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Summary of Meeting Between Len Schuman and Henry Blackburn on Subject of Merger, April 15, 1982

Len, I think we had a general agreement that you and I would like to work together directly to manage the transition period more effectively and to everyone's satisfaction rather than leaving it all to the Dean's office or our colleagues.

We agreed that the most urgent item was determination of admissions policy and actual decisions on students for admission to the class for Fall, 1982, with the needed assignment of advisors from the qualified staff available in the School.

We agreed that the Dean's recommendation of the appointment of Jack Mandel as Director of Graduate Studies for this transition period (and however long after should be appropriate) is one in which we fully concur. He would be authorized to proceed immediately to act as the director pending confirmation of appointment by the Graduate School.

We agreed that you authorize Jack to meet promptly with Ron Prineas and however many or few other members of the existing Graduate Faculty in Epidemiology he would like to serve, to review documents and make recommendations for students and advisors in the next immediate period. You and I have tentatively scheduled a meeting for consideration and approval of those recommendations at p.m., on the of April, with the desire that these recommendations from Dr. Mandel and his graduate faculty working group be made prior to that time (time to be filled in today by our secretaries).

I believe we also agreed that the next order of business was the appointment of LPH faculty to the Graduate Faculty in Epidemiology in order to meet the teaching and advising needs for the transitional period. You indicated that you would turnover the detailed documentation in your possession to Dr. Mandel who

would proceed with a small graduate faculty working group to review the qualifications and to make recommendations to you for appropriate full and associate positions. You and I would then agree on these and they would be forwarded from you and Dr. Mandel to the Graduate School, a procedure accomplishable presumably in the next 2-4 week period.

In the interim you and I will meet regularly, at mutually arranged times, to discuss other and general issues of transition, with an agreed upon agenda each time. We would develop charges to be made to a transition group which we will ourselves compose, presumably with the Dean's blessing, to make recommendations to us and the Dean for various teaching, research, and administrative issues associated with the merger.

We touched on issues to be addressed by the transitional group whose help we will ask for in recommendations about principal, co-principal, co-investigator, and consultant status for various personnel on existing Epidemiology and LPH research projects.

You reiterated the School policy concerning emeritus professors not holding Principal Investigatorships, but we discussed particular needs for your continuous support and liaison function for the Iron Range Project. Other researches can be dealt with in due time over the transition period.

We touched on your contribution to teaching program which should be a major agenda item on our upcoming meetings. I expressed enthusiasm for your participation in areas where your satisfaction and the needs to maintain the strength of the Epidemiology teaching program are congruent.

We parted with the idea that we felt that a structure and form for collaboration can exist in which you and I, with our helpful faculty members might settle most

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issues in-house, and refer to the Dean in the form of recommendations those issues of a broader nature affecting the School generally.

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