

Minutes
Medical College Study Committee
January 17, 1961

The Medical College Study Committee met at 4:30 p. m. January 17 in the office of Dr. William S. Carlson at The University of Toledo. All members were present except Monsignor Maher, Mr. Gibson and Dr. Sido.

Chairman Rawling called the meeting to order and minutes of the December meeting were accepted.

Dr. Burns and Mr. Willy presented their subcommittee report. Copies were distributed to those present and are being mailed with these minutes to the absentees. Mr. Willy explained the difficulty of determining a proper ratio of physicians to population. The conclusion is that Ohio will need more medical school facilities if the present ratio is to be maintained. Population projection for 1970 indicates that Ohio will need more medical school facilities if the present ratio is to be maintained. Population projection for 1970 indicates that Ohio will need 2036 more physicians, or 203 additional each year, of whom about 136 would have to come from the state itself.

Dr. Schnitker moved acceptance of the report. It was seconded and carried, with thanks to the committee and to Professor Robert Mason who assisted with the statistical work.

President Carlson reported that a survey of six area colleges showed only 142 students in premedical programs. With 137 or more at The University of Toledo, the total is 279, which is less than two per cent of the 16,805 undergraduates in these colleges. President Carlson's conclusion that more students would enter premedical studies if additional opportunity were available for medical education is based on the following information:

The statistics for the country at large as to applicants versus admissions to medical schools, are approximately two to one. There is abroad a general impression that even good students are finding it difficult to gain acceptance in a medical school. The long period of preparation for medicine, the cost of a medical education, the lack of scholarships and fellowships in medicine, and the recent glamorization of the physical sciences have reduced the potential candidates for medical schools. Some educators detect a swing back in the pendulum of interest in medical education. Better counseling in high schools and colleges would also be helpful in attracting more young people into medicine.

Dr. Carlson also reported that the growing crisis in staffing the basic science areas in medicine was becoming a matter of grave concern to college administrators.

After some discussion of the attrition rate in medical schools -- perhaps 10 per cent on a nation-wide basis -- Dr. Shaffer moved acceptance of the Carlson report. It was seconded and carried.

Dr. Schnitker then reported on his interview with Dean Doan of Ohio State. Since this was confidential, three reporters were asked to leave the meeting at this time. Dr. Schnitker's conclusions were (1) that additional medical training facilities would be needed in Ohio even though Ohio State would expand, and (2) Toledo is the best location for this.

Dr. Rawling in summary said he felt the need for more medical students in Ohio is established and thus the need for additional medical training facilities. The question is whether a medical school is feasible in Toledo. He suggested that the next step is further study by a professional consultant and quoted from a letter from a firm which offered to perform such a survey for \$5000 plus expenses of about \$1500. Dr. Rawling said that a thorough survey would take a minimum of \$10,000.

He suggested that the committee should not take responsibility for raising this money. Dr. Schnitker then moved that since further study is needed and this requires outside assistance, that the committee seek an appropriation of \$10,000 and forward this request to the Mayor. The motion was seconded and passed.

Date of the next meeting, to review the Willard report, was set for 4:30 p.m. February 28, in the office of President Carlson.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse R. Long
Secretary pro tem