COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

Two Hundred and Fifty-second Meeting

Wednesday 7 October 1992

4 p.m.

D.G. Hatt (Chair)


VISITOR: W. Veale (for Item 252.6.2, Academic Programme Committee)

252.1 Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED by J.S. Raymond, SECONDED by A. Mehrotra that the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

252.2 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the Last Meeting (16 September 1992) were distributed at the meeting, to be approved at the November, 1992, Council meeting.
252.3 Convocation List

It was MOVED by D. McCullough, SECONDED by H. Konrad that the November 1992 Convocation List be approved and 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

The Chairman thanked T. Smith, D. Hague, J. Travis, and J. McColley of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Office for their efforts in preparing the Convocation List. He also extended thanks to D. Robertson and F. Valdes of the Registrars Office for their efforts in typing the Convocation List.

252.4 Chairman's Report

252.4.1 Recruitment Fair

The Chairman thanked M. Fisk for her efforts in arranging the Recruitment Fair held on Monday, September 28, 1992. He reported that the Fair was a great success, drawing twice as many students as the previous year. The Chairman reported that The University of Calgary's Recruitment Fair was part of a series of fairs held by Western Canadian universities.

252.4.2 1992-93 Graduate Student Appointments Schedule

The Chairman reported that the 1992-93 Graduate Student Appointments Schedule had been transmitted to the Board of Governors from the Vice President (Academic) with a recommendation to approve a 2% increase, rather than a 4.25% increase as endorsed by Council.

252.4.3 Notice of Office Closure from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

The Chairman reported that the Faculty Office had been open from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in an attempt to meet the needs of students and departments. He reported, however, that the Faculty Office would no longer be open during the lunch hour in order that the staff may attempt to process paper work.
252.5 Governor General's Gold Medal

A memo dated October 6, 1992, to Members of the Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies from Dean Bercuson regarding the recommendations of the Graduate Scholarship Committee concerning the Winner and Alternate of the Governor General's Gold Medal had been distributed at the meeting.

It was MOVED by L.A. Knafla, SECONDED by D. McCullough that the Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies approve Ian Brodie of the Department of Political Science as the Winner of the Governor General's Gold Medal and authorize presentation of the award at the November 13, 1992, convocation at The University of Calgary.

CARRIED

252.6 Reports of Standing Committees of Council

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

R.R. O'Reilly was not able to attend for this item.

In response to a query by K.G. DeLong, D.G. Hatt (a member of the Committee to Review Academic Regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies) reported that the Committee had been working on a definition of what "residence" is at The University of Calgary. He further reported that the Committee had been working on a variety of editorial changes to be included in the general Graduate Studies section of the Calendar.

252.6.2 Academic Programme Committee

D.G. Hatt reported that the Academic Programme Committee, of which he is Chair, had been in existence for over half a year. He indicated that the mandate of the Committee included reviewing new program proposals and bringing them to Council with a recommendation for approval or not. He reported that the Committee had been developing its own procedures in vetting new program proposals.

D.G. Hatt indicated that the Committee was responsible for dealing with Calendar entries. In future, the Committee hoped that Calendar entries would be more uniform and communicative.

D.G. Hatt indicated that the Committee wished to report to Council once a year, rather than monthly, regarding editorial changes to the Calendar. Council agreed.
A new program proposal leading to the degree Master of Science in Physical Education had been distributed at the meeting. W. Veale, Dean, of the Faculty of Education, had been invited to attend for this Item.

D.G. Hatt welcomed W. Veale who was present to answer questions regarding the Master of Science in Physical Education proposal.

It was MOVED by L.A. Knafla, SECONDED by M. Kapoor that the new programme proposal leading to the degree Master of Science in Physical Education be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED

The Chairman thanked W. Veale for attending and invited him to attend the November meeting.

252.6.3 Other Committees

D.G. Hatt reported that the Graduate Student Funding Committee and the Policy Committee would be meeting shortly to elect Chairpersons.

252.7 Committees of Council - Membership Lists

252.7.1 Policy Committee

252.7.2 Graduate Scholarship Committee

252.7.3 Graduate Student Funding Committee

252.7.4 Academic Programme Committee

252.7.5 Silver Anniversary Graduate Fellowship Committee

Committee membership lists were distributed with the Agenda material for information.

252.8 Graduate Student Funding Committee Fee Remission Report

A document entitled Fee Remission at The University of Calgary in Perspective, A report by the Graduate Student Funding Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, dated April 1992 had been distributed with the Agenda material. This document had been tabled at the 249th meeting of Council held on Wednesday, April 15, 1992.

The Chairman indicated that, at the request of the Graduate Students' Association (GSA), the debate on the Fee Remission Report would be postponed until the November meeting. He
indicated that the GSA had requested further time to consult with its members and to draw up a written response to the Fee Remission Report.

The Chairman invited H. Wieser (Chair of the Graduate Student Funding Committee who authored the Fee Remission Report) to address the Fee Remission Report and entertain questions on clarification.

H. Wieser reported that the Graduate Student Funding Committee had spent 90% of its time examining the question of fee remission for students in full-time, thesis-based graduate programs at The University of Calgary. He indicated that opinions from faculty members were solicited, and that current practices at other Canadian universities were sought. As a result, the Committee proposed seven possible options for changes, discussed the pros and cons, and obtained a preliminary reaction from the GSA.

H. Wieser reported that the Committee was unanimous in recommending that The University of Calgary continue the practice of fee remission for graduate students, selecting in order of priority one of the following two options:

1. Graduate students who under the present system are eligible for fee remission are required to pay throughout their program a portion of the normal program fees equivalent to the continuing fees, with the remainder of full fees being remitted; in exchange, students awarded partial GA and GRS stipends are entitled to receive proportional remission of the remitted full program fees.

2. In the event that the preceding option or an amended version is not accepted, the status quo be retained.

H. Wieser stressed the importance of Council members reading the document and forming their own opinions or the collective opinions of their colleagues.

D.G. Hatt thanked H. Wieser for his comments. D.G. Hatt reported that fee remission at The University of Calgary is an attractive and unique recruitment tool.

In response to a query by H. Buss, H. Wieser indicated that the distribution of units between departments would be somewhat difficult, i.e., on what proportion and on what basis.

In response to a query by D. McCullough, H. Wieser indicated that the GA stipends without fee remission at The University of Calgary were comparable to other universities.

In response to a query by L.A. Knafla, H. Wieser indicated that, it was his understanding that, if the two options recommended are rejected by Council, the current Graduate Student
Funding Committee would likely take on the task of drawing up alternative options based on suggestions from Council.

In response to a query by K.G. DeLong, H. Wieser indicated that a real danger existed from within the University regarding the issue of fee remission. H. Wieser explained that the University Budget Committee might view fee remission as an item that could be cut in order to meet reductions.

A. Mehrotra suggested that the link between GRS/GA(T) and fee remission should be separated.

In response to a query by G. Schultz, H. Wieser indicated that the Committee looked seriously at the possibility of transferring fee remission funds into the GRS pool.

D.G. Hatt thanked members of Council for their comments regarding the Fee Remission report. He stressed that it is a complex and vexing issue and one that must be faced. He urged members of Council to consult with colleagues regarding this most important issue.

252.9 Appeals Panel

The following individuals were nominated from the floor to serve on the Faculty of Graduate Studies Appeals Panel for a one-year term:

H. Buss, Department of English
D. McCullough, Department of Drama

It was MOVED by K.G. DeLong, SECONDED by S. Drabek that nominations cease.

CARRIED

H. Buss was elected to serve on the Appeals Panel.

252.10 Graduate Faculty Scholarships

252.10.1 The Karen Gammie Graduate Scholarship

It was MOVED by G. Schultz, SECONDED by D. McCullough that the terms of reference for The Karen Gammie Graduate Scholarship be approved.

CARRIED

252.10.2 Kinakin Graduate Nursing Scholarship
It was MOVED by L.A. Knafla, SECONDED by M. Kapoor that the terms of reference for the Kinakin Graduate Nursing Scholarship be approved.

CARRIED

252.10.3 Alberta Art Foundation Graduate Scholarships in the Department of Art

It was MOVED by D. McCullough, SECONDED by A. Nishimura that the terms of reference for the Alberta Art Foundation Graduate Scholarships in the Department of Art be approved.

CARRIED

252.10.4 Department of Biological Sciences Graduate Scholarship

It was MOVED by M. Kapoor, SECONDED by G. Schultz that the terms of reference for the Department of Biological Sciences Graduate Scholarship be approved.

In response to a query by D. McCullough regarding the value and the number of the award "to be determined", D.G. Hatt explained that Council would be approving the general spirit of the award.

The question being called on the Kapoor/Schultz motion to approve the terms of reference for the Department of Biological Sciences Graduate Scholarship, it was

CARRIED

252.10.5 The Smith Lamarsh Graduate Scholarship

It was MOVED by D. McCullough, SECONDED by P. Sokol that the terms of reference for The Smith Lamarsh Graduate Scholarship be approved.

CARRIED

252.10.6 The Julius Schulich Award for Entrepreneurship

It was MOVED by T.W. Guzie, SECONDED by D. McCullough that the terms of reference for The Julius Schulich Award for Entrepreneurship be approved.

CARRIED

252.10.7 Scotia McLeod Scholarship
It was MOVED by S. Drabek, SECONDED by K.G. DeLong that the terms of reference for the Scotia McLeod Scholarship be approved.

In response to a query by L.A. Knafla regarding the criteria for this award, D.G. Hatt explained that the Graduate Scholarship Committee was responsible for ascertaining that recipients of the award met scholarship standards.

The question being called on the Drabek/DeLong motion to approve the terms of reference for the Scotia McLeod Scholarship, it was

CARRIED

252.10.8 The Danny Browning, RN Master in Nursing Scholarship

It was MOVED by J.L. McNeill, SECONDED by G. Schultz that the terms of reference for The Danny Browning, RN Master in Nursing Scholarship be approved.

CARRIED

252.11 Other Business

There was no other business.

252.12 Adjournment

It was MOVED by K. Magnusson, SECONDED by M. Kapoor that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.