REPORT (Corrected Version) OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN--MILWAUKEE GRADUATE COMMITTEE
ON
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"Considerations Concerning Extension of Master's Program to the Milwaukee Campus"

Document 102 about which we are reporting was placed upon the calendar of the January 14, 1960, meeting of the UW-M Faculty. Actually its content was made known to most of the department chairmen at an open meeting of our committee held during November, 1959. The purpose of the present report is now to furnish the entire faculty with background material for this document and then to answer any questions raised concerning the document.

It is to be recalled that "A Summary Report of the Actions Leading to the Establishment of the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee," the "White Book," makes no specific provision for the extension of graduate work in Milwaukee beyond that which existed at the Wisconsin State College and at the Milwaukee Extension Division prior to the merger. During the past three years our committee has made repeated efforts to obtain some official clarification of the matter.

On May 15, 1957, President Elvehjem, then Dean of the Graduate School, came by invitation to our committee meeting at which he was asked a number of questions as to the present and future of graduate work at Milwaukee. On April 30, 1959, Dean Willard came by invitation to a committee luncheon and open meeting, and he too was questioned regarding the future of graduate work at Milwaukee. The answers given to these questions by both deans were recorded in our committee minutes, copies of which were distributed among interested faculty members at that time.

These questions and answers pointed up the need for an officially approved procedure which could be applied uniformly to guide the future development of graduate work in Milwaukee. A preliminary statement of a possible procedure was drawn up during June, 1959, by Dean Willard and his associates. Our committee, through its chairman, was then consulted, and subsequently the statement of procedure was revised twice to incorporate some of our suggestions. After the revised statement was examined by our entire committee, a version incorporating some additional suggestions of our committee was drafted (UW-M Fac. Doc. 102) and on October 12, 1959, adopted by the Administrative Committee of the Graduate School.

May we point out that the participation of our committee in these discussions was not by any legal right of the committee. For, after all, we are only an elected committee of the UW-M Faculty, a faculty which has no jurisdiction over graduate work. Rather, our participation was due to the courtesy of Dean Willard in inviting us to help formulate the new procedure. Indeed throughout the discussions he showed friendliness and patience, and eagerness to learn our point of view.

The new procedure has already been tested in action. Under it, several history courses have been approved for master's degrees in history and in history and education and a number of additional mathematics courses have been approved for master's degrees in mathematics and in mathematics and education. In addition, one or two other departments have been negotiating or intend to negotiate soon for master's degree programs in their fields. In these matters our committee would be glad to advise any departments which would like its help.

We believe that the document provides a fundamentally sound procedure for a gradual and orderly expansion of graduate work in the Milwaukee area. This expansion will not necessarily be patterned after the graduate work at Madison, but is more likely to be influenced by the higher educational needs arising from the metropolitan character of Greater Milwaukee. In fact, this is the area in which we have our greatest opportunities and would be more likely to win the approval of the graduate faculty.

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