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Collection/Series Title: **MEDICAL FACULTY EXPANSION
FUND CORRESPONDENCE**

Creator	University Of Melbourne. Faculty Of Medicine
Creator's Activity/Occupation	University committee - University faculties

Creator's Historical Note

Previous Control Number: UA18. The University Act provided for the award of medical degrees, and per a move led by Anthony Brownless, the School of Medicine was established at the University in 1862, less than a decade after the University formerly opened. It was the first medical school established in Australia. In 1862 planning for the medical school at the University of Melbourne was well advanced and lectures to first-year students had begun under John Macadam. Professors James Paget and Richard Owen were invited to select a suitable candidate for the first chair of anatomy, physiology and pathology. Assisted by Sir Redmond Barry, then in London, they chose George Britton Halford. The Professorial Board, in 1873, moved to establish a Faculty of Medicine when the then President of the Board, Professor Halford, wrote to Redmond Barry, the Chancellor, with the following resolutions: "1) That a Faculty of Medicine be established; 2) That the Faculty consist of the Professors and Lecturers lecturing on the subjects for the course for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine; 3) That the Professor of Anatomy be the Dean of the Faculty; 4) Members of the Faculty shall meet together to consider subjects connected with the medical course and the examinations for degrees in Medicine and Surgery, and the recommendations they may agree to shall be laid before the Professorial Board by the Dean for transmission to Council". The Faculty of Medicine was established in 1876 and was the second Faculty at the University of Melbourne. Its function and role was to advise and report to the University Council on all matters relating to the teaching of medicine, replacing the Medical School Committee which since December 1860 had worked on the organisation for the future medical school. The Faculty consisted of all members of the Council who were qualified members of the medical profession, along with medical professors. At its first meeting, held on the 2nd June 1876, George Britton Halford was unanimously elected as the first Dean, serving from 1876-1886 and again from 1890-1896. At its founding, the constitution, role and functions of the Faculty of Medicine were outlined in Council statute Chapter V as follows: "1. The Faculty of Medicine was to consist of all members of Council who were legally qualified Medical Practitioners, and of the Professors and Lecturers in the Medical School of the University; 2. The Faculty of Medicine would annually elect out of their own body a Professor to be Dean of the Faculty who shall hold office for the ensuing academic year; 3. All questions brought before the Faculty were to be decided by a majority of the members present and no question to be decided unless three members of the Faculty were present; 4. The Faculty was to meet for the purpose of considering and reporting to and advising Council upon all questions relating to the studies, lectures and examinations for degrees in Medicine and for selecting persons to be recommended by the Faculty to Council for appointment as Lecturers and Examiners in the School of Medicine; 5. The Faculty could from time to time arrange the days and hours of Lectures and Examinations in Medicine and prescribe the books and subjects; 6. The duties of the Dean were to: convene meetings of the Faculty at his own discretion or upon the written request of the Chancellor or Vice-chancellor or three members of the Faculty- preside at all meetings of the Faculty except when absent, then the members were to elect a Chairman- transmit to Council all resolutions of the Faculty- supervise administrative business connected with the Faculty". In 1880 Halford went on leave to England for a year to inspect and work in departments of physiology. On his return he presented plans to the council for expansion of the physiology laboratories and division of his chair so that he would be responsible only for physiology; the proposals were accepted and in 1882 Halford became professor of physiology and (Sir) Harry Brookes Allen Professor of anatomy. From 3 students in 1862 the school had 180 by 1882 and 240 by 1896. In 1989 the University's Faculty of Dental Science amalgamated with Medicine to become the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

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Scope and Content of Collection/Series

Previous Control Number: UM600. As the centenary of the medical school approached in 1962, considerable expansion was taking place in tertiary education in Australia. In terms of total student numbers, the State Government had requested that the University of Melbourne consider expansion to 18,000 students by 1969. The establishment of a second medical school in Melbourne, at Monash University in 1960, with the transfer of the use of Alfred Hospital and Prince Henry's Hospital as teaching hospitals to Monash, produced serious overloading of the teaching facilities at the Royal Melbourne and St Vincent's Hospitals that remained with the University of Melbourne. With a shortage of doctors in Victoria, the Victorian government was keen on establishing a third medical school, however, the dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Professor Sydney Sunderland, managed to convince the Premier, Sir Henry Bolte, to instead expand medicine at the University of Melbourne. The aim was to increase first year student numbers from a quota of 180 in 1963 to 240 by 1966-1967. Sunderland was instrumental in the expansion of the Medical Faculty during his eighteen years as Dean. The increased number of students in the Faculty of Medicine resulted in an expansion in both academic and non-academic staff, with staff numbers growing from 69 to 87 and £290,000 extra needed for salaries (circa 1963). During Sunderland's 18 year period as Dean, the number of professors was increased from 6 to 24, mainly in the clinical departments, and a Clinical Sciences Block was built in each teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Melbourne. The Austin Hospital became an important addition to the teaching hospitals of the Medical School of the University of Melbourne. Sunderland was also an influential member of the Australian Universities Commission (AUC): they provided significant grants to enable the faculty's expansion, with £30,000 of funds in 1965 and £130,000 in 1966. The AUC also provided £3,463,000 for building works for 1967-1969, with the result that a new medical building was constructed to cope with the influx of so many additional students. Work on the "Triradiate" building on Grattan and Elizabeth Streets commenced in 1965 with completion in 1967, along with the Brownless Medical Library. In addition to the AUC funds, on 21 December 1966, Melbourne University's Council committed \$1.5 million in funds to assist with the Medical Faculty's expansion. The records in this series include the following types of documents, as relevant to the Medical Faculty's expansion: Memos and correspondence from / to the Vice-Principal and the Heads of Medical Departments / Professors; Tables, calculations, estimates, departmental costs and projections regarding increasing salaries and positions; Summary of Costs, Increased Academic Staff; Salaries for Non-Academic staff; Salary projections and submissions to AUC; Tables, calculations and projections regarding increasing student numbers; Extracts from minutes, Medical Faculty Expansion Vote; Transcripts of discussions; Overtime allocations; Discussions on the implications on other Faculties due to Medical expansion, e.g. Science; Expansion of Medical Faculty Enrolments, Austin Hospital; Staffing of the Medical Library etc. etc.

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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0001	Victor Trikojus, Professor and Head of Biochemistry correspondence to Acting Dean of Medicine, L. Townsend, regarding funding for medical expansion	16 December 1966	
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0002	Vice-Principal Taped Draft: Medical Expansion and other Matters	22 December 1966	
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0003	Letter to Heads of Medical Departments from Vice-Principal R.D. Marginson with attachments	1966-1967	Attachments include Draft Minutes, Committee for Financial allocation of Medical Faculty Expansion Vote, Meeting Number 2, 10 August 1966; Finance Committee Meeting Number 4, 20 March 1967 (item 10, Medical Faculty Expansion Vote); Summary of Costs, Increased Academic Staff; Salaries for Non-Academic staff
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0004	Committee for Financial allocation of Medical Faculty Expansion Vote, Meeting Number 3, 26 September 1966	1966	
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0005	University of Melbourne: Expansion of Medical Faculty Enrolments, Austin Hospital	1966	Includes Salary projections and submissions to AUC
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0006	Extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Staff and Establishments Committee	1 June 1967	
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0007	Vice-Principal Discussions with the Acting Dean, Medical Faculty, taped Draft	22 December 1966	

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2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0008	Funds Required during 1967-1969 Triennium to provide for an intake of 220 students into second year medicine as from March, 1968	1967	2 copies: Includes estimates, departmental costs, salaries, roles etc.	
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0009	Memo from R.D. Marginson, Vice-Principal to A. Sanderson, Secretary, Faculty of Medicine regarding staffing of the Medical Library	29 March 1967	2 copies: Includes estimates, departmental costs, salaries, roles etc.	
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0010	Memo from R.D. Marginson, Vice-Principal to Professor Hopper re. Medical Faculty Expansion, Faculty of Science	4 January 1966	Includes attachment, Faculty of Science Costs for Increased Medical Quota	
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0011	Tables showing recurring departmental votes and estimated salaries for established positions in 1967	undated	Includes all faculties, not just Medicine	
2014.0099 Unit 1	2014.0099.0012	Suggested Overtime Allocations	undated		
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