

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Minutes of the Meeting of April 25, 1955

- Item 1 Dean Blegen presented to the Executive Committee the suggestion from Mr. George Risty that in the case of graduate students the limit for loans granted within one year be raised from \$300 to \$500 and the limit on loans outstanding be raised from \$600 to \$750. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to concur in this recommendation.
- Item 2 The Executive Committee voted unanimously to endorse the continuation of the present plan for foreign language and related requirements for the Ph.D. degree. Written reports from the various group committees supporting this plan are on file, and an oral report was given by Dr. Visscher covering the discussion of the Medical Sciences Group Committee.
- Item 3 The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve in principle the following six majors for the Ph.D. in Veterinary Medicine: Veterinary Anatomy, Veterinary Bacteriology, Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Parasitology, Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology. It should be clearly understood that this is an undesignated Ph.D. but that the majors named above represent approved major fields for the Ph.D. offered under the aegis of the Graduate School in the broad area of Veterinary Medicine. The basic documents in support of this action include the letter from Dr. W. T. S. Thorp, dated April 21, 1955, and the enclosures therein.
- Item 4 Dean Blegen reported for information that the Graduate School proposes to enumerate the distribution of minor fields of study throughout the various areas of graduate work as an additional report to the Graduate Faculty News Letter issued in March, 1955, which included a ten-year count of the distribution of major students in the various fields of graduate study. Since questions have been raised regarding the graduate programs in departments having few, if any, major students, it becomes important to know the enrollment of minor students in all departments offering graduate work.
- Item 5 Professor Arnason had raised with the appropriate group committee and with Dean Blegen the question regarding the minimum number of credits to be earned at Minnesota in support of candidacy for the M.F.A. degree. The question arose with respect to the amount of credit which could be transferred from other graduate schools to meet the total requirements of approximately 90 credits for this degree. Dean Blegen ruled that the minimum number of credits to be earned in graduate course offerings at Minnesota would stand at 45. The Executive Committee endorsed this ruling as a basic requirement for the M.F.A.
- Item 6 Mr. Darley discussed with the Executive Committee a proposal from an interdepartmental Graduate School committee for the training of people who would work as vocational rehabilitation counselors to physically handicapped individuals. The proposal to be

presented by the special interdepartmental committee has been reviewed by the Graduate Group Committee in Education and Psychology and carries the approval of that committee. The proposal, which involves a contract with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, is presented as an expansion of the present training programs that lead to the Master of Arts, Plan A or B, with majors in Psychology or in Educational Psychology. The Executive Committee endorsed the proposal in principle.

Item 7

Dean Elegen presented for discussion and for later consideration and decision a proposal to combine, in the year 1958, the present separate Medical Graduate bulletins and Graduate School bulletins. His proposal also included the suggestion for the elimination of lengthy course descriptions when this combination would be made. In view of the fact that this topic will appear later for Executive Committee consideration no action was taken at this time.

Item 8

The Group Committee in the Social Sciences and the Group Committee in Psychology and Education have both, at different times, raised the question of limitations on the number of credits transferred to Graduate School records from the adult special category. From the standpoint of some members of the Social Science Group Committee, this issue is important because adult special students may not carry out the additional work required in some courses in the 100 series for the award of graduate credit. Thus, if this situation has obtained, adult special grades would not when transferred represent the level of accomplishment or amount of work carried out by students who were graduate students in these courses at the time of taking them.

The issue in the Education and Psychology Group Committee grows out of the fact that many students must be admitted either as adult specials or summer session students since their applications have not arrived in time for full review in terms of Graduate School admission. Furthermore, when the tuition and fee structure was changed, some students found it more advisable and more economical to register as adult specials rather than graduate students even though provision exists for the payment of full tuition and fees for not less than three quarters before a Master's degree can be awarded.

So far as could be determined, the remaining group committees do not face the problem of transfer of adult special credits in any major degree. It was voted that the Executive Committee refer back to the affected group committees and to the Dean the problem of amount of credit allowable from adult special status. This vote carried the further specification that the affected group committees should prepare recommendations in writing for the consideration of the Dean.

Item 9

The informal proposal to reinstate a graduate degree in the field of Architecture was referred back to the Physical Science Group Committee for review and recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Darley
Secretary pro tem

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April 25, 1955

To Members of the Executive Committee:

With the enclosed minutes, I should like to ask you kindly to find occasion to discuss with your group committees at some convenient time the question of the elimination of course descriptions mentioned in Item 7.

We are planning to issue a Graduate Faculty News Letter as soon as we can prepare it, and among other things we shall report at that time the action of the Executive Committee with respect to the continuation of the present plan for foreign language and related requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore G. Hagen
Dean

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- Dr. J. J. Christensen
- Dr. A. Greville Dahl
- Dr. Norman J. DeWitt
- Dean Marvin Edwards
- Dr. A. C. C. Nier
- Dr. J. Warren Stehman
- Dr. Maurice B. Visser

April 28, 1955

Memo. to Dean Edwards and Professor Stehman:

Will you kindly take up with your respective committees the action reported in Item 8 of the minutes of the Executive Committee for April 25? I am not wholly clear from the discussion just what is the wisest move in dealing with this problem of transfers of adult special credits and I shall be glad to have the judgment of yourself and your committees.

Sincerely,

Theodore C. Elegen
Dean

TCE/V

April 28, 1955

Memo. to M.D.

Please note Item 4 in the minutes of the Executive Committee for April 25. This is merely a reminder to proceed with an analysis of graduate miners as an addition to the material that you made available on the majors.

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Memo. to J.D.

Will you please take the responsibility of communicating with the persons or the committee concerned in reference to the action reported in Item 6 of the minutes of the Executive Committee for April 25?

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