257.1 Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED by L.A. Knafla, SECONDED by M. Kapoor that the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

The Chairman announced that J.D. Calkin would be attending the meeting for Item 3, Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies and that President Fraser would be attending as part of his regular visits to Faculty Councils.

257.2 Minutes of the Last Meeting

It was MOVED by E.D. Pask, SECONDED by L.A. Knafla that the Minutes of the Last Meeting be approved.

M. Davis pointed out the following corrections: (1) page 9, second paragraph, second sentence, should read "He (H. Wieser) indicated that the question of fee remission was for
students in full-time **thesis-based** graduate programs at The University of Calgary". (The underlined words to be deleted), (2) page 12, first sentence, should read "M. Davis pointed out that the net impact of the Sokol/Schultz motion would essentially transfer benefits from students who receive fee remission by way of GA(T) support to students who would be **eligible** for GRS support". (the word ineligible being changed to eligible). The Chairman indicated that it was not intended to disqualify students who are now eligible for fee remission.

The question being called on the Pask/Knafla motion to approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting, bearing in mind the amendment from M. Davis, it was

CARRIED

257.3 **Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies**

Documentation dated March 4, 1993, from J.D. Calkin regarding the Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies had been distributed with the Agenda material, along with ballots.

J.D. Calkin indicated that Dean Bercuson wishes to be reviewed for a further three year term as Dean of Graduate Studies. In complying with the procedures of General Faculties Council, J.D. Calkin accepted nominations from the floor, of which four would be elected, and an alternate.

In response to a query by D. McCullough, J.D. Calkin indicated that it was desirable to complete the review before June, 1993.

In response to a query by R.X. Ware, J.D. Calkin advised Council that the representatives of General Faculties Council were J. Baker, Philosophy, T. Chivers, Chemistry, and a Graduate Students' Association representative from Management.

The following individuals were nominated to serve on the Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies:

H. Buss, English
R. Davies, Biological Sciences
S. Franklin, Geography
M. Mackie, Sociology
W.J. Reeves, Social Sciences
R.D. Revel, Committee on Resources and the Environment
G. Schultz, Medical Biochemistry **declined nomination**
R.A. Stein, Electrical and Computer Engineering
It was MOVED by H. Wieser, SECONDED by A. Li that nominations cease.

CARRIED

The following individuals were elected by Council to serve on the Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of Graduate Studies:

H. Buss, English
   S. Franklin, Geography
   W.J. Reeves, Sociology
   R.A. Stein, Electrical and Computer Engineering
   R. Davies (alternate member)

257.4 Reports of Standing Committees of Council

257.4.1 Academic Programme Committee - Master of Nursing (Thesis Route) Proposal

A proposal for a Master of Nursing (Thesis Route) and a report from the Academic Programme Committee had been distributed with the Agenda material. Representatives from the Faculty of Nursing (Drs. McHutchion, Storch, Grant, and Sullivan) were present to answer questions regarding this proposal.

On behalf of the Academic Programme Committee, A. Mehrotra recommended that Council accept and approve this proposal. He indicated that the Faculty of Nursing had run its course-based MN program since 1980 with considerable success and now wished to respond to a certain level of demand with a Master of Nursing (Thesis Route) program.

It was MOVED by A. Mehrotra, SECONDED by S. Drabek that Council approve the Master of Nursing (Thesis Route) proposal and that the Dean of Graduate Studies forward the proposal to the Vice President (Academic) for further approval.

G. Ghent expressed concern regarding library resources and what the financial implications of a new program would be. The Chairman indicated that, appendices that would cover matters such as library concerns were not included with the package presented to Council in an attempt to reduce paper. He pointed out that it must be assumed that the full documentation was seen by the Academic Programme Committee and that the Committee's recommendation was based upon the full documentation. Regarding the matter of the financial negotiations, the Chairman indicated that this was not a matter that fell within the purview of Council.

A. Mehrotra indicated that the Faculty of Nursing did not anticipate an increase in graduate student enrolment.
In response to a query by T. Bisztriczky, the Chairman indicated that this program proposal was a modification of an existing program and that an external evaluator is not normally invited to review such modifications, unlike new Doctoral programs.

A. Li and R.A. Stein expressed support for this proposal. In response to a query regarding financial support by R.A. Stein, E. McHutchion indicated that several scholarships had been established in the Faculty of Nursing and that they had been active in finding funds.

L.A. Knafla expressed support for this proposal. In response to a query by L.A. Knafla regarding the size of the thesis, P. Sullivan estimated that the thesis would likely consist of 100 to 125 pages.

The question being called on the Mehrotra/Drabek motion to approve the Master of Nursing (Thesis Route) proposal and transmit the proposal to the Vice President (Academic) for further approval, it was

CARRIED

257.4.2 Policy Committee

Documentation that was distributed with the February 1993 Council Agenda material, Item 256.4.3, was brought forward to the meeting. G. Schultz presented this item on behalf of the Policy Committee.

Regulations for Individual Cross-Disciplinary Thesis Degrees

It was MOVED by G. Schultz, SECONDED by R.X. Ware that Council approve the Regulations for Individual Cross-Disciplinary Thesis Degrees.

CARRIED

The Chairman indicated (and G. Krivy agreed) that these regulations would be in effect and that they would be reported to General Faculties Council for information. The Chairman indicated that the Faculty would invite proposals for students to move in this new direction and was hopeful that the Faculty would expand on the range of interdisciplinary programs that it currently offered.

Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies Guidelines for Distance Delivery of Graduate Programs
It was MOVED by G. Schultz, SECONDED by H. Wieser that Council endorse the Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies Guidelines for Distance Delivery of Graduate Programs.

In response to a query by H. Konrad, the Chairman indicated that, if endorsed, these guidelines would become the operational guidelines used by the Academic Programme Committee when considering new program proposals or modifications to existing programs that offer distance delivery education.

The question being called on the Schultz/Wieser motion to endorse the Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies Guidelines for Distance Delivery of Graduate Programs, it was CARRIED.

Non-Confidentiality of Examiners' Reports to Candidate after Examination

It was MOVED by G. Schultz, SECONDED by M. Lazar that examiners' reports be made available to the candidate and supervisor, or member of the examination committee, on request after the final decision of the examination committee.

L.A. Knafla spoke against this motion. He indicated that members of his department believed that the current system gave students sufficient feedback. He suggested that examiners prepare two reports. The Chairman indicated that anything done in that regard would have to be in fulfilment of the regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

T. Bisztriczky, D. McCullough, and M. Kapoor spoke against this motion. M. Kapoor indicated that examiners may not be totally candid when preparing reports should they be available to the candidate. D. McCullough indicated that, if this motion passed, the entire form and how examiners prepare their reports would be changed. The Chairman assured Council that, if the motion passed and as a result difficulties occurred, the issue would be examined further.

E.A. Wilman suggested that the examining committee prepare a separate set of comments that could be made available to the student.

M. Lazar spoke in favour of the motion. He believed that the student should have a right to examine the reports. He indicated that examiners should be frank and open with graduate students.

R.X. Ware agreed with M. Lazar's comments.

It was MOVED by H. Wieser, SECONDED by E.S. Krebes that the Schultz/Lazar motion be amended to read as follows: that examiners' reports be made available to the
candidate and supervisor, or member of the examination committee, on request after the final decision of the examination committee. (the underlined words being deleted). 

DEFEATED

It was MOVED by H. Buss, SECONDED by R.X. Ware that the Schultz/Lazar motion be amended to allow examiners an opportunity to add additional material to the report as post-examination material.

DEFEATED

After lengthy discussion, the question was called on the main motion.

The question being called on the Schultz/Lazar motion which stated that examiners' reports be made available to the candidate and supervisor, or member of the examination committee, on request after the final decision of the examination committee, it was

CARRIED

(22 in favour, 14 opposed)

The Chairman indicated that departments would be notified of this change and assured Council that examiners would be given appropriate opportunity to become aware of this change. In response to a query by D. McCullough, the Chairman indicated that this change would not be retroactive. The Chairman stated that he was hopeful that individuals would continue to be candid in fulfilling their duties as examiners.

257.5 Chairman's Report

257.5.1 Update on Open Scholarship Competition

The Chairman pointed out that scholarship statistics had appeared in the March 15, 1993, edition of the Gazette. He noted that the total number of applications received for 1993 was 1105, slightly down from the previous year (1179).

In response to a query by R.X. Ware, the Chairman indicated that the Graduate Scholarship Committee would be meeting early in April to make its deliberations regarding the scholarship applications.

GRS Requests
The Chairman announced that the Faculty would be implementing a new procedure for GRS request forms from departments. He explained that the new procedure would ask departments to apply for GRS units once every three years. The Chairman indicated that further information would be forthcoming.

257.5.2 Fee Remission

The Chairman announced that the University Planning Committee recommended to the Board of Governors that the current fee remission policy be ended but that the monies remain in the Faculty of Graduate Studies for the direct support of graduate students. The Chairman indicated that the Board of Governors would be addressing this issue at its meeting on Friday, March 19, 1993.

The Chairman assured Council that he would consult widely with Heads, Deans, Graduate Coordinators, and the Graduate Students' Association before implementing any new programs with the monies freed up from fee remission. The Chairman indicated that the money could be used to create fee scholarships and additional GRS units to be distributed to departments.

In response to a query by R.A. Stein regarding the ending of fee remission, the Chairman indicated that his recommendation to General Faculties Council Executive and to the University Planning Committee was that any commitments that had been made must be honoured.

In response to a query by E.S. Krebes, H. Wieser indicated that fee remission was not available to holders of GRS or GA(T) at any other institution in Canada.

257.5.3 Questions

A. Mehrotra wondered why a Masters student who completed the Masters degree and wishes to pursue a Doctoral degree must pay an application fee of $45 when an application form is not required. G. Krivy indicated that he would check on this matter.

In response to a query by A. Mehrotra regarding the $45 application fee, the Chairman indicated that he would write to the Vice President Finance to request that a portion of the $45 application fee be shared with departments.

257.6 Graduate Faculty Scholarships

257.6.1 Constantinian Order Scholarship

It was MOVED by T. Bisztriczky, SECONDED by M. Davis that the terms of reference for the Constantinian Order Scholarship be approved.
257.6.2 The Mr. and Mrs. Kurt and Lilian Newbert Graduate Scholarship in Paediatric Nursing

It was MOVED by E. McHutchion, SECONDED by M. Davis that the terms of reference for The Mr. and Mrs. Kurt and Lilian Newbert Graduate Scholarship in Paediatric Nursing be approved.

CARRIED

257.6.3 OMAE Calgary Chapter Graduate Admission Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering

It was MOVED by A. Mehrotra, SECONDED by R.A. Stein that the terms of reference for the OMAE Calgary Chapter Graduate Admission Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering be approved.

CARRIED

257.6.4 Cogeco Inc. Graduate Scholarship

It was MOVED by S. Drabek, SECONDED by A. Li that the terms of reference for the Cogeco Inc. Graduate Scholarship be approved.

CARRIED

257.7 Definition of a Full-Time Student

A document entitled Definition of a Full-Time Student had been distributed with the Agenda material. The Chairman indicated that the Faculty Office would be using the definition as a working definition and indicated that it was a flexible definition. The Chairman indicated that the Faculty would entertain requests from departments to be flexible with the definition.

In response to a query by A. Li, the Chairman indicated that departments could apply to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for approval for students to complete residency off campus. He indicated, however, that such arrangements would need to be approved in advance.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the definition. Concerns were expressed regarding the number of hours per week a student could be employed, funding implications, etc.
The Chairman invited written comments from departments concerning the definition. He assured Council that the Faculty Office would re-examine the definition and bring forward a revised definition in the near future.

257.8 Letter from Dr. Fu-Shiang Chia - University of Alberta

A letter from Dr. Fu-Shiang Chia had been distributed with the Agenda material for information.

257.9 Other Business

There was no other business.

257.10 Adjournment

The hour being late, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.