

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Graduate School
Meeting Held Thursday, December 18, 1952

Present: Profs. William Anderson, Arnason, Marcia Edwards, Geddes, Shepherd, Steinbach, Visscher; Dean Blegen, Dean Darley, Miss Davis.

I. The dean offered several items of information:

1. He called attention to an article in the December 12 issue of Science, by Linus Pauling on the use of propositions in examinations for the doctor's degree.
2. An Arts College committee has proposed a study of the practical working of our present language requirements as to the following points:
 - a. Early meeting of the examinations for language proficiency as one of the goals of the new regulations.
 - b. Our general practice with respect to language requirement in various fields for the Master's degree.
3. A proposal to offer a major in Industrial Relations for the Master's degree is now under consideration and will be reviewed first by the Social Science Group Committee.
4. The Physical Science Group Committee was asked to review, and if it so chose, to resubmit a proposal made last spring that the Graduate School offer a major in Industrial Engineering for the degree Master of Science in Industrial Engineering.

- II. On December 19, the day following this meeting of the Executive Committee, the University Committee on Fees will consider a proposal to increase Summer Session fees, including a proposal that the "thesis only" fee be increased from \$9.50 per term and without incidental fee to \$35.00 per term, plus an incidental fee of \$10.50.

It is proposed also that the deposit fee of \$2.00 be abolished.

During the academic year, fees for thesis work only are as follows:

	<u>Staff appointees or residents of Minnesota</u>	<u>Nonresidents of Minnesota</u>
Thesis work only, per quarter	\$19.00	\$50.00
Incidental Fee, per quarter	<u>18.85</u>	<u>18.85</u>
Totals	\$37.85	\$68.85

It was pointed out that at present many members of the staff on "B" appointments direct thesis work in the summer without pay; if the student is to pay such charges as proposed, it should not be done unless appropriate members of the Graduate Faculty are placed on summer appointments and paid according to the services they render. It was also pointed out that in certain areas staff members are already on "A" appointments but are not paid by Summer Session; students in such areas who paid the proposed fees would be subsidizing the Summer Session in general since none of the fees paid would be channeled to the departments offering the thesis direction. It appeared to the Executive Committee that the proposed increase was excessively high, in view of earlier actions affecting tuition and fees.

Moved, seconded, and carried that it is the sense of the Executive Committee that these proposed changes in fees are unjustified, excessive, and unworkable, and that the Executive Committee of the Graduate School strongly objects to the proposed change in the thesis registration fee.

III. The Executive Committee discussed the report of the subcommittee appointed to investigate the situation under which graduate students holding staff appointments may be failing to register for graduate work. (Deans Edwards and Darley, Profs. Shepherd and Geddes) This subcommittee made the following recommendations:

1. That the Graduate School prepare and issue to all department chairmen a letter setting forth the general philosophy and practices governing the appointment of assistants, specifying that the University rules require assistants and nonservice fellowship holders to be registered in the Graduate School for the entire term of their assistantship or fellowship, with some exceptions as regards summer registration.
2. That we ask the Business office and the Recorder's office to make each quarter a check of the payrolls for assistants and fellows against receipted fee statements in the Recorder's office.
3. That we ask the Business office or the Recorder's office to notify department chairmen of the names of assistants

or fellows not registered currently, with a copy of the notification to the Graduate School office.

4. That it will then be the responsibility of the department chairmen either to arrange for the registration of the assistants or fellows not registered, or to justify their failure to register by written request to the Graduate School for special exception.

It was voted to adopt these four points with the exception that point 3 be altered to read as follows:

3. That the Business office or the Recorder's office be requested to notify the Dean of the Graduate School of the names of assistants or fellows not registered currently, with the understanding the Graduate School will then notify the department head or other employing officer of the University, and with the understanding that these regulations apply to the three academic quarters only and that summer session registration will be carried out only if it is educationally sound to do so.

IV. Dr. Geddes presented a recommendation from the Group Committee for Agricultural Sciences that a minor in a specific area of Veterinary Medicine be designated by the term Veterinary Science followed in parentheses by the name of the specific field. Students taking such a minor would be majoring in the husbandry fields—dairy husbandry, animal husbandry, poultry husbandry. The staff in Veterinary Medicine feel that the general designation "Veterinary Medicine" has two disadvantages:

- A. It carries some implication of professional competency in Veterinary Medicine and for this the student is not qualified, and
- B. The general designation does not pin-point the training in an adequately descriptive manner.

After an extended discussion, the committee voted that a minor for the Ph.D. degree in specific areas of Veterinary Medicine should be listed in the graduate records and the commencement program as Veterinary Science, rather than as Veterinary Medicine.

It was then moved and seconded that, in the listing of the Ph.D. minor in Veterinary Science, Anatomy and Physiology as a combined minor may be named in parentheses when so recommended by the appropriate group committee. This motion failed to carry a majority of the Executive Committee.

- V. Dr. Darley presented a proposal for the handling of academic disciplinary offenses involving graduate students, a proposal assuming that the Graduate School, like the undergraduate and professional schools, has primary jurisdiction for academic discipline of its students, but does not have primary jurisdiction when the academic offenses involve students of more than one college.

Voted to adopt the following procedures:

- A. Cases involving academic discipline for such offenses as cheating, theft, or misuse of class and laboratory materials, and similar offenses may be brought to the attention of the Assistant Dean of the Graduate School or such other officer as may be designated by the Dean.
- B. The investigation of the facts of the case will be carried out by such officer, using whatever University resources may be of aid in such matters.
- C. The case and the matters of fact therein would be heard in the first instance by the group committee having jurisdiction over the student's area of specialization. For the purposes of such hearing, the student's major adviser would sit with vote on this committee and the instructor or instructors concerned would sit without vote.
- D. The group committee will recommend appropriate penalties to the Dean of the Graduate School for review and transmission to the student.
- E. Appeals from the decision of the group committee should be directed to the Dean of the Graduate School, who may then request any ad hoc committee or standing committee such as the Executive Committee to hear the case as appealed.
- F. The Dean may himself request such review of a recommendation of a group committee.
- G. Further appeal beyond the one provided above may be made to the President of the University, in accordance with usual University procedure.

For purposes of definition, the above procedures are construed to affect graduate students alleged to have cheated in the course series 100 to 199, as well as course numbers in the series 200 and above. If the alleged cheating involves graduate students and students of other colleges, the all-University disciplinary committee has primary jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. Davis
Secretary to the Executive
Committee

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
Graduate School
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November 7, 1952

Office of the Dean

Dean Theodore C. Elegen
316 Johnston Hall

Dear Dean Elegen:

On October 21, you asked the following members of the Executive Committee to serve as a special subcommittee, to investigate the situation under which graduate students holding staff appointments may be failing to register for graduate work:

Dean Marcia Edwards
Professor W. G. Shepherd
Professor William F. Geddes

We report herewith the results of our consideration of this problem, and we submit certain recommendations at the end of this letter. We assume that you will transmit our report and recommendations to the Executive Committee for final discussion and decision.

The manual of business procedures clearly states that during the period of appointment to specified staff positions, the student must actually be registered in the Graduate School. In the Graduate School office, all appointments to the specified positions are cleared before going to the personnel office, so that we can determine that the student either is currently registered in the Graduate School, or has been admitted to the Graduate School.

This supervisory procedure is generally effective, but it may not provide review of the following situations:

1. Staff appointments carried over from the printed budget of previous years, for whom no new appointment is filed.
2. Graduate students originally cleared as registered but who may not re-register in subsequent quarters, even though their assistantships continue.
3. Staff positions in the civil service categories, or those at and above the rank of instructor and research fellow.

In the course of our discussions, the subcommittee asked me to state our general policies governing assistantships in the following four categories:

Teaching assistantships; research assistantships;
administrative fellows; clinical fellows (nonmedical).

I stated first that these classes of assistantships are maintained primarily as aids for the completion of graduate study and not primarily as major employment opportunities for the student. In the second place, we have, in recent years, allowed such appointments to range between 25% and 75% time during the regular academic year, but we have required special justification, either during the regular year or during the summer, for appointments in excess of 75% time. In the third place, we have not, in recent year, demanded that graduate students be registered during the summer term, even though they held assistantships on a twelve-months' basis or on a summer session basis only. Finally, we have allowed a small number of postbaccalaureate students and professional school students to hold assistantships ordinarily reserved for graduate students. I believe these represent a fair statement of our policies and procedures in supervising the employment of graduate assistants.

The subcommittee considered the fact that the stipend for graduate students has changed during recent years, and we believe that it is important to set forth the amount of these changes. Using as an illustration a BH 50 assistantship appointment, the stipend was \$1008 during 1950-51, with tuition exemption; during the 1951-52, the stipend was \$1215, from which a maximum of \$114 in resident tuition was payable and which also included a cost-of-living adjustment. During 1952-53, the stipend is \$1283, from which a maximum of \$114 in tuition, plus a maximum of approximately \$60 in new incidental fees, is payable by all students registered and holding appointments. We point out that the incidental fee is being paid for the first time by probably no more than 500 graduate students and that it has always been payable by the majority of graduate students. For 1953-54, the contemplated stipend is \$1426.

The subcommittee reviewed the paradoxical situation under which it was possible to pay from \$8.25 up to \$43 for an identical course, carrying three graduate credits, depending upon whether or not the course is taken as an adult special, in the Extension Division, in the Summer Session, or in the Graduate School. While this distribution of tuition costs was not the primary point of study of your special committee, we suggest that reference might be made to it in the ultimate report that the Executive Committee will make to the central administration. The rules of the University also specify that a graduate student must pay a minimum of three full quarters of Graduate School tuition before the degree can be awarded. Thus, in some cases, a graduate student transferring work from a period of residence as an adult special may, before graduation, be held for the difference between what he paid as an adult special and what he would have paid as a graduate student.

We have studied the percentage of students registered as adult special students for the fall quarters of 1950, 1951, and 1952. With the exception of the Duluth Branch and the College of Agriculture, the percentage of adult special students each year has been constant, and it does not appear, therefore, that graduate students are taking refuge in the adult special category this fall, in an effort to pay lower costs. It is possible that they may try to do so in the future, but our fear that it was true this fall is not borne out. The increased registration, in the adult special category at the College of Agriculture and at the Duluth Branch, appears to rest on a different set of causes, independent of tuition costs.

With the assistance of the business office, we have obtained lists of all teaching assistants, research assistants, administrative fellows, or clinical fellows (nonmedical), on the regular payroll for the period ending

October 15, and on the miscellaneous payroll for the same period. We also have lists of all instructors and research fellows, full time or part time, as a separate phase of this study. When these lists are checked against our own registration files, and when we consider only the regular payroll appointments, it appears that only 57 out of 684 assistantship appointments are held by people who have not registered or have not, at this time, paid fees. On the miscellaneous payroll, 50 out of 104 assistants have not registered, but in this registration will be included some seniors, some professional degree candidates and some professional Master's candidates, who will undoubtedly be found to have registrations outside of the Graduate School.

So far as assistantship appointments are concerned, therefore, the problem of evasion of registration does not appear to be a major one, although it is of sufficient visibility to warrant some corrective action.

On the basis of our discussions and the evidence collected, we should like to make the following recommendations for your consideration and the consideration of the Executive Committee:

We recommend, first, that the Graduate School prepare and issue to all department chairmen a letter setting forth the general philosophy and practices governing the appointment of assistants. This letter should also specify that the University rules require assistants and nonservice fellowship holders to be registered in the Graduate School for the entire term of their assistantship or fellowship, with the exceptions noted regarding summer session registration. In the second place, we suggest that the business office and Recorder's office each quarter check the payrolls for assistants and fellows against receipted fee statements in the Recorder's Office. This suggestion was set forth by Mr. Jackson in an earlier letter to Mr. Lunden.

On the basis of the above procedure, we then recommend that either the Business Office or the Recorder's Office notify department chairmen of the names of assistants or fellows not currently registered, with an information copy of this notification to the Graduate School office. As a result of this notification, it will be the responsibility of the department chairmen either to arrange for the registration of the assistants or fellows not registered, or to justify their failure to register by written request for special exception.

Our last recommendation, concerning registration of graduate students not holding staff appointments, has been more difficult for the subcommittee to agree upon, but we present it here for your consideration and that of the Executive Committee. As has been outlined above, it is clearly possible to enforce the University requirement that assistants and fellows be registered. There is no equally clear policy regarding the continuous registration of graduate students not holding staff appointments or holding staff appointments above the assistantship rank. Our subcommittee believes that the greatest difficulties will probably occur after course work for the Ph.D. is completed, and while the individual candidate may be preparing for written examinations, and completing thesis requirements. As a guide to advisers at this point, the subcommittee inclines to the belief that the Graduate School should be on record as expecting Ph.D. candidates to remain registered so long as they remain in residence as bona fide degree candidates. We suggest, therefore, that a statement

Dean Theodore C. Elegen

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to this effect be incorporated in the recommended memorandum to be sent, at the beginning of each school year, to department chairmen. It was fairly clear to the committee that a graduate student, working on his thesis, may actually be making extensive use of the resources of the University, including the time of the graduate faculty, and that a general policy expecting registration during this period, is both in morality and in equity a sound policy.

However, since we see no clear method of enforcing this requirement, since we are not entirely agreed as to the philosophy behind it, and since we have no clear evidence of the prevalence of the problem, we present it in tentative form only.

The foregoing report has been reviewed by the members of your special subcommittee and comes to you as a unanimous statement of our position.

Yours sincerely,

John G. Darley
Assistant Dean and
Professor of Psychology

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October 21, 1952

DEAN J. G. DARLEY, CHAIRMAN
DEAN MARCIA EDWARDS
PROFESSOR W. G. SHEPHERD
PROFESSOR W. F. OGDEN

Dear Colleagues:

Yesterday, the attention of the Executive Committee of the Graduate School was called to the problem of teaching and research assistants who, although qualified for their appointments on the basis of admission to the Graduate School, may not actually be registered for graduate work during the period of their appointment. Since registration in the Graduate School is in fact a requirement for the holding of such an appointment (unless special exceptions are made in such areas as the professional Master's degree in Education or Public Health or possibly such fields as Law or Medicine) and since the recent levels of stipends took scarcely into account the imposition of the resident rate of tuition for all holders of such appointments, I feel that this is a very serious matter to which we should give prompt attention, looking to recommendations of appropriate action.

Will you therefore act as a committee to look into the situation and to make such recommendations as you think advisable with a view to meeting both in spirit and to the letter the obligations that fall upon the Graduate School and graduate students?

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Elegen
Dean

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DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL BIOCHEMISTRY

December 8, 1952

Dean Theodore C. Blegen
Office of the Dean
Graduate School
Minneapolis Campus
University of Minnesota

Dear Dean Blegen

With reference to your letter of December 2, I will be prepared to comment at the next meeting of the Executive Committee on the recommendation made by the Graduate Group Committee for Agriculture regarding the naming of the Ph.D. minor in certain fields of Veterinary Science.

Sincerely yours

W. F. Geddes

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Head of the Department

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DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL BIOCHEMISTRY

October 21, 1952

Dean T. C. Blegen
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis Campus

Dear Dean Belgen

In furtherance of our conversation yesterday, I am writing to suggest that consideration be given to the appointment of a staff member of the School of Veterinary Medicine to the Graduate Group Committee for Agriculture.

On the St. Paul Campus, graduate training is offered in the School of Forestry, School of Home Economics, School of Veterinary Medicine, and in various divisions of the Department of Agriculture. Each of these units is now represented on the Graduate Group Committee with the exception of the School of Veterinary Medicine. The establishment of a degree in veterinary medicine has resulted in a great expansion in staff and facilities in this field. There are important problems to be considered in connection with the graduate training in veterinary medicine and it would be very helpful if this School were represented on the committee. Dr. Martin Roepke would be the logical appointee.

I am planning on calling a meeting of the Graduate Group Committee in Agriculture very shortly, but will delay doing so until I hear from you concerning my suggestion. This seems desirable in view of your request yesterday that our committee reconsider the proposals made by Dr. Roepke in his letter to Dr. Mickel last February. As you know, our Group Committee considered the problems raised by Dr. Roepke dealt with general administrative policy, and accordingly, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee. In speaking with Dr. Roepke concerning the graduate work in the School of Veterinary Medicine, I learned that he was not concerned with the establishment of a Ph.D. degree with fields named, an interpretation which was placed on his letter by the subcommittee which you appointed to consider this problem.

It is, of course, not essential that Dr. Roepke be made a member of our Group Committee this year, but if not, I will invite him to appear before the committee and present his views on the problems involved in advancing post graduate training in various fields of veterinary medicine.

Yours sincerely



W. F. Geddes
Chief of the Division

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See Ag. Minutes

Nov. 3 and 10, 1952
October 9, 1952

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Professor W. F. Geddes
SnH 213 (StP)

Dear Professor Geddes:

I am planning to call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Graduate School in the near future, possibly on October 20 or 21. My office will be in touch with you as to the day and time of the meeting.

Meanwhile, I find some unfinished business that carries over from a subcommittee appointed to prepare recommendations having to do with the field of Veterinary Medicine. I enclose a copy of the subcommittee's report.

Dr. Visscher is still a member of the Executive Committee, and he can act as a spokesman for the subcommittee if this matter is brought up at the next meeting of our Executive Committee, but I wanted to check the whole matter with you before having this presented to the Executive Committee. Are we ready for an Executive Committee action? I assume that we are, since my recollection is that the Graduate Group Committee in Agriculture took the position that this problem involved general Graduate School policy and that a solution therefore should come at the general graduate level. If this seems right to you, I will call for a discussion of the subcommittee report at our coming meeting, and in any case I wanted to be very sure that you had a copy of the report, for of course it pertains to a division on your campus.

Of the five specific recommendations made by the subcommittee, it may well be that the fifth, which calls for a discontinuance of the Ph.D. with field named in medical and allied sciences, may have to be canvassed by our Medical Sciences Committee and perhaps also by our joint committee with the Mayo Foundation before any action can be taken. On the other hand, the first four recommendations seem to me to call for consideration by the Executive Committee and perhaps also by your group committee fairly soon. These are the recommendations: (1) as to a basic science minor, (2) the naming of senior representatives in certain fields to set the requirements for a basic veterinary science minor for the Ph.D. degree (and in this connection I may add that I have some doubts as to the wisdom of a formal specification of minimum credits, since we have as a matter of policy tried to avoid fixed credit requirements for the Ph.D. degree), (3) the proposed policy of three years of residence work for the Master's degree with field named, and (4) the question of the authorization of fields in which named degrees may be offered. These four points seem to me to be the essential points that have emerged from the report of the subcommittee.

Let me add that I did not feel it wise to try to bring about action on this report during the summer. It seemed better to me to hold it for the new Executive Committee this fall. But I want to be quite sure as to what the appropriate next step should be, and that is why I am raising the question whether this should be put before the Executive Committee at our next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Theodore G. Elegen
Dean

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

JUNE 12, 1952

DEAN T. C. BLEGEN
GRADUATE SCHOOL
JOHNSTON HALL

DEAR DEAN BLEGEN:

PROFESSORS COOK, MICKEL AND I MET TODAY AS THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL, APPOINTED ON MAY 7 TO PREPARE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM RAISED BY THE AGRICULTURE GROUP COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF COURSES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS OF A MINOR FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE. THIS PROBLEM WAS ORIGINALLY RAISED BY DR. ROEPKE AND DR. PETERSEN.

YOUR SUB-COMMITTEE LOOKS WITH DISFAVOR UPON PROPOSALS TO SET UP NEW SUBORDINATE ENTITIES SUCH AS VETERINARY ANATOMY AND VETERINARY PHYSIOLOGY AT THE PRESENT TIME. IT WISHES TO RECOMMEND INSTEAD TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT APPROVAL BE GIVEN FOR THE SETTING UP OF AN AREA ENTITY WHICH MIGHT BE CALLED BASIC VETERINARY SCIENCE OR VETERINARY BASIC SCIENCE, EMBRACING THE FIELDS WITHIN VETERINARY MEDICINE OF ANATOMY, PATHOLOGY, PHYSIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, BACTERIOLOGY AND PARASITOLOGY. THE SUB-COMMITTEE FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES IN EACH OF THESE FIELDS MIGHT BE NAMED TO CONSTITUTE AN AREA COMMITTEE UNDER THE AGRICULTURE GROUP COMMITTEE TO CONTROL THE USE OF WORK IN BASIC VETERINARY SCIENCE IN SETTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF A MINOR FOR A PH.D. DEGREE. THE PRINCIPLE MIGHT BE LAID DOWN THAT A MINIMUM OF 22 QUARTER CREDITS BE PRESENTED IN NOT MORE THAN TWO OF THE SUBJECT FIELDS NAMED ABOVE WITHIN THE BASIC VETERINARY SCIENCE AREA, BUT THAT THERE BE FLEXIBILITY AS TO THE CHOICE OF THE FIELDS TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS.

WITH REGARD TO THE SECOND PROBLEM POSED BY PROFESSOR ROEPKE'S LETTER TO PROFESSOR MICKEL, YOUR SUB-COMMITTEE NOTES THAT IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL UNDERTAKE TO OFFER GRADUATE DEGREES WITH FIELDS NAMED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE. THE SUB-COMMITTEE POINTS OUT THAT IN THE COMPARABLE AREAS RELATING TO HUMAN MEDICINE, INCLUDING DENTISTRY, THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH FIELD NAMED REQUIRES THREE YEARS OF REGISTRATION WITHIN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE DESIGNATION OF FIELD IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH DEGREES HAS CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, AND THE SUB-COMMITTEE THEREFORE PROPOSES THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ESTABLISH AS A POLICY THAT ANY DEGREES OF MASTER OF SCIENCE WITH FIELD DESIGNATED IN THE AREAS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE, INCLUDING VETERINARY MEDICINE, BE REGULATED BY THE SAME PRINCIPLES, NAMELY THAT THREE YEARS OF GRADUATE WORK WILL BE THE MINIMUM FOR A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH FIELD NAMED. WITH REGARD TO THE AREAS IN WHICH GRADUATE WORK LEADING TO SUCH DEGREES COULD PROPERLY BE PURSUED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD DETERMINE ON THE BASIS OF THE PRESENCE ON THE FACULTY OF AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED SCHOLARS IN GIVEN AREAS AND THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING IN THE VARIOUS AREAS, THE ONES IN WHICH IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO OFFER SUCH DEGREES. YOUR SUB-COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT THE DETERMINATION OF THESE AREAS IS A SEPARATE PROBLEM FROM THE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF THE GRANTING OF MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREES WITH FIELD NAMED IN VETERINARY MEDICINE.

YOUR SUB-COMMITTEE HAS ALSO CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF THE PROPRIETY OF CONTINUING TO OFFER THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE WITH FIELD NAMED IN THE MEDICAL AND ALLIED SCIENCES. THE SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THIS PLAN.

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MAURICE B. VISSCHER

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Excerpt from the minutes of the Graduate Group Committee
for Agriculture for April 10, 1952:

- "9. It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee recommend to the Graduate School Executive Committee that a sequence of courses such as Vet. Med. 107-108 (8 cr.)-and Vet. Med. 135-136 (15 cr.) be recognized as satisfying the requirements of a minor field for the Ph.D. degree for students majoring in such fields as Animal Husbandry, Dairy Husbandry and Poultry Husbandry; and further, that the committee has no definite conviction as to the name for designating such a minor.

- "10. The letter of February 26, 1952, from Dr. Martin H. Roepke requesting the recognition of the above courses (item 9) as a minor field also referred to other problems of graduate instruction in the School of Veterinary Medicine. The chairman was instructed to refer the letter to the Executive Committee of the Graduate School."

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June 12, 1952

Dean T. C. Blegen
Graduate School
Johnston Hall

Dear Dean Blegen:

Professors Cook, Mickel and I met today as the sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the Graduate School, appointed on May 7 to prepare a recommendation to the Executive Committee concerning the specific problem raised by the Agriculture Group Committee in connection with the use of courses within the Department of Veterinary Medicine in satisfying the requirements of a minor for the Ph.D. degree. This problem was originally raised by Dr. Roepke and Dr. Petersen.

Your sub-committee looks with disfavor upon proposals to set up new subordinate entities such as Veterinary Anatomy and Veterinary Physiology at the present time. It wishes to recommend instead to the Executive Committee that approval be given for the setting up of an area Basic Science, embracing the fields within Veterinary Medicine of Anatomy, Pathology, Physiological Chemistry, Bacteriology, and Parasitology. The sub-committee further suggests that senior representatives in each of these fields might be named to constitute Basic Veterinary Science in setting the requirements of a minor for a Ph.D. degree. The principle might be laid down that a minimum of 22 quarter credits be presented in not more than two of the subject fields named above within the Basic Veterinary Science area, but that there be flexibility as to the choice of the fields to suit the needs of individual students.

With regard to the second problem posed by Professor Roepke's letter to Professor Mickel, your sub-committee notes that it is proposed that the Graduate School undertake to offer graduate degrees with fields named in certain areas of specialization in Veterinary Medicine. The sub-committee points out that in the comparable areas relating to human medicine, including dentistry, the Master of Science degree with field named requires three years of registration in the Graduate School. It is recognized that the designation of field in connection with such degrees has certain professional significance, and the sub-committee therefore proposes that the Executive Committee establish as a policy that any degrees of Master of Science with field designated in the areas of Medical Science, including Veterinary Medicine, be regulated by the same principles, namely that three years of graduate work will be the minimum for a Master of Science degree with field named. With regard to the areas in which graduate work leading to such degrees could properly be pursued in the University of Minnesota, the Executive Committee should determine on the basis of the presence on the faculty of an adequate number of qualified scholars in given areas and the facilities available for training in the various areas, the ones in which it would be appropriate to offer such degrees.

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Your sub-committee believes that the determination of these areas is a separate problem from the approval or disapproval in principle of the granting of Master of Science degrees with field named in Veterinary Medicine.

Your sub-committee has also considered the question of the propriety of continuing to offer the Doctor of Philosophy degree with field named in the medical and allied sciences. The sub-committee would recommend that the Executive Committee consider the advisability of the discontinuance of this plan.

Sincerely yours,

Maurice B. Visscher (s)

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January 5, 1953

Professor Martin Roepke
Veta 301C (StP)

Dear Professor Roepke:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Graduate School held on December 18, 1952, certain matters pertaining to the field of Veterinary Science were brought before the committee from the graduate group committee for agricultural sciences. Since I believe the questions originally came from you to the group committee, I think it proper to send you the official minutes of the Executive Committee in reference to this matter. They are as follows:

"Dr. Geddes presented a recommendation from the Group Committee for Agricultural Sciences that a minor in a specific area of Veterinary Medicine be designated by the term Veterinary Science followed in parentheses by the name of the specific field. Students taking such a minor would be majoring in the husbandry fields--dairy husbandry, animal husbandry, poultry husbandry. The staff in Veterinary Medicine feel that the general designation 'Veterinary Medicine' has two disadvantages:

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I should be glad, as I am sure Dr. Geddes also would be, to discuss the problem further with you if you wish.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Elegen
Dean

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cc: Dr. W. F. Geddes
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