A discussion session of the Executive Board of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 1978, at the University. Those attending included: Samuel H. Ballam, Jr.; Henry M. Chance, II; Charles Dickey, Jr.; Robert G. Dunlap; John W. Rinkman; Donald T. Regan; Carl Kaysen; Wesley A. Stanger, Jr.; Robert L. Trescher; Bernard G. Segal; Stephen Burbank; Paul Gaddis; Vartan Gregorian; D. Bruce Johnstone; William Owen; Harold Manley; Thomas W. Langfitt; J. Jerrold Jackson; Jon Strauss and Janis I. Somerville (secretary).

I. Veterinary School

Dr. Langfitt reviewed the steps which have been initiated since the Governor deleted the $1.2 million appropriation for the Veterinary School, and more recently did not include an appropriation for the Veterinary School in his fiscal year '79 budget statement. Dr. Langfitt related that the objectives have been three:

- Immediate restoration of the $1.2 million for FY '78
- Short-range restoration of the $1.2 million for FY '79
- Longer range formulation of new, more stable relationship for funding of the Veterinary School.

These objectives for the School share the assessment that it is not possible for the School to survive without a substantial, stable funding base from the State. The prospects for restoration of the $1.2 million in FY '78 are now virtually out. Given the Governor's action not including appropriation in his FY '79 proposal, a great deal of effort is being made by the University to gain support of legislators directly. One of these efforts is likely to result in a Blue Ribbon committee to study the Veterinary School appropriations.

II. Task Force on Governance

The Executive Board reviewed briefly the recommendation for a new Task Force on Governance, building upon the work of the 1970 Task Force on University Governance and agreed that it will be a topic for the Stated Meeting.
III. Honorary Degrees Committee

Mr. Segal reported on the progress in selecting and inviting individuals to receive honorary degrees at the Spring Commencement.

IV. State Senatorial Scholarships

Mr. Meyerson related recent developments involving a determination of the Inquirer to investigate the State Senatorial Scholarships. The Inquirer is pressing the University for release of the names of students who have received these awards. The University Counsel has advised that such release by the University would violate the legal provisions for confidentiality of student records, and existing University policy in this matter. Mr. Meyerson anticipates that he and the University will continue to be the focus of a campaign by the press.

V. Report of Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Dean Gregorian reported that question has been raised of the efficacy of contractual relationship between the University and Libya given the restraint of human rights in that nation. He recommended that the Trustees provide guidelines to assist in the determination of accepting contracts.

Mr. Regan requested that Dean Gregorian draft a statement delineating the problem and that the Trustee committee on Corporate Responsibility address the policy issue. Mr. Trescher agreed to have his committee undertake this charge.

VI June Trustee Meeting Dates

Mr. Meyerson indicated that he has been invited to be a member of a small group of educators invited to China under the auspices of the Aspen Institute. That trip would conflict with the June Trustee meeting and Mr. Regan advised Mr. Meyerson to consult the Executive Board on the matter. Following discussion Mr. Regan directed Ms. Somerville to survey the Trustees in the effort to identify an alternate meeting date.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis I. Somerville
Secretary of Corporation