

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS
IN CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Minutes of the November 29, 1989, Meeting

The J. W. Marriott Hotel

Washington, D.C.

I. Participants present and their institutions were:

Donald Brennan	Saint Louis University
Rev. Thaddeus Burch	Marquette University
Francis Catania	Loyola University - Chicago
Rev. William Cenkner	Catholic University
Sr. Anne Clark	College of Saint Rose
Marsha Daley	John Carroll University
Richard Farmer	Sacred Heart University
Paul Gallagher	Assoc. of Cath. Coll. and Univ.
Sr. Alice Gallin	Assoc. of Cath. Coll. and Univ.
Michael Lawler	Creighton University
Chau Le	University of Notre Dame
Katy Marre	University of Dayton
Edward Miller	College of New Rochelle
Robert Nikolai	Saint Louis University
Mary Powers	Fordham University
Sally Wertheim	John Carroll University

The meeting was chaired by Chau Le.

- II. The Minutes of the AGSCCU meeting of November 29, 1988, held in Colorado Springs, were accepted as presented.
- III. Robert Nikolai reviewed the recent history of the AGSCCU. He cited the efforts of Bernard Downey for the organization until his retirement two years ago. He recalled the illness that forced Paul Medici to resign from the Presidency last year and prevented his attendance at this meeting, and the return of Francis Lee to full-time faculty status at Saint Joseph's University. He noted the creation of a committee at last year's meeting to be chaired by Francis Catania to select interim officers; chosen were Chau Lee, Robert Nikolai, and Katy Marre as interim/acting President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Executive Committee Member at Large, respectively. He commented on the annual booklet-preparation project to help degree candidates to find teaching positions---as providing a measure of continuity of Association activities---and the recent sparse attendance at the annual meeting together with the "search" for a best time during the CSG sessions to hold this meeting. He and Chau Le asked for comments on the need for and the continuation of the Association. Edward Miller said he came to this meeting because he sought a forum for interchange with graduate deans from (Catholic) institutions similar to his.

Richard Farmer echoed Edward's remarks. Sr. Clark said she favored the dinner meeting over a luncheon meeting before or immediately following the close of CGS sessions.

- IV. Katy Marre suggested that, if there is encouragement for the Association to survive (as apparently has been voiced), an on-going agenda should be developed of interest to all participants, a tie with the ACCU should be maintained and reinforced, the Constitution of the Association should be reviewed and updated if necessary, and a modest dues structure might be established. Sr. Gallin said that ACCU activities presently primarily pertain to undergraduates, and the ACCU needs the AGSCCU as a link to the graduate level and research interests. Chau Le interpreted the discussion thusfar as favoring the continuation of the AGSCCU and an annual dinner meeting within the CGS sessions. Mary Powers suggested that the Association and the dinner meeting be continued for three years, then reviewed again. Donald Brennan proposed that dues approximating \$100 per year per institutional member be established to in part provide travel funds for the officers. Sally Wertheim suggested that the officers prepare a budget for critique by the membership. Michael Lawler commented about our specific interests as Catholic institutions and the need for a forum such as the AGSCCU. Sally Wertheim noted that some Catholic schools come to the CGS sessions, but are not CGS members; such institutions could be AGSCCU members. Sr. Clark remarked that several Catholic colleges are dropping out of CGS because of the recent dues increases. Mary Powers wondered whether or not we are too diverse to belong to a single (AGSCCU) structure. Francis Catania replied that we are diverse as the CGS membership is diverse; our emphasis is on Catholicity. Richard Farmer commented that all AGSCCU members must contribute to its agenda and, thereby, to its well-being.
- V. Sr. Gallin recalled that at the request of the Vatican a draft of a descriptive document on contemporary Catholic higher education was completed in 1985. Rome subsequently responded with number of comments and asked for changes in various parts of the narrative. Last April, 30 bishops, 90 rectors (18 from the U.S.), and a small group of laity met for one week during which materials for the document were rethought in discussions and plenary sessions. The new draft was completed this past August by a core group and delivered in September; fourteen major points were altered, and the revision was simplified somewhat from the earlier draft. The Congregation in Rome reviewed the new draft, and forwarded it to the Pope. The Pope's reaction will likely be contained in an apostolic letter that will also described the expected relationship between bishops and universities. Sr. Gallin remarked that the today's agenda for Catholic universities should include interdisciplinary research, examination of their Catholicity, ethical and moral issues, and the relationship between reason and faith. Francis

Catania asked if copies of the redrafted document could be made available to the deans. Robert Nikolai indicated that he would forward a mailing list to Sr. Gallin. Michael Lawler asked if the Pope himself would write the apostolic letter. Sr. Gallin replied that all indications suggest he will. Katy Marre inquired when the letter is expected. Sr. Gallin said that the date of its completion and release were unclear.

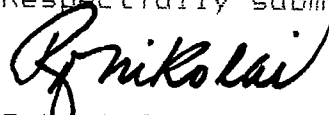
Sr. Gallin and Paul Gallagher distributed copies of the Summer 1982 number of Current Issues in Catholic Education that contained extensive data on graduate enrollments in and degrees awarded by U.S. Catholic colleges and universities. Sr. Gallin asked if an update of the data would be useful; she noted 129 U.S. institutions currently award master's degrees. The question was asked whether the data prepared for CGS and in that form would suffice. Paul Gallagher suggested that the deans take the booklet home, review the table contents, then contact the ACCU regarding usefulness of an update and suggest formats. Chau Le proposed that the ACCU write to the deans and indicate what data are desired.

- VI. Robert Nikolai reviewed progress on the annual preparation of the booklet containing brief biographic sketches of degree candidates interested in teaching positions in 1990 or 1991. He sent a master form and a cover letter to each of 30 graduate deans in early October, and received returns from fewer than ten institutions. He will request mailing labels from ACCU and NCEA, and assemble the booklet, in late December or early January. He noted that this project had been completed each winter from quite some time; in fact, it appears to be the only ongoing AGSCCU project. He suggested that feedback is difficult to obtain, and he knows of no graduate from Saint Louis University who secured a teaching position with the help of the booklet. He wondered if continuation of the project is worthwhile, but noted the projected large numbers of upcoming faculty retirements, and thought that, perhaps, a survey might be undertaken. Sr. Gallin suggested that the candidates could be asked to report back if they got job leads through the booklet. Frank Catania and Rev. Burch proposed that a "return form" be placed in the booklet such that the institutions receiving the booklet could comment on its usefulness and on any contacts that they make with listed candidates.
- VII. Robert Nikolai reported that, into the early 60s, Saint Louis University enrolled religious at reduced tuition rates. That practice ceased with the passage of the Federal Civil Rights Act (1964) that prohibited discrimination in admissions and in treatment of students on the basis of religion. To meet guidelines for federal and state aid, SLU in 1967 changed its Board of Trustees to a majority of lay members. The SLU lawyers are of the opinion that, if the institution would reinstate reduced tuition rates for religious, its continued participation in

the Missouri State Grant Program would be jeopardized. He proposed several items that might be worthwhile, useful arguments within this issue: "religion" versus "religious;" "religious" as a minority group (teaching religious in particular); and restricted scholarships for religious. He inquired if any of the institutions present have special tuition rates for selected student groups. Representatives from John Carroll, Catholic, Marquette, Loyola, and Fordham Universities indicated that they currently have reduced tuition rates and/or scholarships designated for religious and/or all (lay as well as religious) full-time elementary and secondary teachers.

- VIII. Chau Le recalled that the current AGSCCU officers were serving in an interim/acting capacity; he requested nominations from the floor for officers for the 1989-90 year. Francis Catania proposed that the present "acting" officers be made the permanent officers for the next year. No other nominations were voiced, and Chau Le (President), Robert Nikolai (Secretary-Treasurer), and Katy Marre, (Executive Committee Member at Large) were elected unanimously. (Michael Lawler will also serve as Vice President if the Constitution permits.)
- IX. Chau Le asked if anyone desired to bring any new business before the AGSCCU. No representative so responded.
- X. The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Nikolai
Secretary-Treasurer