A stated meeting of the Executive Board was held on Tuesday, 18 September 1979. Those attending included: Paul F. Miller, Jr., (chairman); David C. Auten; Walter G. Arader; Samuel H. Ballam, Jr.; Julian S. Berg; John W. Eckman; Carl Kaysen; Martin Meyerson; Robert L. Trescher; Jacqueline G. Wexler; Barbara Wiesel (secretary); Curtis Barnes; Stephen Burbank; Shelley Green; Vartan Gregorian; Matthew Hall; David Johnston; Thomas Langfitt; Harold Manley; Gregory Manning; Edward McFall; Cable Neuhaus; William Owen; Joyce Randolph; Benjamin Shen; Fred Shabel; Jon Strauss; Craig Sweeten.

I. Call to Order
A. Approval of Minutes
Action: The minutes of the meeting of 16 August 1979 were approved as distributed.

II. Report of the Chairman
A. General Comments
Mr. Miller reported that the Executive Board had spent the morning in an executive session, focusing on the procedures and methods for selection of the next president of the University. He said that the Executive Board expected to submit its recommendations concerning this process to the full Trustees in October.

B. Campaign Progress Report
Mr. Miller reported that as of September 14, 1979, total gifts to the Program for the Eighties had reached $207,721,061.

III. Report of the President
A. Commonwealth Appropriation
Mr. Meyerson indicated that the University had just submitted its budgetary request for $23.3 million for the 1980-81 fiscal year to the Commonwealth. He noted that this figure, an increase of approximately $4 million, reflected additional requests in the allocations for both the Medical and the Veterinary Schools. Mr. Meyerson said that the first hearing with the state board would be held with Commissioner of Education Scanlon on October 9.

B. Administrative Appointments
Mr. Meyerson introduced Professor Benjamin S.P. Shen, the new Associate Provost; Dr. Joyce M. Randolph, the Provost's Executive Assistant; and Mr. Cable Neuhaus, the new editor of the Almanac.
Action: The Resolution on Appointment of Assistant General Counsel was approved as follows:

RESOLVED, that Shelley Z. Green be appointed Assistant General Counsel, effective September 4, 1979.

C. Other Comments

Mr. Meyerson also commented that this year the University would be making a strong attempt to increase campus support for and participation in the United Way Campaign. He reported that a campus committee, chaired by Edward F. Lane, had completed a study on the United Way at the University of Pennsylvania.

Action: A Resolution of Support of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania was approved as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania reaffirm their support of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania and urge all members of the University community to consider thoughtfully the extent of their participation in this program to help fellow citizens who are in need.

Action: A Resolution Nominating Mrs. David Rockefeller for Appointment to the Board of Overseers of the School of Veterinary Medicine was approved as follows:

RESOLVED, that Mrs. David Rockefeller be approved for nomination to the Board of Overseers of the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Finally, Mr. Meyerson expressed profound sorrow over the assassination of Lord Mountbatten and he noted that the following resolution which had been prepared would be sent to Earl Mountbatten's family:

Action: The Resolution Commemorating The Earl Mountbatten of Burma was approved as follows:

With feelings of profound sorrow and regret, the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania commemorate the life and deplore the tragic passing of a heroic leader, a citizen of the world, and an illustrious member of the University family: the Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

A leader of genius who served his country and allies well in time of war as Admiral of the British Fleet and Supreme Allied Commander for Southeast Asia, he was a man of peace who became the first Governor General of an independent India. A scion of the oldest royal families of Europe, he was influential for his innate qualities including his "common touch" and his loyalty to his associates. In a gracious presentation to "the 20th General Hospital U.S.A. (staffed by volunteers from the University of Pennsylvania under the command of Colonel I.S. Ravdin)" he expressed "grateful appreciation of the excellent treatment he received during the week he spent in the hospital...in March 1944 after receiving an injury to his left eye on the Ledo front in Burma." Almost thirty years later, he honored Harold G. Scheie, M.D., the physician who had saved his sight, by coming to the University to act as keynote speaker at the dedication of the Scheie Eye Institute.

His presence and interests, during various visits to the University,
are kept alive by the suite named for him at the Scheie Eye Institute, and the equipment he personally donated to the School of Veterinary Medicine. At his own home, the University of Pennsylvania is proudly represented in a museum he opened this spring by the cap and gown he received from the University on the occasion of his award of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Lord Louis Mountbatten was born with the century. In his time he witnessed change and participated in tumult. In all those years he played his part nobly and to the full. His life transcends and negates the meaningless violence that terminated it. May his end be celebrated in the words John Bunyan wrote of Mr. Valiant-for-Truth: "So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania at this time of mourning reaffirm their admiration for the Earl Mountbatten of Burma and direct a copy of this resolution to be transmitted to his family.

IV. Report of the Provost

Provost Gregorian added his pleasure in the nomination of Professor Shen as Associate Provost and he introduced Dr. Randolph as his new Executive Assistant.

Action: The Resolution on Appointment of Associate Provost was approved as follows:

RESOLVED, that Benjamin S.P. Shen be appointed Associate Provost, effective September 1, 1979.

Action: The Recommendations for Academic Appointments and Promotions for the period from June 14, 1979 to July 16, 1979 were approved as printed in the gray book.

V. Other

Action: The Resolution of Authorization for Purchase of 4013-15-17 Walnut Street was approved as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania approve the purchase of the property located at 4013-15-17 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for $400,567.95, payable $110,000 from University General Fund at the signing of the agreement of sale and $3,500 per month for 148.78 months, and on such other terms and conditions as the Vice President for Budget and Finance may approve.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara B. Wiesel,
Acting Secretary