
I. Commonwealth Relations

A. Appropriations for FY'79

Mr. Meyerson reported on the meeting he and President Oswald of Penn State had with the Governor and distributed copies of the letter they drafted following the meeting (copy on file in the Office of the Secretary).

B. Veterinary School

Dr. Langfitt reported that in FY'79 a $1.2 million operating deficit was forecasted for the Vet School even if the $3.2 million Commonwealth appropriation was forthcoming. Given the Governor's proposed appropriation reduction the deficit would be approximately $2.6 million. This is clearly not tolerable. For the school to continue the University must achieve large and stable support from the Commonwealth.

The short run plans are for direct lobbying to the legislature for restoration of support. The long run strategy involves identifying a different relation with the State.

In terms of the small animal hospital construction, Dr. Langfitt reviewed the considerations. The Trustees present endorsed the administration's decision not to proceed with construction until overall financing of the school is resolved. The emphasis is upon deferring, not stopping the project.

C. Master Plan

Mr. Meyerson reported on the status of the task force reports noting, in particular, that it is likely a special task force will be appointed to consider the future of the state-aided category.

D. Commonwealth Relations Policy Committee

Mr. Meyerson requested the advice of the trustees present concerning the revival of a Commonwealth Relations Committee. Mr. Segal suggested that the name for the committee be different so that it not appear to conflict with the Commonwealth Relations Council. With that in mind, the Trustees present supported...
the further development of such an entity.

E. Senatorial Scholarships

Dr. Johnstone reported on the investigation being initiated by the Inquirer concerning the senatorial scholarships. They are requesting lists of all senatorial scholarship holders, the amount of award, and the Senator sponsoring. The University has taken the position that the University is obliged to maintain the confidentiality of student records, though we have offered to ask the students if they will allow the information to be released.

II. Reports on Legal Cases

Mr. Burbank gave a brief status report on three cases: the Basile, Eisenberg, and Wolf cases.

III. Budget Development FY'79

Mr. Meyerson reported that the final recommendations for tuition will be presented for the March Executive Board meeting. Dr. Strauss distributed a report providing the major data and background for that discussion. Dr. Strauss briefly summarized the report and the tuition proposed.

IV. Other

Discussion turned briefly to anticipation of the stated meeting agenda and Mr. Segal added some comments relative to the orthopedics research project lending background to the financing.

Respectively submitted,

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