

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG.NON-EUROPEAN MEDICAL COLLEGE : COST.

1. The idea of a Non-European Medical College is that "the Non-Europeans should share with Europeans the facilities of a large school. Racial conflict can be minimised by the establishment of a separate Non-European College within our School, taught by the same staff as teaches the Europeans and utilising the resources of the School, separate teaching facilities being provided where feasible and clinical work being carried out in the wards of Non-European Hospitals as at present. In so far as this means increase in teaching work it necessitates the enlargement of our staff, with the possibility of greater diversification".
2. The University has endorsed the view of the Botha Committee that medical training of Non-Europeans in this University be restricted to Africans. It will be assumed, for the purpose of these notes, that no special provision will be necessary for Non-Europeans other than Africans; such special provision would be necessary if the admission of Non-Europeans were not restricted to Africans.
3. The number of students to be provided for will not be less than 25, i.e. 5 new admissions to the second year of study each year. It is anticipated that the number will be greater than this, since a separate teaching unit would enable us to accept all Africans who may be qualified for admission, without such limitation as is necessary at present. If the number of Africans admitted annually were to approach 40 - 50, a new separate medical school for Africans would be justified; this is not likely to occur, however, until the facilities for secondary education for Africans have been substantially increased. In any case, the number forthcoming will be dependent on the number of scholarships available since few Africans will be able to afford the expense of the course. As many as 9 Africans have been admitted in one year (1942). We have assumed that the number of admissions may range from 5 (the present number of Government Scholarships) to about 25 per annum, giving a total of from 25 to 125 African students in the Medical School.
4. It is taken for granted that the present policy of selecting African Scholars from the first year class at South African Native College will be maintained, so that ordinarily there will be no Africans in the first year of study in the University. If, however, the number of African applicants rises appreciably there might not be sufficient accommodation in the first year laboratories at Fort Hare.
5. It is well-known that our Medical School staffing, accommodation, etc., are inadequate, even assuming that we had no Non-European students. The estimate of costs for a Non-European (African) Medical College relates to special additional costs necessitated solely by the establishment of a Non-European Unit, without any reference to the general position of the Medical School.
6. The additional staffing proposed is not staffing for the College as such, but strengthening of the staff of each Department to enable the staff as a whole to give adequate time to the separate instruction of African students. The appointments which would actually be made might therefore not correspond exactly to those proposed below, but the total costs are not likely to be very different from the estimate.



7. It should be borne in mind that, according to our teachers' experience, the African students have more than ordinary difficulty in mastering their clinical work; possibly owing to the unavoidable deficiencies in their general cultural background. They therefore require more instruction and special personal attention from the teachers.

8. The estimate for staffing is as follows:-

(a) the equivalent of at least one senior lecturer (£650 - £800) and a laboratory assistant (£240 - £400) for each of

- (i) Anatomy & Histology
- (ii) Physiology & Biochemistry
- (iii) Pathology, and Bacteriology & Parasitology
- (iv) Clinical Pathology
- (v) Therapeutics (including Pharmacology).

Total cost: £4,450 - £6,000 p.a.

(b) in the case of the clinical subjects, which of course are taught over several years, Medicine will require the equivalent of three senior lecturers and Surgery two; one will be required for Obstetrics & Gynaecology, with a second appointment if the number of students increases. Each of the three Departments will also require a laboratory assistant

Total cost: £4,620 - £6,800.

(c) About £1000 per annum for part-time and other special assistance in Forensic Medicine, Psychiatry & Public Health.

(d) Up to about £1,000 per annum for honoraria of specialty lecturers in Medicine & Surgery.

(e) From £2,665 to £5,750 per annum for 25% contribution by the University to the salaries of the full-time professional staff of the Johannesburg Non-European Hospital, the Coronation Non-European General Hospital and, ultimately, the Coronation Non-European Maternity Hospital.

(f) Up to about £1,000 per annum for administrative and secretarial assistance and general administrative expenditure.

9. The expenditure for accommodation and equipment is estimated at:

College centre (with offices, class-rooms, common rooms, etc.), and special accommodation in the Medical School ... £30,000

Contribution to capital cost of accommodation in

Hospitals ..... £10,000

The interest and redemption charges on a loan of £40,000 at the rate currently charged by Government would be about £2,000 per annum.

10. About £1,000 per annum should be allowed for special equipment, laboratory maintenance and contingencies.

11. If the establishment of a separate Non-European Medical College within the Medical School makes it possible to accept African students in excess of the present maximum number of places, the fee-revenue from such students may be regarded as new revenue which can be offset, at least in part, against the special costs of the College. The total fee-revenue would amount to about £1,710 per annum for 25 students and to about £8,550 per annum for 125 students. Twenty per cent of fee revenue could justifiably be claimed for general University costs (examinations, amortisation, administration, etc.), leaving a net revenue of approximately £1,370 - £6,840.



12. The figures given in paragraphs 8 - 11 are summarised as follows:-

	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Ultimate</u>
	£	£
Paragraph 8(a)	4,450	6,000
8(b)	4,620	6,800
8(c)	1,000	1,000
8(d)	1,000	1,000
8(e)	2,665	5,750
8(f)	1,000	1,000
9	-	2,000
10	1,000	1,000
	<u>£15,735</u>	<u>£24,550</u>
Less: 80% of fee revenue (Paragraph 11)	<u>1,370</u>	<u>6,840</u>
	<u>£14,365</u>	<u>£17,710</u>

13. The order of magnitude of the necessary special subvention would therefore appear to be about £14,000 - £18,000 per annum.

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