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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS MEDICAL CENTER

November 8, 1976
Topeka, Kansas

Members Present

Representative Denny D. Burgess, Chairman
Senator Edward F. Reilly, Vice-Chairman
Senator Albert Campbell
Representative Bill Morris

Staff Present

Marlin Rein, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office

The Special Committee on the University of Kansas Medical Center convened at 10:00 a.m., November 8, 1976, with Representative Denny D. Burgess presiding. The entire agenda was committed to the review of the draft of the Committee report on Proposal No. 39 - Review of the University of Kansas Medical Center. Upon motion by Senator Campbell and second by Representative Morris, the minutes of the October 7, 1976, meeting of the Committee were approved.

The Committee then proceeded to review in detail the draft conclusions and recommendations contained in the report. The Committee generally found the report to be acceptable and did not instruct the staff to make any changes.

The Committee then considered further recommendations to be included in the report. Representative Morris moved and Senator Campbell seconded that the report should include a recommendation that the University examine the medical records system of other high volume institutions. The University should further consider the possibility of a re-design of the medical record system rather than merely trying to solve the problem through the addition of staff. The recommendation was adopted.

Representative Morris moved that the University administration consider the possibility of expanding the capacity of the neo-natal unit at the hospital. The motion specifically stated that the University should assess the need for expansion and if found to be necessary, such expansion should be accomplished at an early date. In the reallocation of space which occurs upon the move to the new clinical facility, the neo-natal unit should be given high priority for additional space. The motion was seconded by Senator Campbell and was adopted.

Representative Morris moved that the Committee consider a recommendation for the need for an improved heliport. The motion specifically stated that the University administration review the existing facility and propose a needed improvement, utilizing existing facilities if possible. Representative Morris felt that a new heliport should be located adjacent to the clinical facility. It was discussed that one possibility would be to use the roof of a new proposed parking garage. Motion was seconded by Senator Reilly and was adopted.

On motion by Representative Morris and second by Senator Campbell, the Committee adopted a recommendation that the University administration review the admissions policy for selection of students into the medical school. The motion specifically was directed at the heavy emphasis on undergraduate grade point as a principle criterion for selection of students. It was felt by the Committee that this was perhaps counter-productive to the University's stated objective of attempting to train more physicians to serve rural Kansas.

The Committee determined that the next meeting of the Committee would be November 18, again in Topeka. The agenda for that meeting will be final consideration of the Committee report. Staff was directed to attempt to arrange a joint meeting with members of the Board of Regents on that date. Upon a motion by Senator Reilly, the Committee adjourned.

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Approved by the Committee on:

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Date

Henry D. Burgen