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Please Call Regrets to 474-6892 or meg_brolley@umanitoba.ca

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August 1, 2007

TO: Mr. Jeff Leclerc, University Secretary, Office of the University Secretary

FROM: Ms. Andrea Kailer, Confidential Assistant to the Associate Deans
Faculty of Graduate Studies

RE: Motions from the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies

XC: File – c/o Ms. Joyce Culligan, Executive Assistant to the Dean, FGS

The following supplemental regulations of the Master of Business Administration program were passed by Faculty Council of Graduate Studies. Please include them on your September 2007 Senate agenda, as they were unintentionally omitted from the report sent to you on May 23, 2007.

For Approval:

MOTION THAT Faculty Council endorse the Guidelines and Policy Committee recommendations that the Asper MPA supplemental regulations be open to individuals holding a general 3 year bachelors degree or better and forward to Senate for approval. (From the April 5, 2007 Report of the Executive Ctte. of FGS)

MOTION THAT Faculty Council endorse the Guidelines and Policy Committee recommendations that the MBA Regular Admissions be competitively open to individuals with a previous cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better, with appropriate professional experience and GMAT scores and forward to Senate for approval. (From the April 5, 2007 Report of the Executive Ctte. of FGS)

MOTION THAT Faculty Council endorse the Guidelines and Policy Committee recommendations that the MBA student be allowed to take up to 6.0 credit hours of 1000-2000 level undergraduate equivalent courses when considered beneficial and forward to Senate for approval. (From the April 5, 2007 Report of the Executive Ctte. of FGS)

Encl.

Comments of the Senate Executive Committee:
The Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.
Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies from the
meeting of April 5, 2007

Preamble:

The Executive Committee met on Thursday, April 5, 2007 and made the following
observations and recommendations:

Recommendations: (Note: For reference material please see corresponding Pg #’s.)

1. THAT Faculty Council endorse the Guidelines and Policy Committee’s
recommendation that the following proposed change be made to the Asper
MBA Supplemental Regulations: “Regular admission is competitively open
to individuals holding a general (3-year) bachelor’s degree of better” and
that it be forwarded to Senate for approval.

2. THAT Faculty Council endorse the Guidelines and Policy Committee’s
recommendation that the following proposed change be made to the Asper
MBA Supplemental Regulations: “Regular admission is competitively open
to individuals with a previous cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better, with
appropriate professional experience and GMAT scores” and that it be
forwarded to Senate for approval.

3. THAT Faculty Council endorse the Guidelines and Policy Committee’s
recommendation that the following proposed change be made to the Asper
MBA Supplemental Regulations: “Students may take up to 6.0 credit hours
of 1000-2000 level undergraduate equivalent courses when considered
beneficial” and that it be forwarded to Senate for approval.
Preamble

The Guidelines and Policy Committee is responsible for reviewing specific changes to Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) regulations and policies and makes recommendations to the Faculty Executive of Graduate Studies. The Committee met on March 13, 2007 and made the following recommendation in regards to the supplemental regulations of the Asper MBA program:

CHANGES TO THE ASPER MBA SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS

1. The FGS Academic Guide states that “Applicants must hold ... a four year bachelor’s degree (or academically equivalent program) from an academic institution recognized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.” The supplemental regulation of the Asper MBA is proposed as follows:
   ➢ “Regular admission is competitively open to individuals holding a general [3 year] bachelors degree or better.”

2. The FGS Academic Guide states that “Applicants must hold ... a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent) based on the last 60 credit hours (or two full years or equivalent) of university study.” The supplemental regulation of the Asper MBA is proposed as follows:
   ➢ “Regular admission is competitively open to individuals with a previous cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better, with appropriate professional experience and GMAT scores.”

3. The FGS Academic Guide states that “[X amount of] credit hours [must be] at the 7000 level or above with the balance of coursework at the 3000 level or above, or in exceptional circumstances and upon approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies, the 2000 level.” The supplemental regulation of the Asper MBA is proposed as follows:
   ➢ “Students may take up to 6.0 credit hours of 1000-2000 level undergraduate equivalent courses when considered beneficial.”

4. The FGS Academic Guide states that “In general, supplemental exams are not permitted to students in the Master’s or Ph.D. program.” The supplemental regulation of the Asper MBA is proposed as follows:
   ➢ “Students may be granted one supplemental exam when considered beneficial.”
5. The FGS Academic Guide states that “Student progress shall be reported annually to the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the “Annual Progress Report Form.” The supplemental regulation of the Asper MBA is proposed as follows:
   > “One consolidated annual student performance list can be submitted in lieu of individual reports for those students that are performing satisfactorily in the program.”

Observations:

Please refer to Attach. 1a.

Recommendation

The Guidelines and Policy Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies recommends that the Faculty Executive of Graduate Studies endorse the supplemental regulations of the Asper MBA as outlined above and in Attach. 1a.

This report was endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on April 5, 2007.
To: Dr. Jay Doering, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies
From: Dr. Charles Mossman, Associate Dean, Asper School of Business
Re: Revised Asper MBA Regulations
Date: February 9, 2007

As requested, please find enclosed reformatted and updated MBA Supplementary Regulations for Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) approval.

The document, for the most part, is a restatement of the MBA Program’s April 2005 Regulations, simply reformatted to comply with FGS’s recently developed common template. That said, it also details and formalizes a number of historical policy understandings/practices with FGS administration that were not properly captured in the April 2005 document and have been subject to FGS concerns of late. These understandings, which by and large, predate the arrival of the School’s current program administrators, and which are essential for the effective and competitive running of the program, include:

- regular admission is competitively open to individuals holding a general bachelors degree or better;
- regular admission is competitively open to individuals with a previous cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better, with appropriate professional experience and GMAT scores;
- students may take up to 6.0 credit hours of 100-200 level undergraduate equivalent courses when considered beneficial;
- students may be granted one supplemental exam when considered beneficial; and
- one consolidated annual student performance list can be submitted in lieu of individual reports for those students that are performing satisfactorily in the program.

The regulation variances, now formalized in the document enclosed, are a product and a necessity of the unique or contrasting nature of the MBA with respect to FGS’s other more traditional research-based programs. The MBA is a 60 credit hour, course-based, cross-disciplinary, centrally administered program, with a pre-masters component embedded in its requirements and offerings. As such, it has in past been open to three-year degree applicants and to individuals with previous GPA’s below 3.0, and has been allowed to permit 100-200 level undergraduate equivalents when warranted by the situation. The supplemental exam variance dates back to the former MBA Manitoba, and the need to quickly address a student’s deficiency quickly inside a one-year integrated schedule. Finally, the consolidated annual performance report justification relates to the 100% course-based nature of the program and the absence of individual advisors; little is achieved through submitting individual annual progress reports for the time and cost incurred.
In the submission, which was approved by the MBA Program Committee on February 6th, please find the additions/variances to the April 2005 document highlighted in red. In green, we highlighted the section that pertains to the definition of full-time status in the MBA – this section is tentative as it awaits issue resolution between Simone Hernandez-Ramdwar and Neil Marnoch, Registrar (as per Ewa Morphy’s e-mail request dated February 7, 2007). Please let Ewa Morphy know if you would like this sent over electronically.

Your attention to and consideration of these revisions is much appreciated.

Cc: Steve James, Executive Director, Asper MBA
    Ewa Morphy, Graduate Program Manager, Asper Graduate Programs
5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

i) Executive Committee Report – December 1, 2006

a) New courses and courses changes were recommended for approval in the Faculties of Social Work, Agricultural and Food Sciences, Human Ecology, Engineering, Science, Graduate Studies and Arts.

MOTION KROEGER/FERGUSON THAT Faculty Council of Graduate Studies endorse the Programs and Planning Committee’s recommendation that the proposed course changes in the Faculties of Social Work, Agriculture, Human Ecology, Engineering, Science, Graduate Studies, Arts. be forwarded to Senate for approval.

CARRIED.

ii) Executive Committee Report – February 1, 2007

a) New courses and courses changes were recommended for approval in the Faculties of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Human Ecology.

MOTION ABRAHAMS/BROWN THAT Faculty Council of Graduate Studies endorse the Programs and Planning Committee’s recommendation that the proposed course in the Faculties of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Human Ecology be approved and forwarded to Senate.

CARRIED.

iii) Executive Committee Report – March 5, 2007

a) New courses and courses changes were recommended for approval in Faculty of Medicine.

MOTION KROEGER/MCLACHLAN THAT Faculty Council endorse the Programs and Planning Committee’s recommendation that the proposed course changes in the Faculty of Medicine be approved and forwarded to Senate.

CARRIED.

iv) Executive Committee Report – April 5, 2007

a) MBA Supplemental Regulations – Regular Admissions; 3 yr Bachelors: The FGS Academic Guide states that “applicants” must hold... a four year bachelor’s degree (or academically equivalent program) from an academic institution recognized by the Faculty of...
Graduate Studies.” The Asper Faculty has proposed that the regular admission be competitively open to individuals holding a general 3 year bachelor's degree or better.

Comments:
- typo pg. 29 Agenda material: #1 .... bachelor's degree OR better
- concern that this was a large # of credit hours (60) to take in one year; the response was that the norm was to take the program in 3 yrs; also noted that bulk of work can be different from program to program.

MOTION MONDOR/MOUSSAVI THAT Faculty Council endorse the Guidelines and Policy Committee recommendations that the Asper MBA supplementary regulations be open to individuals holding a general 3 year bachelor's degree or better and forward to Senate for approval.

CARRIED.

b) MBA Supplemental Regulations - Regular Admissions competitively open: The FGS Academic Guide states that Applicants must hold ".... a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent) based on the last 60 credit hours (or two full years or equivalent) of university study." The Asper Faculty has proposed that regular admissions be competitively open to those with a previous cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better, with appropriate professional experience and GMAT Scores.

MOTION MONDOR/MOUSSAVI THAT Faculty Council endorse the Guidelines and Policy Committee recommendations that the MBA Regular Admissions be competitively open to individuals with a previous cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better, with appropriate professional experience and GMAT scores and forward to Senate for approval.

CARRIED.

c) MBA Supplemental Regulations - 6.0 credit hours of 1000-2000 level: The FGS Academic Guide states that "[X amount of] credits hours [must be] at the 7000 level or above with the balance of coursework at the 3000 level or above, or in exceptional circumstances, and upon approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the 2000 level." The supplemental regulations of the Asper Faculty has proposed that student may take up to 6.0 credit hours of 1000-2000 level undergraduate equivalent courses when considered beneficial.

MOTION MONDOR/MOUSSAVI THAT Faculty Council endorse the Guidelines and Policy Committee recommendations that MBA student be allowed to take up to 6.0 credit hours of 1000-2000 level undergraduate equivalent courses when considered beneficial and forward to Senate for approval.

CARRIED.

d) MBA Supplemental Regulations - supplemental exam: The FGS Academic Guide states that "In general, supplemental exams are not permitted to students in the Master’s or Ph.D. program." The Asper Faculty has proposed that the MBA students be granted one supplemental exam when considered beneficial.

MOTION MONDOR/MOUSSAVI THAT Faculty Council approve the Guidelines and Policy Committee recommendations that the MBA students be granted one supplemental exam when considered beneficial.

CARRIED.

e) MBA Supplemental Regulations - annual student performance list: The FGS Academic Guide states that "Student progress shall be reported annually to the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the Annual Progress Report form." The Asper Faculty has proposed that one consolidated annual student performance list be submitted in lieu of individual reports for those students that are performing satisfactorily in the program.
Senate Executive Comments on the Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies—April 5, 2007.

The Senate Executive Committee discussed the rationale behind the supplementary regulation changes for the MBA program of the Asper School of Business and accepts the position of the Faculty of Graduate Studies that this program is different from that of other Master's programs at the University as:

- the MBA program requires students to complete 60 credit hours rather than the 30 credit hours required of other one-year course-based Master's programs; and
- students in this program normally do not have an undergraduate degree in business; the MBA is normally taken as a generalist degree following the completion of a degree in another discipline.

It was clarified by Dean Doering that the proposed supplementary regulations:

- are in line with past practices and are consistent with procedures at other leading business schools; and
- take into consideration, within the admission criteria, strong indicators of success beyond undergraduate GPA, namely GMAT scores and an evaluation of each applicant's prior professional experience.

Finally, as the program is entirely course based and students do not have an individual advisor, it would be more efficient to send a consolidated annual progress report rather than individual progress reports on each student.

The Senate Executive Committee recognizes that changes to supplementary regulations within the Faculty of Graduate Studies that fall outside of the general requirements of Graduate Studies require serious consideration both to ensure appropriate standards and to be able to respond to the changing higher education environment and the needs and backgrounds of students from different disciplines with different experiences.

The Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.
August 22, 2007
Election of Senate Representatives to the Senate Executive Committee

1. One Senator elected by faculty/school councils need to be elected for a term ending May 31, 2010 to replace Professor Hawranik, whose term on the Executive Committee expired on May 31, 2007 with the end of her term on Senate.

(1) Eligible for election are:

(a) Members of Senate elected under section 27 (by faculty/school councils)

(2) Presently serving:

Prof. E. Etcheverry (Medical Rehabilitation) 2009
Prof. K. Coombs (Medicine) 2009
Prof. S. Prentice (Arts) 2008
Prof. John Page (Science) 2010
Prof. A. McNicol (Dentistry) 2008
Prof. M. Brabston (Management) 2008
Prof. T. Berry (Mathematics) 2009

(3) Procedures:

(a) Nominations for the position shall be received from the floor.

(b) Senators shall vote for no more than one candidate on the ballot provided.

(c) The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

(d) In the event of a tie, the question shall be resolved by another ballot involving those candidates who have tied.

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28 June 2007

To: Gustaf Sevenhuysen, Dean, Faculty of Human Ecology

From: Robert Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) & Provost

Re: Bachelor of Health Studies and Bachelor of Health Sciences

At its meeting of 13 June 2007, the COPSE Council approved the establishment of our proposed baccalaureate degrees in Health Studies and Health Sciences. In addition, the Council approved our request for ongoing, baseline funding for those programs in the amount of $64,200 in this fiscal year and $110,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 and all subsequent years. On behalf of the University, I extend sincere congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on this initiative.

I am pleased to authorize the implementation of this program with the first students beginning their studies in September 2007.

cc: Emőke J.E. Szathmáry, President
    Richard Lobdell, Vice-Provost
    Richard Sigurdson, Dean, Faculty of Arts
    Mark Whitmore, Dean, Faculty of Science
    Neil Marnoch, Registrar
    Jeff Leclerc, University Secretary
REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

Preamble

Terms of reference for the Senate Committee on Awards include the following responsibility:

On behalf of Senate, to approve and inform Senate of all new offers and amended offers of awards that meet the published guidelines presented to Senate on November 3, 1999, and as thereafter amended by Senate. Where, in the opinion of the Committee, acceptance is recommended for new offers and amended offers which do not meet the published guidelines or which otherwise appear to be discriminatory under the policy on the Non-Acceptance of Discriminatory Scholarships, Bursaries or Fellowships, such offers shall be submitted to Senate for approval. (Senate, April 5, 2000)

Observation

In an electronic poll conducted between August 1 and August 9, 2007, the Senate Committee on Awards approved two new offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report.

Recommendation

On behalf of Senate, the Senate Committee on Awards recommends that the Board of Governors approve two new offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards (dated August 9, 2007). These award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and are reported to Senate for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Rick Baydack
Chair, Senate Committee on Awards
Appendix A

MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AWARDS
August 9, 2007

(i) NEW OFFERS

REESA COHEN PRIZE IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Reesa Cohen (Cert. Ed./65; M.L.S/94, Syracuse University) and family have established an endowment fund, with an initial gift of $10,220, at the University of Manitoba. The award reflects Reesa's interest in children's literature and the role it plays in the development of literacy. Reesa promoted children's literature throughout her career as an educator in the Faculty of Education and in public schools, as a board member for Teacher Librarian: the Journal of School Library Professionals, and as a member of the Canadian National Library Association's selection committee for the Amelia Francis Howard-Gibbon Award for Excellence in Illustration. The fund will be used to offer a prize for students in the Faculty who share Reesa's interest in children's literature. Each year, one prize valued at $300 will be offered to a student who:

1. has successfully completed the requirements for one of the following programs:
   a. After Degree Bachelor of Education: Early Years, Middle Years (Including a Weekend College Middle Years Scheduling Option) and Senior Years;
   b. Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Education Integrated degree;
   c. Bachelor of Human Ecology/Bachelor of Education Integrated degree; OR
   d. Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Education program.

2. has achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5;

3. has achieved the highest grade in EDUB 1720 - Literature for Children among those students who meet criteria (1) and (2).

In the case of a tie, the award shall be given to the student who has attained the highest degree grade point average.

At the discretion of the Head of the Department of Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning, and based on a request from the instructor of EDUB 1720 - Literature for Children or EDUB 1710 - Literature for Adolescents, the balance of the interest earned on the endowment fund in any given year may be used to offer an honorarium to a visiting guest author or illustrator from the area of Children's Literature.

The selection committee will be the Academic Standing Committee of the Faculty of Education and will include a representative of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Education program.

GLASSEN ETHICS ESSAY COMPETITION

Dr. Harold Kalant has established a fund at the University of Manitoba to honour the memory of Dr. Peter Glassen. The fund will be used to offer prizes to winners of the annual Glassen Ethics Essay Competition. The objectives of the competition include: increasing high school students' awareness of the field of ethics and encouraging students to study ethics at university. Two prizes will be offered to students who:

1. are enrolled in Grade 11 or Grade 12 at a Manitoba high school;

2. submit one of the top two essays (maximum 1200 words), as determined by the selection committee, to the Glassen Ethics Essay Competition.
The first place winner and the library at his or her school will each receive a prize of $300. The second place winner and the library at his or her school will each receive a prize of $200. The Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics and the Department of Philosophy will provide additional funds, as necessary, to cover the cost of the prizes and the cost of holding the Competition.

Each year, the selection committee will establish the questions for the Competition.

The selection committee will be named by the Head of the Department of Philosophy and the Director of the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics.
August 22, 2007

Report of the Senate Executive Committee

Preamble

The Executive Committee of Senate held its regular monthly meeting on the above date.

Observations

1. Speaker for the Executive Committee of Senate

Professor Mary Brabston will be the Speaker for the Executive Committee for the September meeting of Senate.

2. Comments of the Executive Committee of Senate

Other comments of the Executive Committee accompany the report on which they are made.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Emőke Szathmary, Chair
Senate Executive Committee

Terms of Reference:
http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/governance/sen_committees/477.htm

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Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee on a proposed
designation of an Alternative Village Laboratory Site

Preamble

1. The Terms of Reference for the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee (SPPC) are found in section 8.32 of the Senate Handbook, wherein SPPC is charged to make recommendations to Senate regarding physical plant development.

2. SPPC discussed the proposed designation of an Alternative Village Laboratory Site at the August 7, 2007 meeting as supported by the Space Planning sub-committee of SPPC.

Observations

1. SPPC reviewed the Alternative Village Laboratory Site proposal as presented by Mr. Randall Kinley, Executive Assistant to Associate Vice-President (Administration) and Dr. Ron Britton, Associate Dean (Design Education), Faculty of Engineering. The purpose of this proposal is to provide a physical location for the construction of small test structures for research into alternate building materials and envelope systems. Currently there are no known sites where test structures are exposed to the environmental conditions found in the northern prairies.

2. The research conducted at this proposed site would contribute to developing building codes for the use of alternative building materials not currently covered in building codes. The proposed structures would be of a temporary nature and would be removed when data collection was complete. The Alternative Village would be designated as a laboratory site as the structures would be up for a short duration of time and be investigational in nature. The structures would be used for both laboratory and teaching purposes.

3. The proposed site is located adjacent to a residential area and this has been taken into consideration with respect to the current structures on the site (strawbale building and fabric covered arch). All subsequent structures will also be mindful of the neighbouring residents.

Recommendations:

SPPC recommends that the Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Designation of an Alternative Village Laboratory Site as outlined in the attached proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Hunter, Chair, Senate Planning and Priorities Committee
Eduard Epp, MRAIC, Chair, Space Planning Sub-committee

Comments of the Senate Executive Committee:
The Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.
To: Prof. Ed Epp, Chair, SPPC space sub-committee

From: Randall Kinley, Executive Assistant to the Associate Vice-President (Administration)

Re: Designation of Alternative Village laboratory site

Further to our meeting yesterday, on behalf of the Alternative Village steering committee I am writing to seek the SPPC space sub-committee’s recommendation at the August 7 SPPC meeting that the proposed site be approved for the Alternative Village laboratory.

Attached are:

1. The Alternative Village document describing the concept and vision of the Alternative Village proposal.
2. Fort Garry Campus map showing the proposed location of the Village.
3. Sketch and plot of revised layout to the Village.
4. Summary of projects being considered in the near term.

Please contact me at 474-9226 should you have any questions or require further information.

Thanks for your attention to this.

cc: Ron Britton, Biosystems Engineering
    Kris Dick, Biosystems Engineering
    Jeff Leclerc, University Secretary
The Alternative Village

Integrating hands-on learning, research, testing, and community outreach within a “Unique Campus Village Setting”

There is an ever-increasing interest in alternative approaches to the current vernacular with respect to buildings, energy and waste management. This has been expressed by students, broader society, industry and the research community. The reasons for this tend to range from general interest to a real need to address the changing economic and ecological environment in which we live.

The completion of the Biosystems Strawbale Research Facility (BSRF) establishes the physical presence of the utilization of alternative building materials and techniques on the campus of the University of Manitoba. While this structure is unique to Canada and should be celebrated, it is considered to be the anchor of a broader concept that its proponents have chosen to call the Alternative Village.

The BSRF is located on the west side of the campus south of service road 2SW on a site that was formerly a storage yard for physical plant. The proposed Alternative Village would see this site used to develop a number of small satellite structures that would be anchored by the BSRF. The purpose of these out-buildings will be multi-fold (Fig.1):

1. These structures, each with a footprint of approximately 400 square-feet (20' x 20'), will be used to demonstrate the use of various building materials. These materials would range from Stackwall, cob, light clay, timberframe, to insulated concrete forms (ICF) and fabric-covered structures.

2. These structures will all be part of a broad research programme that will investigate building material behaviour in northern climates, the use of alternative energy techniques for heating, cooling and lighting and the thermal performance of building systems.

3. The structures will be of sufficient size to accommodate small groups for purposes of seminars and other educational activities.

Fig.1: Village Site Map
The arrangement of the structures illustrated in Fig. 1 will ultimately create a village feeling with a main street running through it. It is proposed that development begin at the east end of the site and gradually migrate to the west end. The main entrance to the village will be located at the west end of the site with the east or back entrance having restricted access.

There is already interest and support for this concept. The first structure being proposed is an insulated concrete form (ICF) building that will be constructed with the support of the Manitoba Ready Mix Concrete Association and ICF manufacturers. Four ICF producers have offered their support to construct a 20-foot square structure located as shown in Fig. 1. This building will be used to investigate the thermal behaviour of insulated concrete forms. The concrete slab on which the walls will be constructed will be made with various admixtures in the concrete to study their effect on solar gain and radiant heat capacity. Professor Mark West, U of Manitoba Faculty of Architecture, has expressed interest in working with the group to create a roof using fabric-formed concrete. The structure will be located to take advantage of solar gain and incorporate photovoltaic panels for electricity generation. The overall height of this structure will be less than 12-feet above existing grade.

A second structure, a fabric-covered arch structure, has been offered by Hi-Qual manufacturing in conjunction with ongoing research being conducted by Dr. Kris Dick, P.Eng. of Biosystems Engineering. Aside from the use of the structure for teaching activities, the principle focus is the study of a proprietary foundation/anchorage system. The overall height of this structure is less than 17-feet, which is below the height of the trees that run along the south side of site.

Some of the other structures proposed for the site include a metal-framed greenhouse using alternative materials for insulation and solar energy for heating and electricity. This will build on ongoing research in Biosystems Engineering. Stackwall or Cordwood masonry has a long history at the University of Manitoba beginning in the 1970’s. Requests for information about this building technique continue to come in along with courses that teach the technique. A timberframe company in Manitoba has already offered to erect one of their structures on the site linked to ongoing research conducted by K. Dick in Biosystems. This structure will provide an opportunity to study the interaction of various wall systems with traditional timberframe.

The proponents of this village concept are not aware of another facility of this nature between central Ontario and the west coast of Canada. While there are examples of “eco-villages” and “farms” elsewhere within Canada and in the United States there are none within North America that are located in the northern prairie climate of Manitoba. Before alternative building materials can find code and design-professional acceptance for application in northern climates, their structural, thermal and moisture performance must be examined within the environment of the
prairies to provide the necessary databases based on solid research.

The village layout lends itself well to hosting workshops, seminars and day courses that facilitate continued professional and academic co-operation toward goals that are important to the surrounding community. Each building will be able to serve both as a working laboratory and classroom, creating a dynamic environment for both education and product, materials and technical research and development.

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Alternative Village Location

Biosystems Engineering Strawbale Research Facility (065)
Summary of Alternative Village Activities - July 2007

While the alternative village is in its infancy there have been a couple of developments that would see it come into its own in short order. One of the principal purposes of the Alternative Village is to provide physical space for the construction of small test structures for research into alternate building materials and envelope systems. This research will provide data and insight into building systems that can be used by code officials for evaluating equivalency within current code requirements. The need for the Alternative Village to be classified as a lab is to allow this research to take place. Activities, proposed structures and timelines have been summarized in point form below:

1. In January 2007 a proposal went to Manitoba Hydro for operational support for the Alternative Village. The funding request was for the administrative component of the village. This would include establishing funded positions for a Coordinator, Director and half-time administrative support. The proposal was accepted with matched funding for $82,000.00 over two years. Access to this funding is contingent on finding matching financial support from other sectors.

2. Proposed buildings that are currently scheduled are:
   a.) An R2000 standard building to provide a benchmark for other structures on the site,
   b.) A solar greenhouse for research in Biosystems Engineering
   Timeframe: Planned for construction summer of 2007

3. The log-builders association has proposed a log building to monitor moisture behaviour and thermal performance.
   Timeframe: Planned for construction Fall of 2007

4. Ready Mix Concrete Association proposed an Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) structure.
   This has been in negotiation for some time and is tentatively planned for the spring of 2008

There are other activities on the site that are not building-specific and are taking place within the Biosystems Engineering Strawbale Research Facility. These include:
   a.) Research on Evacuated Tube Solar Hot Water Heating
   b.) Research on Waster Water Heat Recovery systems
   c.) Annual Northern Climates Alternative Building Design Day - September of each year
   d.) Cob Building Workshop - July 22-25, 2007
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Jeff Leclerc, University Secretary

FROM: Joanne C. Keselman, Vice-President (Research) and Chair, Senate Committee on University Research

DATE: July 17, 2007

SUBJECT: Periodic Review of Research Centres and Institutes: Legal Research Institute

Attached is the report on Legal Research Institute conducted by the Senate Committee on University Research, according to the Policy on Research Centres, Institutes and Groups.

Please include this report and recommendation on the next Senate agenda. Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Thank you.

JCK/nis
Encl.

Comments of the Senate Executive Committee:
The Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.
The Senate Committee on University Research:
Report on the Review of the Legal Research Institute (LRI)

Preamble:

1. The Policy Research Centres, Institutes and Groups, stipulates that all research centres/institutes be reviewed by the Senate Committee on University research (SCUR) on a periodic basis but not less than once every five years. Accordingly and following the approval by Senate of the Policy, the Senate Committee on University Research established a schedule for the review of all research centres/institutes.

2. For each research centre/institute identified for review, a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on University Research was established. In accordance with the Policy, the task of each sub-committee was to recommend to SCUR on whether a formal, independent review committee should be struck to conduct a full review. If a sub-committee was of the view that a full review of a specific research centre/institute was not warranted, it was further charged with recommending to SCUR on the continuance or termination of the research centre/institute.

Observations:

1. The review process followed that which is outlined in section 3.3.1 of the Policy, and involved a review of annual reports of the Legal Research Institute as well as a report prepared by the centre director which contained:
   - A description of how and why the Legal Research Institute has achieved or revised its original objectives; a listing of its research and training accomplishments; and a detailed financial statement;
   - An letter of support from the Dean of Law;
   - The names of individuals who could provide external assessments of the research centre/institute.

2. The membership of the sub-committee was as follows: Karen Grant, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs), Chair, Jay Doering (Faculty of Graduate Studies), and Rick Linden (Faculty of Arts, Department of Sociology).

3. The Legal Research Institute (LRI) was created to stimulate and facilitate legal research within the University. Research is disseminated through papers and texts. The Institute sponsors conferences, workshops, and seminars, as well as undertake research on commission on provincial or national law reform.

The Executive Director of the LRI is M.Michelle Galant, who is also the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Law. The Institute employs one administrative support person. The board is comprised of faculty members and a representative from the Manitoba Law Foundation.

The LRI receives in-kind contributions from the Faculty of Law. An annual allocation of $50,000 is received yearly from the Manitoba Law Foundation, the sole funding source of the Legal Research Institute. This year, the Manitoba Law Foundation increased their support by 20%, to a total of $60,000.
4. The assessment of the sub-committee was as follows:

The sub-committee concluded from its review that the Legal Research Institute supports research and scholarly work of the faculty within law and related fields such as criminology. Further, the Centre's five-year plan indicates the Institute will continue to support research and researchers in accordance with its mission and objectives. The plan also includes a proposal to develop a website that will allow the Institute to enhance its outreach. Also proposed is including the LRI in national and international databases. The Director of the Legal Research Institute indicated that there have been approximately 170 academic articles, books, and other publications since the establishment of the Institute. The LRI is a founding contributor to the *Asper Review of International Business and Trade Law (Volumes 1-5)* and *Under the Golden Boy*.

The sub-committee noted that the Institute employs approximately ten law students each year as research assistants. The Institute also funds, on average, six to eight researchers on an annual basis. This funding is in support of approximately 12-15 research projects. The LRI has also supported a small number of visiting professors.

5. At the May 15, 2007, meeting of SCUR, the sub-committee recommended and SCUR approved the recommendation that a full review of the research centre was not warranted and that the Legal Research Institute should continue for a five-year period.

Recommendation:

On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Research, I am recommending to Senate:

*That the Legal Research Institute continue for a five year period, beginning July 1, 2007 until June 30, 2012.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne C. Keselman
Vice-President (Research)
And Chair, Senate Committee on University Research
TO: Mr. Jeff Leclerc, University Secretary
FROM: Joanne C. Keselman, Vice-President (Research) and Chair, Senate Committee on University Research
DATE: July 26, 2007
SUBJECT: Periodic Review of Research Centres and Institutes: Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute

Attached is the report on the review of the Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute conducted by the Senate Committee on University Research, according to the Policy on Research Centres, Institutes, and Groups.

Please include this report and recommendation on the next Senate agenda. Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Thank you.

JCK/nis
Encl.
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY RESEARCH:
REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE HEALTH, LEISURE AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE (HLHPRI)

Preamble:

1. The Policy Research Centres, Institutes and Groups, stipulates that all research centres/institutes be reviewed by the Senate Committee on University research (SCUR) on a periodic basis but not less than once every five years. Accordingly and following the approval by Senate of the Policy, the Senate Committee on University Research established a schedule for the review of all research centres/institutes.

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Observations:

1. The review process followed that which is outlined in section 3.3.1 of the Policy, and involved a review of annual reports of the Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute (HLHPRI) as well as a report prepared by the centre director which contained:

   • A description of how and why HLHPRI has achieved or revised its original objectives; a detailed listing of its research and training accomplishments; a current membership list, and a detailed financial statement;

   • A five-year plan which identifies future research directions and development strategies;

   • An extensive compendium of letters of support from: Dr. Elizabeth Ready, Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management; Dr. Grant N. Pierce, Executive Director of Research, St. Boniface General Hospital, Assistant Dean (Research), Faculty of Medicine; Dr. Juliette E. Cooper, Interim Dean of Music and a host of research partner organizations and individuals from the academic, government, not-for-profit and private sectors.

2. The membership of the sub-committee was as follows: Dr. Johann de Vries, Chair (Faculty of Dentistry), Dr. Michael Freund (Department of Chemistry), Dr. Rick Linden (Department of Sociology), and Dr. Michael Trevan (Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences).

3. The vision of the HLHPRI is "to be recognized internationally as a leading centre for integrative research on health, leisure, and human performance." The Institute has five goals to help realize the vision. These goals focus on research, research training, and research dissemination. There are 29 Research Affiliates: 18 from Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management, 5 from the Faculty of Medicine, 1 from each of
the Faculty of Education and Management and 1 from the Departments of Sociology, Psychology, and Disability Studies. There is also one Research Affiliate from the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, University of Alberta. There are four Research Associates. These included three Professional Affiliates, the Director of Research at the Wellness Institute, a retired medical doctor from the United States Coast Guard, and a medical doctor working within the community.

Dr. Phillip Gardiner, Canada Research Chair in Physical Activity and Health Studies, has been the Director of the Institute since July 2002. In this position, he reports to the Dean of Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management. A Research Institute Council is responsible for decision-making within the institute. Its membership includes: the Director, Assistant to the Director, all Research Affiliates, Research Associates, Professional Affiliates, and a graduate student representative. Decision-making is done using a consensus model of decision-making. There is also an Advisory Board comprised of persons from the corporate, government, not-for-profit, and academic sectors. The Board, through their respective networks, encourage research activities of the Institute.

Funding for the Institute comes from a variety of sources, including baseline funding and endowment funds. Other funds are received from the University’s a variety of research grants and contracts from outside sponsors.

4. The assessment of the sub-committee was as follows:

The sub-committee concluded from its review that the Health Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute has met its overall goals and objectives which are to create an environment to promote research in health, leisure behaviour and human performance, conduct and disseminate original research, and to provide opportunities for students and promote collaboration and interdisciplinary activity.

The HLHPRI shows a productive record in research, with members having published just under 600 books, chapters, referred publications, abstracts and presentation. Members have also have over 450 professional publications and presentation and over 80 technical reports. The Institute has received grant and contract funding in excess of $13,000,000 over the review period. The HLHPRI had a small grants program, which awarded 18 researchers over $66,000 in funding. The Institute also awarded 16 students over $6,000 in travel awards. There are many partnerships with the Institute; the most recent is Dr. Janice Forsyth in the position of Aboriginal Scholar in Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation. This partnership is with the Manitoba’s Departments of Culture, Heritage and Tourism, and Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, as well as Sport Manitoba.

The Institute has provided employment for 31 undergraduate and 60 graduate students. There have been 50 Master of Arts and Master of Science who have completed their degree between 1999 and 2005. The Director of the Institute took the lead in a joint proposal for a Ph.D. program in Applied Health Sciences. This program includes the Faculties of Physical Education and Recreation Studies, Human Ecology, and Nursing, and the Department of Medical Rehabilitation in the Faculty of Medicine.

The Institute has been very active in terms of research dissemination and service. A highlight of which is organizing the first ever North American Indigenous Games.
Research Symposium. The Institute also hosted visiting scholars, the Research Seminar Series, and an Institute website.

5. At the May 15, 2007 meeting of SCUR, the sub-committee recommended and SCUR approved the recommendation that a full review of the research centre was not warranted and that, the Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute (HLHPRI) should continue for a five-year period.

Recommendation:

On behalf of the Senate Committee on University Research, I am recommending to Senate:

That the Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute continue for a five-year period,

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Joanne C. Keselman
Vice-President (Research)
And Chair, Senate Committee on University Research
July 30, 2007

TO: Mr. Jeff Leclerc, University Secretary

FROM: Joanne C. Keselman, Vice-President (Research) and Chair, Senate Committee on University Research

SUBJECT: Proposal to Establish The Gerry McDole Professorship in Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba

Attached, please find a proposal for the establishment of the Gerry McDole Professorship from the Faculty of Medicine. The purpose of this proposed professorship is to support the conduct of research in health service delivery and/or health policy development with the goal of improving the health care delivery of health care services to rural, remote and under-served populations in Manitoba.

The proposal is supported by the Senate Committee on University Research along with Dr. Robert Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost. Accordingly, I would ask that you place this proposal on the next agenda of Senate for its consideration. Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Thank you.

JCK/wc
attach.

Comments of the Senate Executive Committee:
The Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.
May 4, 2007

Dr. Robert Kerr  
Vice-President (Academic)  
208 Administration Building  
University of Manitoba  
Fort Garry Campus

Dear Dr. Kerr:

Please find, attached, the terms of reference for the donation from Astra Zeneca for a Professorship in Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba. On the recommendation of Ms Elaine Goldie, VP (External) and Dr. Patrick Choy, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Medicine, I am proposing the establishment of the Geny McDole Professorship.

In December, 2003, we received $500,000 from Astra Zeneca to establish the Gerry McDole Fellowship in Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba. This fellowship was established in honour of their retiring president, Mr. Gerry McDole. In 2005, an additional gift of $500,000 was received from the donor for the purpose of generating an adequate amount of funding to be able to attract qualified candidates to conduct this research.

As outlined in the terms of reference attached, the purpose of the Professorship is to conduct research in health service delivery and/or health policy development with the goal to improving the health care delivery of healthcare services to rural, remote and undeserved populations of Manitoba.

The Professorship will be funded by interest accrued from the $1,000,000 received from Astra Zeneca. Academic faculty members working in the general area of health policy research and development in the Faculty of Medicine are eligible to apply for the award. The term of the award will be no greater than three years.

We appreciate the generosity of Astra Zeneca and their agreement of establishing this award as a Professorship. I support this proposal enthusiastically and without reservation.

Sincerely,

J. Dean Bandham, MD, FRCPC, FACP  
Dean

Attachment  
c.c. Dr. Patrick Choy, PhD, MD(Hon) FAHA, FIACS, Associate Dean(Research)
The Gerry McDole Professorship
In Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba
Terms of Reference

Name:
The Gerry McDole Professorship in Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba

History:
The University of Manitoba received $500,000 in December, 2003, and $500,000 in November 2005 from AstraZeneca as an endowment in honour of their retiring President, Gerry McDole, whose interest is to promote health service delivery and/or health policy development to improving the delivery of healthcare services to underserved populations of Manitoba. Through the interest earned from the $1,000,000 endowment fund, the University of Manitoba has established the Gerry McDole Professorship in Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba.

Purpose:
The Gerry McDole Professorship in Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba, will be used to support deserving new academic faculty members (within five years of their first academic appointment) in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, for research in health service delivery and/or health policy development with the goal to improving the delivery of healthcare services to rural, remote and underserved populations of Manitoba.

Amount:
The funds for the award will come from the interest earned on the endowment fund, with the minimum expected amount to be $50,000.

Term:
The term of the award will be no greater than three years. The awards committee may decide not to make any award if no suitable candidate can be identified. No other major award can be held by the candidate. The holder of the Chair should deliver a public lecture on health service delivery and/or health policy development during the first year of the Chair research program.

Criteria:
Academic Faculty members working in the general area of health policy research and development in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba are eligible to apply. The research must be relevant to the general goal to develop better approaches to the delivery of health services in rural, remote and underserved populations of Manitoba. The research will normally be conducted in the field and/or on site at the University of Manitoba.

Selection:
An awards committee will consist of the Dean of Medicine or his designate as Chair, the Associate Dean(Research), the Head of Community Health Sciences, and two representatives nominated by AstraZeneca. The criteria for selection are based on the excellence and track record of the candidate, and the "fit" of the proposal to the goals of the professorship. The awards committee will hold its meeting in Winnipeg.

Questions pertaining to the application and the timelines should be directed to Mrs. Terri Turner, Administrative Assistant, Faculty of Medicine Research Office, A108 Chown Building. Tel: (204) 789-3375.
**Timeline:**

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**Application Package:**

The following will be required as part of the candidate's application:

a. The CIHR application for New Investigators will be used for this competition. It should be completed by the applicant and the proposed Department in the appropriate sections.

b. Letters of reference from two individuals familiar with the applicant's work and the area of proposed research.

c. A letter of support from the Department Head and the Associate Dean(Academic).

d. Submit the completed application package on or before July 1 to:

   **Office of the Associate Dean(Research)**
   **Faculty of Medicine**
   **A108 Chown Building**
   **753 McDermot Avenue**
   **Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3E 0W3**
June 12, 2007

TO: Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Research)  
FROM: Robert Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) & Provost  

SUBJECT: Gerry McDole Professorship

I have received from Dr. Dean Sandham, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, a proposal for the establishment of the Gerry McDole Professorship. The terms of reference identify the purpose of the Professorship as conducting research in health service delivery and/or health policy development with the goal to improving the health care delivery of health care services to rural, remote and under-served populations in Manitoba.

I am in support of this proposal and request that you present it to the Senate Committee on University Research for consideration and recommendation to Senate. If you have any questions or concerns with the attached, I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss.

encl.

c. Dr. J. Dean Sandham
Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

Preamble

Since last reporting to Senate, the Committee on Honorary Degrees met on the above date to consider changes to the Policy on Recommending Candidates for Honorary Degrees.

Observations

1. The Committee discussed the Guidelines for Nominations that are included in the Policy: Recommending Candidates for Honorary Degrees.

2. The Policy currently states that, "No more than three letters in support of the nomination may be submitted." Based on the Committee’s experience in reviewing nominations, the Committee felt it would be in a better position to review and recommend candidates for Honorary Degrees if three letters of support for the nominee are provided.

Recommendations

The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees recommends:

1. That "Guidelines for Nominations" should be revised to read, "The following information shall be provided when recommending candidates for an honorary degree."

2. With respect to item #7 under "Guidelines for Nominations, it should be revised to read, "No more than three letters in support of the nomination may be submitted."

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. W. Norrie, Chair
Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

/cpk

Comments of the Senate Executive Committee:
The Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.
August 16, 2007

To: Jeff Leclerc, University Secretary

From: Karen R. Grant, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs)

Re: Chair in the Modern History of the Middle East and North Africa

In the absence of Vice-President Kerr, I am writing to endorse the proposal to establish a Chair in the Modern History of the Middle East and North Africa. Dean Sigurdson has provided detailed information on the Chair, including its purpose, the potential synergies that are expected to materialize as a result of the Chair, the funding of the Chair through an endowment of the Stephen A. Jarislowsky Foundation, as well as the selection process (see attachment).

The establishment of this Chair fits well with the many efforts undertaken in the Faculty of Arts in recent years to build strength in programs and research on globalization.

c. Robert Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost
   Richard Sigurdson, Dean of Arts

/attachment

Comments of the Senate Executive Committee:
The Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.
August 16, 2007

TO: Robert Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost

FROM: Richard Sigurdson, Dean, Faculty of Arts

SUBJECT: Chair in the Modern History of the Middle East and North Africa

As called for under University Policy 416, please accept this memo as a request from the Faculty of Arts to have a new Chair in the Modern History of the Middle East and North Africa established here at The University of Manitoba.

Please be informed of the following relevant details:

A. The appointment will be for a Chair in the Department of History, Faculty of Arts.

B. The name of the Chair will be the Chair in the Modern History of the Middle East and North Africa.

C. The purpose of the Chair in the History of the Modern Middle East and North Africa will be to build knowledge and enhance understanding of the peoples, cultures, and societies in this vitally important yet conflict-ridden region of the world (please see attached description). The establishment of this Chair will help the Department of History to attract and retain the most outstanding graduate students. The Chairholder will advance the frontiers of knowledge in the field of Middle East and North African History, not only through his or her own research work, but also by teaching and supervising students, by coordinating the work of other researchers, including those in other departments and faculties, and by creating new inter-faculty and cross-institutional synergies.

D. The Chair will play a lead role in the Department of History, helping to train students to think globally and historically. In addition, the Chair will join with other renowned faculty members in History and other departments of the Faculty of Arts to place our University at the forefront of international research. Led by the Chairholder, such experts will constitute a centre of excellence in the area of World History, able to collaborate with scholars in the Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, the Centre for Globalization and Cultural Studies, and the soon-to-be-established Human Rights Museum of Canada.
E. The Chair will be funded by an endowment, based on a major donation from the Stephen A. Jarislowsky Foundation.

F. The ideal candidate for this position will be an outstanding researcher, an accomplished scholar who is internationally-recognized by his or her peers, and an inspired teacher of the modern history of the Middle East or of the Maghreb. It is expected that such an appointment will be made at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor.

G. The initial term of the Chair will be five (5) years, and will be renewable. As is the case for a Canada Research Chair, the Chair in the History of the Modern Middle East and North Africa will be renewed on the basis of demonstrated evidence that the Chairholder continues to distinguish him- or herself as an outstanding, world-class researcher; that he or she has successfully attracted excellent students and future researchers to the University; and that he or she is carrying out a program of research and academic outreach which is making a significant impact at the international level.

H. The Chairholder will initially be selected by a Search Advisory Committee chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

This proposal has the support of members of the Department of History and is endorsed by the Dean. Please forward this proposal to the Senate Executive for consideration and approval by Senate and the Board of Governors.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

RS:bj
Enclosure
Chair in the Modern History of the Middle East and North Africa
at The University of Manitoba

The Middle East and North Africa (Maghreb) together constitute an area of crucial historical and political importance within a world now undergoing rapid and large-scale change, particularly in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. In the past sixty years alone there have been numerous conflicts and tensions within the Middle East and Maghreb. In the Middle East, for instance, there have been countless Arab-Israeli conflicts, civil war in Lebanon, tensions between Jordan and Syria and between Syria and Egypt, war between Iran and Iraq, Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent Gulf War, and the Coalition invasion of Iraq and the ongoing occupation of that territory. Likewise, in the Maghreb there have been conflicts between Morocco and Algeria, Libya and Chad, Libya and Egypt, Morocco and Spain, and tensions in Western Sahara.

The deeply conflicted nature of the region’s modern historical development has meant that sectarian passion and partisanship have often driven analyses of its problems rather than the careful attempts at scholarly analysis and objectivity that characterize academic work in other areas. It is, therefore, imperative to foster multidimensional, multi-perspectival knowledge of this region that addresses its social and political tensions as well as the richness of its arts, the particularities of its cultures, the plurality of its faiths and the everyday experiences of its peoples. Such an approach must be both based on the most rigorous standards of objective historical analysis and encourage a wide ranging, non-partisan, and open debate about the problems of this region.

In this context, the mission of the Chair in the History of the Modern Middle East and North Africa will be to build knowledge and enhance understanding of the peoples, cultures, and societies in this vitally important yet conflict-ridden region of the world. Understanding the Middle East and Maghreb in all of its complexity requires a unique approach, one able to appreciate the many points of conflict and tension from all sides and perspectives. As a result, this academic position is not limited to or oriented towards traditional national history but one that encourages a broader transnational and global perspective to the study of the Middle East and North Africa.

In our era of increased global interconnectedness, it will be important for the Chair to explore the transregional and transnational forces at work in the Middle East, given the region’s increasingly central role in international affairs. Therefore, the appropriate candidate’s research and teaching will constitute a comprehensive and transnational perspective on the area of the Middle East and North Africa. By launching an experiment in this sort of culturally sensitive, non-national, historical analysis that is inspired by a commitment to sound scholarship and a spirit of intellectual openness, and that examines the multiple forces and perspectives operating in this region, The University of Manitoba can lead the way and provide an impetus for expansion of such historical analysis into other areas of regional conflict.
The primary mission of this Chair will therefore be to create, disseminate and promote research and scholarship on the Middle Eastern and North African region with the aim of ensuring that knowledge can be generated as a means of transcending narrow ethnic and religious based conflicts and in the service of peaceful and cooperative relations in the region. The Chair’s research and outreach activity will take a broad historical approach that is at the same time truly interdisciplinary in scope. Such an approach will consider the history, culture and politics of the region from all sides, including the religious dimension of the region’s various conflicts, but also taking into account the complex interactions between economic, social, ethno-cultural, political, and spiritual phenomena.

The Chair will support a wide variety of academic programming for University of Manitoba students and for interested non-specialists. The endowment for the Chair will enable The University of Manitoba to host numerous lectures, symposia, colloquia, and conferences featuring University faculty and other internationally renowned experts on the region. This academic programming is intended to be both timely and wide-ranging. The Chair will play a lead role in the Department of History, helping to train students to think globally and historically. In addition, the Chair will join with other renowned faculty members in History and other departments of the Faculty of Arts to place our University at the forefront of international research. Together, these scholars will constitute a centre of excellence in the areas of World History, Postcolonial Studies, Globalization and Cultural Studies.

Finally, the Chairholder, as an internationally-recognized Middle East scholar, will be well-placed to develop direct links to institutions of higher education in the Middle Eastern and North African region to facilitate educational exchanges between students and educators from Canada and the Middle East. In addition to developing study abroad programs in conjunction with The University of Manitoba’s International Office, the Chair will be encouraged to create and administer unique faculty exchange programs with universities worldwide. Through such exchanges, University of Manitoba faculty and graduate students would be able to study and lecture in the region, and University of Manitoba undergraduate students would be able to enjoy courses offered by visiting international faculty. Such programs designed to educate young scholars and to bring together the North American and Middle Eastern scholarly communities will be important in bridging the gaps in knowledge and understanding between these regions. At the same time, the work of the Chair in examining the points of conflict in the modern Middle East and Maghreb from all sides is expected to have a positive influence on current public policy and to help ensure a broad-minded approach among the next generation of Middle East scholars and policy experts.

Submitted on behalf of the Faculty of Arts,
The University of Manitoba,
by Dr. Richard Sigurdson, Dean