

Minutes
Medical School Study Committee
October 6, 1960

The first meeting of the Medical School Study Committee was called to order at three p.m. by Mayor Michael J. Damas. In attendance were Doctors F. F. A. Rawling, Edward L. Burns, Byron G. Shaffer, Gregor Sido, Saul Kelson, Maurice A. Schnitker, Monsignor Robert Maher, Mr. John Willey, Mr. Wilson L. Benfer, Mr. James Slater Gibson and Dr. William S. Carlson. Mr. Ward M. Canaday was not present.

Mayor Damas made a brief statement of the purposes of the committee charged to investigate the feasibility of starting a medical school in conjunction with The University of Toledo and expressed the hope that the findings would be favorable.

Dr. F. F. A. Rawling was elected chairman of the committee; Mr. Maurice A. Schnitker, vice-chairman; and Dr. Gregor Sido, secretary.

Chairman Rawling stated that statistics of need are available but must be searched out and studied. He also stated that the facilities are available in Toledo but how they best can be utilized needs to be studied. The need of a consultant to appraise the statistics gathered was agreed upon. Several publications were brought to the attention of the committee. These will be obtained and distributed to members of the committee for study prior to the next meeting. They are:

1. Public Health Service pamphlet No. 709 entitled "Physicians for a Growing America," published October 1959.
2. Public Health Service bulletin entitled "Advancement of Medical Research and Education."
3. An article in The Journal of Medical Education of February 1960, Vol. 35, Issue No. 2, entitled "New Medical Schools: Some Preliminary Considerations," authored by William R. Willard.
4. An address by Robert A. Moore, President of the Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York: a William H. Welch Lecture at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, January 13, 1960, entitled "The Challenge to Medical Education in the Nineteen Sixties."

Dr. Carlson suggested obtaining the services of Dr. Ward Darley or Dr. William R. Willard as a preliminary consultant to survey the problem here. He suggested, also, that members of the committee acquaint themselves with the problems that were met and mastered in the formation of new medical schools in Kentucky, West Virginia and Florida.

Dr. Carlson noted that the Governor's Interim Commission on Education Beyond the High School is making a survey on the medical needs of the state of Ohio and suggested that we ascertain its progress, the identity of its consultant, and study its findings inasmuch as the Governor will be likely to accept the report of his Interim Commission. The expansion programs at the Ohio State University Medical School and the University of Cincinnati, and plans of Western Reserve University should be studied, he stated. Monsignor Maher commented on extensive building programs in other communities such as Dayton, Ohio.

Discussion of the cost and payment for consultants was temporarily settled by Dr. Carlson's statement that he hoped the Board of Directors of the University would approve using University funds for this purpose.

The meeting closed after an informal discussion of the impact such a medical school, with the problem of closed staffs, would have on our community and the practice of medicine as we now know it. It was agreed that our consultant no doubt could advise on how this problem has been handled elsewhere.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p. m.

Gregor Sido
Secretary