

Report #99-1: Graduate Council

C. Lajeunesse noted that there was a replacement page for page 78 which listed an amended motion to be approved. R. Mendelson presented the report on behalf of the Graduate Council. She reviewed the process of obtaining graduate approval, noting that at present this proposal was before Academic Council prior to its going to O.C.G.S. where it would be reviewed for academic quality. Subsequent to this review, the proposal would then be returned to the Finance Committee of the Board of Governors for financial viability studies.

R. Mendelson then reviewed the various aspects of the proposal which involved a joint Masters in Science and Engineering in Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, and a joint Masters in Engineering and Ph.D. program in Electrical and Computer Engineering with Daltech Dalhousie University.

A motion was put forward to approve the proposal as presented by R. Mendelson, and seconded by D. Northwood.

R. Mendelson noted that S. Boctor and M. Zeytinoglu were present to answer questions from Academic Council.

P. Tretter enquired what the process would be for approval at Dalhousie. R. Mendelson noted that Dalhousie would participate in the Ontario process approval and reciprocal assistance would also be provided.

J. Hicks enquired regarding the terms of arrangements. R. Mendelson noted that there is a memorandum of understanding being developed. Most likely a seven year review would be built into the process.

M. Doucet enquired regarding the distance between Toronto and Halifax and whether any other special proposals being put into place. D. Northwood indicated that Dalhousie had wanted to work with Ryerson due to similar interests and backgrounds. He noted that both institutions wanted to make this proposal work. The program may involve students going for one semester to Halifax; however, the details were yet to be finalised.

R. Haines enquired what the time table was for phasing in of these programs. R. Mendelson responded that depending on the progress through O.C.G.S., it was hoped the programs would be in place for the year 2000 or 2001.

I. Levine enquired whether this proposal was similar to the joint degree proposal for Communications which had been previously passed by Academic Council. D. Northwood responded in the affirmative.

The motion was passed.