

SALARIES AND WAGES, AND MAINTENANCE

	<u>1930-31</u>	<u>1931-32</u>	<u>1936-37</u>	Requested For <u>1937-38</u>	<u>1938-39</u>
Salaries & Wages	\$100,000	115,000	86,250	145,000	145,000
Maintenance	<u>50,000</u>	<u>41,743*</u>	<u>46,500</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>77,000</u>
Total	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>156,743</u>	<u>132,750</u>	<u>220,000</u>	<u>222,000</u>

Unlike other divisions of the University, Medicine and Nursing showed increases in enrollment rather than decreases during the depression years.

Increased Enrollment, Decreased Appropriations:

The opening of the New Ward and Nurses Home in 1930 increased the hospital bed capacity and this in turn provided clinical facilities for additional medical students. The legislature of 1931 recognized this fact by increasing salary and maintenance appropriations by \$27,000 annually for the next biennium. The intervention of the depression, however, necessitated an emergency reduction of appropriations of 11 per cent in 1931-32 and about 25 per cent in 1932-33. Legislative appropriations for 1933-37 were continued on the reduced basis.

Reserve Balances Exhausted:

In the meantime the enrollment showed no decrease. For several years the appropriation reduction was offset by the savings effected through the horizontal salary reductions. In addition the hospital accumulated a surplus due to the low market prices. Rapidly shifting conditions soon altered the situation materially. Wage advances in Kansas City forced adjustments for both skilled and unskilled hospital employees; the cost of food and hospital supplies advanced sharply; the demand for charity medical services increased five or six times over that of 1930; the State took advantage of opportunities to secure a great amount of construction and landscaping work through PWA and WPA; and a Tubercular Ward was opened at the old medical plant to relieve the overflow at Norton and to provide clinical patients for medical classes. The result is that by the end of the current fiscal year the reserve balances will have been exhausted, and in addition a deficiency of \$22,000 will result.

Increases Needed:

The amounts requested are essential to operation of the School of Medicine and Hospitals on an acceptable basis. The reasons for the increases are, in brief:

1. Reserve balances having been exhausted, additional funds are needed to maintain the current budget.

* The original appropriation was \$62,000. The emergency reduction brought it to this figure, however.