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RE: LPH Faculty Appointments in Epidemiology

Dear Lee:

Maybe you might be more convinced, Len less agitated and the case more convincing for the Graduate School, if we divided the needs and strategies on Epidemiology appointments, which we all feel should go through without further delay.

The first category should be full graduate school faculty. I think here we should go with the "big guns" who either have the training or the publications or both, and about which there should be no controversy. They would be me, Henry Taylor and Ronald Prineas. We would have sign-off function for advising graduate students in Epidemiology.

In the second echelon, we should have everybody in LPH competent to advise, but without the credentials for full membership. This would include Gillum, Luepker and Jacobs as candidates for associate membership.

Finally, we should have joint appointments with Epidemiology in which we would have the above listed with graduate school appointments and the following appointed for involvement with planning of curriculum and collaborative researches. These would be Richard Grimm, who will be centrally involved with research training and education in clinical trials, and Maury Mittelmark, who is responsible for developing researches and curriculum in epidemiology of health behaviors, and Tom Kottke for his role in the Medical School teaching.

I fail to see that there is any consideration of "doing this too fast" or with ulterior motives. It is agreed that there will be no change whatever in the management of Epidemiology until the appropriate time in 1983. Part of the transition deal, however, was to have Jack Mandel appointed now as Director of Graduate Studies. If this has not been done or announced, you have

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yourself set up for increasing difficulties next year. Jack Mandel should be responsible for admitting students and assigning them to advisors, on counseling with Len Schuman and with a graduate school faculty committee of Epidemiology, of their choice. If there is nervousness about being outvoted on such a committee, the Laboratory could be represented by only one person or perhaps two, Henry L. Taylor and Ronald Prineas, neither of which should be threatening.

Comments?

Regards,

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