

# Department of Epidemiology

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## SECTION I. Facilities

The physical facilities of the Department remain the same. The sharing of the Office of the Dean and the Head of the Department of Epidemiology by the Dean's secretary and administrative assistant for budgetary and bookkeeping duties, destroys part of the availability of this office for conference purposes. The reception room with two secretaries is entirely too crowded for maximum efficiency. It is most desirable that another room be made available for this purpose at the earliest possible period.

## SECTION II. Instructional Activity

Since the Department of Epidemiology consists of one faculty member who has many additional administrative duties as Dean of the School, an effort was made to concentrate the teaching load into one quarter--- the winter quarter. Some lectures were given during the fall and spring quarters, but responsibility for actual courses was limited to the winter quarter when an exceedingly heavy teaching load of sixteen hours was carried in addition to administrative duties.

The Departments of Public Health Administration and Biostatistics have assisted in carrying some of the course load in Epidemiology during the spring and fall quarters. This Department, however, assumed responsibility for one-half of P.H. 102a, one section of P.H. 102b, P.H. 91, P.H. 318, P.H. 140, and Public Health and Dental Science 170. Lectures and seminar sessions were given in other regular courses of the School, in short courses, workshops, and institutes, and at North Carolina College and Duke.

SECTION III. Activities in the University

In addition to the usual functions of the Dean pertaining to the School of Public Health and the Division of Health Affairs, Dr. McGavran has continued to function as a member of the Board of Governors of the Institute for Research in Social Science.

SECTION IV. Services to the State and Nation

A. State

Executive Committee of the State Health Council

Consultant to the State Health Department

Member of County and State Medical Association and Committee on Chronic Diseases

Member of North Carolina Public Health Association

B. National Activities

Representative of Schools of Public Health on Board of National Health Council

Governing Council of the APHA

Chairman, Editorial Board of Public Health Reports

Member, Professional Education Committee, APHA

Vice-President, Association of Schools of Public Health

Chairman, Committee on Constitution & By-laws of the Association of Schools of Public Health

U.S. representative to 5th World Health Assembly in Geneva

Guest Speaker at Kentucky Public Health Association, Louisville, Kentucky; Tennessee Public Health Association, Nashville, Tennessee; North Carolina Public Health Association, Asheville, North Carolina

SECTION V. Research

None

SECTION VI. Publications

none.

SECTION VII. Scientific Papers Presented

"A Working Definition of Public Health," North Carolina Public Health Association, Asheville, North Carolina.

"Public Health - Quo Vadis?" Kentucky Public Health Association, Louisville, Kentucky; Tennessee Public Health Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

"Some Observations, Impressions, and Conclusions upon the Problems of Local Health Work and Training Needs of Eight European Countries," Kentucky Public Health Association, Louisville, Kentucky; Tennessee Public Health Association, Nashville, Tennessee.

SECTION VIII. Faculty Appointments and Resignations

None.

SECTION IX. Needs

The primary need of the Department of Epidemiology, which is one of the basic disciplines of public health, is for a full-time person in this Department. The Dean as Professor of Epidemiology can devote less than 1/10 of his time to departmental teaching and work. Epidemiological research is out of the question. Advanced and doctoral work for students is impossible. The result is that this department, which should be the strongest in the School of Public Health, is actually the weakest.

The administration of the School of Public Health with its tremendous preponderance of outside funds and grants, plus promotional work and the usual administrative work of a School with a staff of eighty-three and an annual budget of half a million dollars, requires a full-time Dean plus an administrative assistant. The amazing extent of service to the University, the State and the Nation rendered by the School further emphasizes this need. Until additional full-time personnel can be obtained for this Department, the science of Epidemiology can continue to receive only lip service.