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Dear Dale:

I thought you would like to have this copy of the Provost's
comments on the Bachelor of Health Science degree for your files.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas D. Kinney, M.D.
Director of Medical and
Allied Health Education

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July 12, 1972

Dr. Thomas D. Kinney
Director of Medical and Allied Health Education
Duke University Medical Center

Dear Tom:

I have now reviewed in detail the proposed curriculum for the Bachelor of Health Science degree and the specific proposals for the Physician's Associate Program leading to that degree. I have examined these proposals in the light of the report submitted some months ago by the Ad Hoc Committee to study a proposed Bachelor of Health Science degree chaired by Professor T. W. Johnson.

I am writing you at this time to indicate my formal approval of the proposed special program for the Physician's Associate and to authorize you to proceed. We both recognize that 1972-73 will be a transitional year and we should expect next summer to review your experience during this first year.

At the time of our extensive discussion of these proposals, there were a number of matters we agreed upon as guidelines to be followed in the administration of the program. I want to identify these points for the record.

1. As recommended by the Johnson Committee, students admitted to the Bachelor of Health Science degree program will in general be expected to meet the same admission standards as other transfer students entering undergraduate colleges in the University at a comparable level.
2. Students admitted to the Bachelor of Health Science degree program will not be eligible to live in University dormitories.
3. It is essential that clear distinctions be made in the requirements for the Bachelor of Health Science degree for Physician's Associates and the requirements for the certificate for Physician's Associates. Furthermore, it must be clear that the new degree program cannot be open retroactively to those who have already completed the certificate program and received a certificate.
4. If the Medical School wishes to retain a Physician's Associate Program 23 to 25 months in length and still provide for students to complete the program in May and participate in University Commencement exercises, then consideration should be given to starting the program in July rather than September.

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5. Insofar as possible courses offered in the Program should conform to the University Calendar and should be structured so as to follow established patterns in other undergraduate programs in regard to (a) numbering, and (b) credit hour value of a course in relation to class and laboratory hours spent in the course.
6. It is extremely important that the content of all courses offered in the program should be of collegiate character and quality.
7. If at all possible, the core courses offered in the Program should be open to undergraduate students in other programs in the University with only the normal kinds of controls to insure adequate background preparation.

Finally, in expressing my approval of the proposals as submitted, I assume that the review process set forth on pp. 9-10 of the Johnson Committee Report has been completed, and that the proposed Physician's Associate Program leading to the Bachelor of Health Science degree has been approved by you as Director of Medical Education, by the Medical School Faculty, and Vice President Anlyan.

Sincerely yours,



Frederic N. Cleaveland
Provost

cc: Dr. William G. Anlyan
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