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Dear Tom:

I enclose a "Proposal concerning the PA Program and the BHS Degree" to which Harvey and I have agreed. I understand that he is sending you an identical statement.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Bill*  
Dr. W. K. Joklik  
Chairman

Enclosure  
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May 16, 1972

Proposal Re PA Program and the BHS Degree

The following is submitted to MedSAC as a compromise position regarding the award of the BHS degree to candidates participating in the PA Program.

1. The PA Program will be continued in the manner proposed to and approved by the Allied Health Policy Committee at its meeting on 4/26/72. This program includes a course, Chemical Biology (PA 230), as a noncredit course as far as the degree is concerned, but this course is to be considered as a requirement for certification as a PA. Students with the necessary prerequisites can take the medical school course in Biochemistry (BCH 200).

2. Courses in Physiology, Pharmacology, Anatomy, and Microbiology will be taught by the relevant department.

3. Dr. Kinney will appoint three faculty members to work with the current selection committee for the PA Program (Drs. Larry K. Thompson, Surgery; Ronnie A. Thompson, Radiology; L. A. Pounds, Pediatrics; Arthur Christakos, OB-Gyn; M. J. Short, Psychiatry; D. Robert Howard, CHS). These members will work with the committee for the remainder of the selection cycle, interviewing candidates, comparing records, and selecting candidates for the next entering class.

4. This group will select a class which contains 30 degree candidates, defined as having two years of transferable credits as specified in the description of the BHS degree, plus one college level course in chemistry and biology. The remaining 10 candidates will have one course in chemistry and one course in biology, but have less than two years of college work.

5. A committee, appointed by Dr. Kinney, will review the grades and general progress of the two groups at the end of the first year, and will make a written report to Dr. Kinney and MedSAC covering the objective data,

plus their recommendations regarding the ability of the nondegree group to compete successfully with the degree group.

6. Decisions regarding further changes in requirements and curriculum will be made prior to selecting the class entering in the Fall of 1973.

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Thomas D. Kinney, M.D.  
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Dear Dr. Kinney:

This year as we have moved to more directly and extensively involve the basic science departments in teaching our P.A. students, we have received absolutely nothing but the finest cooperation from everyone involved. The cooperation from the departmental chairmen right on down the line has been so magnanimous, I thought I would take this opportunity to specifically make note of this so that our gratitude could be officially extended to all involved.

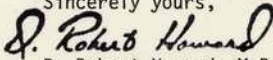
In the Department of Anatomy, Dr. Robertson assigned the responsibility of teaching to Dr. James Shafland who, as you know, was already overcommitted without this additional group of students. Dr. Shafland did an absolutely magnificent job of seeing to it our students were exposed to the breadth of anatomy and at the conclusion of this course, everyone was satisfied that he did an outstanding job.

In the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, Dr. Tosteson designated Dr. Eugene Renkin to assume the primary responsibility for the physiology course and Dr. Toshio Narahashi the overall responsibility for the pharmacology course. Dr. Renkin selected Dr. Reggie Carter to provide the instruction and they have gone to great pains to develop an academically sound course than can effectively meet the needs of the diverse student body in the P.A. Program. For the pharmacology course, Dr. Narahashi selected Dr. Theodore Slotkin to provide the instruction and they, too, have gone to great pains to implement a sound pharmacology course. While both of these courses are just well underway at this time, it is clearly evident that these courses will be equally as successful as was the course in anatomy.

I was sure in your capacity as Director of Medical Education you would be interested in being informed of something as pleasant as this. If you feel there is an appropriate time or way to officially extend our gratitude to the people involved, I would, on behalf of the program, be exceedingly grateful.

With best wishes, as always, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
D. Robert Howard, M.D.  
Director

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