Akron and Dayt possible sites for additi medical schools, but added it believed other me schools should be located at places where there is a stantial expansion of grad education and research.