COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

Two Hundred and Fiftieth Meeting

Wednesday 13 May 1992

2 p.m.

D.J. Bercuson (Chair)


REGRETS: S. Gibb, D.G. Hatt, R. Page, M. Rotheny, C. Slagorsky

VISITORS: M. Hunsberger and J. McNeill for Item 250.5.
P. Newsted for Item 250.7.

250.1 Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED by M. Kapoor, SECONDED by J. Ellard that the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

250.2 Minutes of the Last Meeting

It was MOVED by M. Kapoor, SECONDED by J. Ellard that the Minutes of the Last Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

250.3 Convocation List
It was MOVED by A. Li, SECONDED by W.A. Ross that the June 1992 Convocation List be approved and that the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies be empowered to make such further additions and deletions as might be necessary under special circumstances prior to the list being made final.

CARRIED

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked F. Valdes, L. Runions, J. Travis, D. Hague, J. McColley, and M. Fisk for their efforts in preparing the convocation list.

250.4 Executive Group Authority for June/July/August

It was MOVED by H. Wieser, SECONDED by N. Rafferty that Council delegate its Executive Authority for the months of June, July, and August, 1992, to a Committee of the Whole to be composed of the Dean or his delegate as the Chairperson and no less than ten regular members of Council who are representatives of Departments offering graduate programs. Committee meetings will be called in the same manner as regular Council meetings. The work of the Committee, if any, will be reported to the September meeting of the Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

CARRIED

The Chairman announced that R.S. Roche would be completing his three-year term as Associate Dean in the Faculty of Graduate Studies as of June 30, 1992. The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to R.S. Roche for the work he had put in on behalf of Graduate Studies at The University of Calgary. (Applause).

250.5 Proposal for an ED.D. Program

A proposal for a Doctor of Education (ED.D.) program dated September, 1990, had been distributed with the Agenda material, along with reports from two external evaluators, D. Walker, and M. Wahlstrom. A report from N. Waters, Chair of the ED.D. Review Committee, along with attachments from R. Heyman, H. Herwig, and G. Fritz (committee members) were distributed at the meeting.

It was MOVED by R.S. Roche, SECONDED by S. Drabek that the proposal for an ED.D. program be approved.

N. Waters pointed out that the proposal for an ED.D. program had been introduced sometime ago. He noted that the Department had withdrawn the proposal because of the loss of senior staff in the Department. N. Waters stated that the Department then re-introduced the proposal and that the original ad hoc committee of the Council examined the new proposal and submitted a favourable report. He pointed out, however, that the committee had expressed some concern regarding the restricted
pool of supervisors in the actual supervisory pool. N. Waters noted that the reports of the two external evaluators had been favourable, although some concern had been expressed regarding the work loads in the Department.

The Chairman thanked N. Waters and his committee for their work in evaluating this proposal and for their efforts in expediting the work of the Council.

On behalf of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, D. Roberts thanked the review committee and others who had been helpful in bringing the ED.D. proposal to this point.

D. Roberts introduced M. Hunsberger and J. McNeill (Head-Designate as of July 1, 1992), who were available to answer questions regarding this proposal.

D. Roberts commented on the supervisory loads. He indicated that, in addition to the six supervisors as listed on page 16 of the proposal, the Department now had five further supervisors who had been cleared for Doctoral supervision.

D. Roberts pointed out that, at the time the proposal was written, departments were under strict admission quotas and, as a result, the proposal was written in language that suggested that the Department would be able to accommodate a new program without increasing the quota of students. He indicated that the Department would regard applicants to the PhD program and to the ED.D. program as being equal.

The question being called on the Roche/Drabek motion to approve the proposal for an ED.D. program, it was

CARRIED

The Chairman thanked M. Hunsberger, J. McNeill, and D. Roberts.

250.6 Medical Science Devolution

In the absence of D.G. Hatt who chaired the Medical Science Devolution Committee, the Chairman invited K.V. Cairns to briefly introduce this item.

With respect to K.V. Cairns, the Chairman announced that she would be going on sabbatical for one year and that she would hopefully be returning to the Faculty of Graduate Studies as an Associate Dean following her sabbatical. The Chairman conveyed his sincere thanks to K.V. Cairns for her work as an Associate Dean over the last three years. (Applause).

K.V. Cairns indicated that she had enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know members of Council and working with them over the past three years.
The following documentation had been distributed with the Agenda material:

1. Memo dated May 6, 1992, to D.J. Bercuson from D.G. Hatt reporting on the proposal for the devolution of Medical Science on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee.

2. Memo dated May 4, 1992, to D.G. Hatt from G. Gall responding to concerns raised by the Ad Hoc Committee.

3. Documentation dated April 14, 1992, from R.B. Church regarding Medical Science Devolution.

4. Document dated March 3, 1992, entitled "Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Graduate Program, Department of Biological Sciences".

K.V. Cairns indicated that the devolution of Medical Science represented an administrative reorganization and a reallocation of existing resources.

It was MOVED by K.V. Cairns, SECONDED by H. Wieser that the report of the Ad Hoc Committee be accepted and that the Medical Science Devolution process as outlined in the documents, subject to the three amendments that were proposed in D.G. Hatt's memo of May 6, 1992, (page five and six, shaded text) be approved.

R.B. Church introduced G. Fick, M. Mantle, P. Sokol, C. Triggle, and M. Watanabe who were in attendance to answer questions regarding this item.

R.B. Church thanked D.J. Bercuson, D.G. Hatt, and the Ad Hoc Committee for their efforts in examining the Devolution proposal. He also thanked various research groups in Medicine who prepared proposals.

M. Kapoor introduced K.E. Stevenson who was prepared to answer questions regarding the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology program in the Department of Biological Sciences.

In response to a query by J. Goren, R.B. Church indicated that the devolution of Medical Science would not create new programs, but rather an administrative devolution that, from the point of view of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, would create seven new departments.

There was some discussion regarding whether or not degrees in separate disciplines would be awarded. G. Krivy indicated that it was his understanding that the devolution of Medical Science would, in fact, create new "majors" in programs. Although no additional resources had been requested, G. Krivy suggested that it might be appropriate for the devolution package to be forwarded to the government for information.
The Chairman indicated that it was his understanding that Council would not be considering the creation of new programs, but rather the devolution of one program into seven programs. The Chairman stated that it was important for Council to accept in principle that the programs should be devolved. The Chairman understood from G. Krivy that the devolution of Medical Science was not a new program and that the devolution package should be forwarded to General Faculties Council for information unless the Vice President (Academic) and Provost advised otherwise.

In response to a query by L.A. Knafla regarding GRS units and new seats on Council, the Chairman indicated that, if approved, the program would go into effect as of July 1, 1992. He stated that the existing GRS allocation to Medical Science would stand for this year and that Medical Science could reallocate GRS units internally if the new programs were approved. The Chairman pointed out that the new graduate departments would apply separately in next year's GRS allocations. He indicated that new seats would be created on Council for the new graduate departments.

In response to a query by R.D. Rowe, R.B. Church indicated that the graduate coordinators of each program would be selected by the research department heads. He indicated that the graduate coordinator would be appointed by the Associate Dean (Research) on the recommendation of the appropriate department head.

R.D. Rowe expressed some concern regarding the word "departments" and indicated that he preferred the word "divisions".

In response to a query by N. Waters regarding degrees offered in the Faculty of Medicine, R.B. Church indicated that the MD degree was an undergraduate program, and that the programs in the proposed departments referred specifically to MSc and PhD degrees within the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

In response to a query by R.A. Stein, the Chairman indicated that external examiners outside the department but internal to the University could be selected from one of the other Medical Science departments being proposed.

In response to a query by A. Li, the Chairman indicated that no new resources were being requested, no additional space was being requested, and no new faculty members were required for the devolution of Medical Science into seven new departments.

In response to a query by W.A. Ross, R.B. Church indicated that the devolution of Medical Science was ultimately an administrative realignment.

G. Krivy indicated that the Department of study for students currently receiving an MSc degree would be Medical Science and that the specialization could be one of the new proposed departments. He indicated that, if the devolution material was approved,
the department of study would no longer be Medical Science; it would be Neurosciences, Gastrointestinal Sciences, etc. R.B. Church agreed with G. Krivy's comments.

In response to queries expressed by N. Waters and L.A. Knafla, R.B. Church indicated that, in addition to the administrative complexity of the Medical Science program, the Faculty of Medicine has a significant number of faculty. He pointed out that the devolution proposal had been designed to address the administrative needs of the Faculty of Graduate Studies in order that students would have a better liaison with the Faculty.

J. Baker indicated that he supported the Medical Science devolution proposal.

M. Lazar stated that the devolution of Medical Science was a good idea since it would simplify the relationships between graduate students and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The Chairman agreed with M. Lazar's comments.

The question being called on the Cairns/Wieser motion to accept the report of the Ad Hoc Committee and to approve the Medical Science Devolution process as outlined in the documents, subject to the three amendments that were proposed in D.G. Hatt's memo of May 6, 1992, (page five and six, shaded text), it was

CARRIED

250.7 Masters Degree Program in Accounting

The following documentation had been distributed with the Agenda material:

1. Proposal (green paper)

2. Memo from the Ad Hoc Committee (yellow paper)

3. Report from Dr. George Baxter, external evaluator (blue paper)

4. Memo from Dean Maher, Faculty of Management (pink paper)

The Chairman invited K.V. Cairns, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, to introduce this item. K.V. Cairns pointed out that this was a new program proposal, requesting new resources, and that, if approved, it would have to be forwarded to the government.

It was MOVED by K.V. Cairns, SECONDED by M. Davis that Council accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to approve the Masters Degree Program in Accounting.

M. Davis thanked K.V. Cairns and members of the Ad Hoc Committee for reviewing this proposal.
M. Davis introduced P. Newsted and indicated that they were prepared to answer questions that Council may have regarding this proposal.

In response to a query by J. Baker regarding the availability of qualified faculty to teach this proposed program, M. Davis indicated that the entire proposal contained provisions for additional resources which included securing positions for additional faculty members. M. Davis drew Council's attention to the recommendations of the external evaluator, in which he suggested that the linkage of the program with the accounting profession would encourage greater research activity for the accounting faculty.

In response to a query by J. Baker, M. Davis indicated that the Faculty of Management was confident that it could secure appropriately qualified faculty members to teach this proposed program. M. Davis drew Council's attention to comments made by the external evaluator, in which he stated that "the supply of accounting academics in North America appears to be increasing, while the demand has softened. It may be an opportune time for Canadian Business Schools to be recruiting accounting academics with an established research record...".

In response to a query by J. Goren, the Chairman indicated that, if this proposal were approved, it would be submitted to the Vice President (Academic) and Provost for further internal University approval, and then it would be forwarded to the government with a request for additional funding. This proposal would then join a number of other program proposals currently before the government.

M.S. Sinkey indicated that it was imperative for the government to provide funding in terms of library resources as the resources in the accounting area were currently weak.

There was some discussion regarding the foundation year, as mentioned on page five of the proposal. G. Krivy stated that, when the course descriptions are presented, it should be made very clear that the courses are not graduate level courses in terms of content. M. Davis responded by pointing out that it was not the intention of the foundation year to replicate the undergraduate offerings.

K.V. Cairns pointed out that, in comparison to other Masters programs in Accounting, the Ad Hoc Committee believed that this proposal was at least equal, if not better, than other programs currently being offered.

In response to a query by R.A. Stein regarding an oral examination requirement, K.V. Cairns indicated that there are no Masters Degree programs in Accounting in the United States or Canada that require an oral examination. She pointed out that, when the MBA program was originally approved, it was approved as a Masters degree without an oral examination. K.V. Cairns indicated that this proposal was in line with the
current MBA program and that it would have a written final comprehensive examination requirement.

The question being called on the Cairns/Davis motion to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to approve the Masters Degree Program in Accounting, it was  

CARRIED  

250.8 Proposal for a PhD in Creative Writing  

A proposal for a PhD in Creative Writing Option, Department of English, along with a report from the Ad Hoc Committee dated March 27, 1992, had been distributed with the Agenda material.

The Chairman invited K.V. Cairns, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, to introduce this item.

K.V. Cairns pointed out that this proposal was an addition of a long, established PhD in the English Department, and not a new degree program. She noted that no additional resources were required to support this proposal.

It was MOVED by K.V. Cairns, SECONDED by N. Waters that Council accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to approve the proposal for a PhD in Creative Writing (Department of English).

A. Wall noted that similar programs do exist in Quebec.

In response to a query by A. Wall, the Chairman indicated that there was a long, established precedent at this University of individuals without a Doctoral degree supervising PhD students, depending upon the background of the individual concerned.

The question being called on the Cairns/Waters motion to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to approve the proposal for a PhD in Creative Writing (Department of English), it was  

CARRIED  

250.9 Reports of Standing Committees of Council  

250.9.1 Policy Committee  

J. Baker reported that the Policy Committee had previously submitted a report regarding Recommendations of the Women in the Nineties Report which would be discussed at the September, 1992, meeting of Council.
He reported that the Policy Committee had addressed the issue of attrition rates and time-to-degree and invited members of Council to submit comments regarding this issue. J. Baker reported that, to date, he had received one reply. J. Baker indicated that a report on attrition rates and time-to-degree would also be considered by Council at its September meeting.

250.9.2 Graduate Student Funding Committee

H. Wieser reported that, at the April meeting of Council, a report entitled Fee Remission at The University of Calgary in Perspective had been tabled, and would be debated at the September or October, 1992, meeting of Council. H. Wieser was hopeful that the Graduate Students' Association would seriously examine the recommendations contained in the Fee Remission report and reported that the Fee Remission document was being discussed by Deans' Council and by senior members of the administration. He invited members of Council to submit comments, concerns, etc. regarding the recommendations of the report to him or to other members of the Graduate Student Funding Committee.

250.9.3 Committee to Review Academic Regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies

An interim report dated May 1, 1992, prepared by R.R. O'Reilly had been distributed with the Agenda material.

It was MOVED by J. Goren, SECONDED by B.W. Langan that the interim report dated May 1, 1992, of the Committee to Review Academic Regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies be received for information.

CARRIED

The report included the following issues:

a) Nomenclature of thesis and course-based Masters degrees;
   b) The creation of a Faculty Committee on Academic Programs;
   c) The definition of "residence"; and
   d) The definition of "full-time" and "part-time".

250.9.4 Academic Programme Committee

There was no report from the Academic Programme Committee.

250.10 Election of Striking Committee
Council was asked to elect two Council members to serve on the Striking Committee for a period of two years.

The following individuals were nominated to serve on the Striking Committee and agreed to let their name stand for election:

B.R. Gaines, Computer Science
R. Hawkes, Department of Neurosciences

It was MOVED by J. Goren, SECONDED by S. Drabek that nominations cease.

CARRIED

B.R. Gaines and R. Hawkes were elected to serve on the Striking Committee for a period of two years.

250.11 1992 - 1993 Council Meeting Dates

1992 - 1993 Council meeting dates had been distributed with the Agenda material for information.

250.12 Article from The Chronicle of Higher Education on Attrition

An article on attrition had been distributed with the Agenda material for information.

250.13 Other Business

In response to a query by J. Baker concerning the report of the Policy Committee regarding "double numbering" of courses, the Chairman indicated that the report had been transmitted to the Vice President (Academic) and that he would inquire as to the status of this report.

250.14 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.