

PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

(Notes formulated as a basis for discussion)

The questions may be divided conveniently into four classes dealing with:-

- (I) Specific questions demanding urgent attention and reform under any circumstances whatever.
- (II) Suggestions of a general character, but having an important bearing on administration and curriculum.
- (III) Those policies and problems of the Faculty which are dependent ultimately upon increased financial resources for their fulfilment or solution.
- (IV) The important basic policies applicable to the graduate work of all departments in the university:- A few sound policies which should be maintained as permanent, traditional, and distinctive features of McGill procedure and reputation.

(I) Specific questions demanding consideration now.

- (1) Greater freedom in regard to lecture and colloquium requirements is recommended by many members of the Faculty.

What is the general opinion in regard to this question?

In what manner should these requirements be covered by regulation?

Is it not true that the present regulations in this matter bear heavily and unfairly upon those departments which require for their graduate studies neither extensive continued training in Mathematics, nor laboratory technique?

Is it not true that some of the departments of Science also view these regulations with marked disfavour?

Should the regulations contain anything beyond the provision that the desires of the department in this matter should be submitted for report to an Executive Committee, and then for approval to the Faculty?

- (2) The evaluation of work done elsewhere by students in connection with the requirements of our Graduate Faculty is considered by many to be primarily a question for the department concerned.

Should the regulations contain... etc., etc. (See Sec. 1).

- (3) Is it not true that the relative importance of theses and other requirements is necessarily different in the several departments?

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(It is assumed that each department will be required to publish in detail, in the Bulletin, its local regulations as approved by the Executive Committee).