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DUVAL MEDICAL CENTER STAFF ACADEMIC FUND
MINUTES OF MEETING
20 January, 1970

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Samuel M. Day at 6:00 p.m. in Dr. Sam Stephenson's office at the Duval Medical Center. In attendance were Drs. Day, Ferguson and Stephenson. The minutes of the previous meeting of October 20, 1969, were approved as printed.

Chairman Day announced a change in the Fund attorneys in keeping with the Board authorization of June 9, 1969. The Chairman dispensed with the legal services of Mr. James L. Ade on December 8, 1969, and secured the services of Mr. Thomas M. Donahoo of the firm of Donahoo, Rogers and O'Bannon. Mr. Donahoo is currently working on problems of reimbursing monies earned by the various doctors. Unfortunately, he has had a two weeks bout of pneumonia and has been hospitalized and unable to complete the work. Currently, he is investigating it and an answer is hoped for soon.

The report of the auditor, Mr. Allen C. Oosterhoudt, was considered at length. It was approved and it was reemphasized that every effort will be made to distribute reimbursements at the earliest possible date.

A statement prepared by the Chairman on January 19, 1970, relating the current status of the Academic Fund was considered at length by the Board. It was approved without dissent (copy attached). The primary policy change outlined in this statement involved the transfer of money earned by the full timers but not reimbursed to them because of the contractual limit on total income applying to each full timer. In view of the large amount contributed to the Funds by some of the full time Staff and the large excess naturally resulting, a thirty per cent (30%) limitation on donations to the Foundation would be unrealistic. Therefore, it is planned to transfer all monies earned by full time Staff members in excess of their income limit to the Duval Medical Center Medical Staff Foundation. This change was approved without dissent.

The Chairman announced that he had been visited by Dean Emmanuel Suter of the University of Florida College of Medicine recently in an attempt to iron out the problems possibly incurred through the transfer of funds from the Duval County Hospital Authority to the University of Florida School of Medicine by grant so that the full timer Chiefs of the Services at the Duval Medical Center may be paid by the University of Florida School of Medicine. Certain retirement programs, insurance programs, health and accident insurance and others of the faculty at Gainesville are paid through their faculty fund. Dr. Suter was assured that no difficulties would be encountered in making similar payments when indicated through the Duval County Medical Center Staff Foundation although these payments will of necessity have to be approved by the Board of the Foundation and would be of no concern to the Academic Fund unless they are paid by reimbursements from earned income of the particular doctor. A legal opinion will be requested on this as well as on several other matters. Dr. Suter made copy of much of our material and he will get in touch with us again with his suggestions.

Chairman Day pointed out that the claims for the care of the indigent which are billed through the Fund are not being handled as expeditiously as they might be. On discussing it with Fund employees, it appears that the employment of an additional worker might help greatly in speeding up the claim processing. By unanimous vote the Board authorized employment of an additional worker in the office if necessary.

Attorney Donahoo States that we must draw up organization papers for an Association to tie us together as a group. He has been asked to proceed. This was not advised heretofore.

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It was pointed out that the full time faculty are very desirous of having their own Fund so that they could get quicker action and have full control over its activities. The Chairman indicated that by all practical purposes they have a separate Fund at the present time as can be seen from the auditor's report, all money earned by the full time Staff is kept in a separate accounting from that earned by the part time Staff. Since the above change has been made in the donations to the Foundation, the full time members will have the advantage of all of their earned income for use in desired fields. It is indicated that they have no representation on the Board of the Foundation so the Board of the Academic Fund suggests to the Staff that representation of the full time Staff be elected to the Board of the Duval Medical Center Staff Foundation. By unanimous vote the Board recommends the appointment of a Committee to study the feasibility of establishing separate Funds for the full time faculty and the active Staff. It was suggested that the faculty Fund can continue with the name of the Duval County Medical Center Academic Fund and probably they can operate as a Fund in the manner originally attempted by this Board but forbidden by Internal Revenue. The part time Staff could then continue their activities under a plan similar to that currently outlined but their Fund could be called the Duval Medical Center Staff Collection Agency or by some similar name which may be recommended by the Committee or by the Staff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P. M.

Samuel M. Day, M. D.
CHAIRMAN