

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS
IN CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Minutes of the Meeting of December 4, 1991

Hyatt Regency Washington Hotel

Washington, D.C.

- I. Sister Anne Clark, President of the AGSCCU, called the meeting to order in the Columbia "C" Room at 5:45 p.m.; she welcomed everyone present, and led self-introductions of representatives of member institutions and guests. Participants and their institutions or organizations were

Bernice Bass de Martinez	Seton Hall University
Eren Branch	University of San Diego
Donald Brennan	Saint Louis University
Francis Catania	Loyola University-Chicago
Andrew Chludzinski	Loyola University-Chicago
Sr. Anne Clark	College of Saint Rose
Marsha Daley	John Carroll University
Patricia DeLeeuw	Boston College
Peter Diffley	University of Notre Dame
Sr. Alice Gallin	Association of Catholic Col- leges and Universities
Nathan Hatch	University of Notre Dame
Joseph Kane	Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities
Michael Lawler	Creighton University
Rev. John Lynch	Catholic University of America
Katy Marre	University of Dayton
Paul Medici	St. John's University
Chandra Mehrotra	College of St. Scholastica
Edward Miller	College of New Rochelle
Rosetta Moore	Saint Louis University
Robert Nikolai	Saint Louis University
Jane Norton	Seton Hall University
Elizabeth O'Connell	University of San Diego
Mary Powers	Fordham University
James Rocks	Loyola University-Chicago
Joan Smith	Loyola University-Chicago
Barbara Turpin	University of Notre Dame
Sally Wertheim	John Carroll University

- II. Sister Anne Clark introduced Sister Alice Gallin, Executive Director of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (who has announced her impending retirement from the ACCU directorship in the spring upcoming). Sister Gallin had been invited by the Executive Committee of the AGSCCU to address the participants. The title of Sister's presentation was "Whither Catholic Graduate Education?"

Sister Gallin began by suggesting that graduate schools have a spe-

cial role within Catholic colleges and universities and by providing background data. The 229 Catholic institutions of higher education in the U.S. include eleven research universities, 100 comprehensive colleges/universities, 91 liberal-arts colleges, and 24 two-year colleges. In 1988 totals of nearly 42,000 full-time and over 94,000 part-time graduate students were enrolled in these institutions. Graduate enrollments in Catholic institutions have increased from under 82,000 in 1971 to more than 136,000 graduate students in 1988 with the greatest growth in part-time, master's degree students. Sister counted ten research universities, 19 comprehensive institutions, and three liberal-arts colleges represented at this AGSCCU meeting.

Sister proposed that the future of Catholic graduate education is primarily with the research universities and their production of doctoral-degree recipients and the comprehensive institutions and their preparation of students to the master's degree. She spoke about the roles of these two categories of institutions separately, the latter first. Sister referred to Ernest Boyer's "Scholarship Reconsidered" (1990) in which he called for a redefinition of scholarship within the comprehensive institutions. Boyer suggested that they define their own missions rather than seek to immitate the research universities. The comprehensive college/university should emphasize the application of knowledge, the linking of teaching and practice, bridging campus and community, and focus on its diverse student population. Sister said that Ex Corde Ecclesiae provides little help to the comprehensive institution in articulating its mission, but, of the three-fold role of teaching, research, and service, the last should, perhaps, be its most distinctive goal. She pointed to service to society at large and through teaching, but more importantly to the service institutions within the Church community, and most especially to the poor and the minorities.

Sister Gallin then turned her attention to the research university that was clearly the model in the preparation of Ex Corde Ecclesiae. John Paul II described the university as a center of creativity and the disseminator of knowledge, and the Catholic university as the means for the Church to dialogue across cultures. He talks within the Apostolic Constitution of the basic mission of the university as the quest for truth for societal good, and of the Catholic university to pursue knowledge within the light of faith. Sister spoke of inculturation through in-depth study of and research in the social sciences with philosophical and theological disciplinary interactions, and the selection of dissertation topics as contributory to the mission of the Catholic university. She recalled Father Heft's address one year ago and his articulation of the need for a U.S. national center for research in the Catholic tradition. Sister Gallin then proposed two more specific considerations necessary to a bright future for Catholic graduate education: 1) that each Catholic research university develop and maintain strong doctoral programs in three or four major fields within which future teachers in Catholic higher education might take their Ph.D. degrees; and 2) that our re-

search institutions, through their offerings, research, and study abroad, reach out to the international religious, scholarly communities and extend the bases of their missions worldwide.

In closing, Sister Gallin argued for the continuing need by the Catholic community for its research institutions and comprehensive colleges and universities, in particular as a means of mediating our faith to ours and other cultures. She proposed that both can carry out Catholic missions, and they must or face the possibility of having no distinctive or workable mission at all.

Sister Anne Clark inquired if any of the participants wished to comment on or respond to Sister Gallin's presentation. Nathan Hatch wondered about the insertion of theological issues in science and engineering research. Mary Powers, referring to Father Heft's envisioned center for theological research, spoke of the competition associated with a faculty member's decision on a site for study or investigative effort during, e.g., a sabbatical leave. Donald Brennan suggested that Catholic colleges and universities strive to increase their numbers of Catholic faculty. Katy Marre said that, next semester, she will attend an ethics in engineering course at the University of Dayton. Mary Powers mentioned that science faculty at Fordham will participate in seminars outside their disciplines. Sister Anne Clark spoke about an interdisciplinary ethics course at her institution. Edward Miller commented on scholarly interactions of faculty groups from various disciplines at Emory University.

After the responses and comments had ceased, Sister Anne Clark presented a plaque to Sister Alice Gallin in gratitude for her years of participation in and contributions to the AGSCCU.

- III. Sister Anne Clark asked for acceptance of the Minutes of the AGSCCU meeting in San Francisco on December 5, 1990. Katy Marre commented that Father Heft has received no feedback, beyond the comments following his address last year, regarding his proposal for a theological research center; she said any additional reactions could be communicated through her. Edward Miller corrected the spelling of "dialectic." The Minutes were then accepted as amended.
- IV. Robert Nikolai reported that, in keeping with the revision of the AGSCCU Constitution last year, for the first time payments of dues were solicited last summer. He distributed copies of a membership report that showed that 22 Full and one Associate institutional members had paid dues for the 1991-92 academic year. A total of \$905. had been collected in dues to date. He noted that a complete Treasurer's report will be submitted to the Executive Committee at the close of the fiscal year (June 30, 1992).
- V. Robert Nikolai furnished participants with copies of his report on the preparation and distribution of the Candidates' Booklet last winter. He noted that, because of several comments received last winter from potential users, the time-frame for preparation of the new

edition of the Booklet was advanced. Requests for biographic sketches were mailed to Deans in mid-August, and a late-September deadline was set. As a result, the new Booklet has already been mailed to more than 220 Catholic colleges and universities nationwide. An unfortunate outcome of the earlier production schedule was a drop of more than 30% in the number of biographic sketches received this fall compared to last fall; also two of the regular contributors to the Booklet did not submit any sketches this year. After some discussion of the time-table issue, the consensus was to amend the Booklet time-frame next year such that the deadline for biographic sketches is to be two to three weeks later (in early October) with an aim still to have the Booklet copies printed for mailing by mid-November. Assembly of the "master" copy of the Booklet was also discussed; Bernice Bass suggested that the sketches be submitted by the Deans on computer discs to ease the burden of organized preparation of the Booklet contents.

- VI. Sister Anne Clark proposed that the AGSCCU consider the initiation of a newsletter through which member institutions could exchange information and ideas pertinent to graduate education. She asked for a volunteer to be the editor. No one offered to take the responsibility. Donald Brennan remarked that the AJCU, the ACCU, and the Council of Graduate Schools already have such means of communication, and he wondered if another newsletter is necessary. Sister Alice Gallin offered space to have AGSCCU news items printed in the ACCU's "Update."
- VII. Sister Anne Clark asked the participants to suggest possible future directions, aims of, and projects for the Association. No one volunteered to speak to this broad issue. Sister Clark then requested that representatives of member institutions contact her during the upcoming months with recommendations for a principal speaker and discussion topics for next year's meeting in Dallas.
- VIII. Sister Anne Clark informed the participants that Francis Catania has, with the current meeting, completed his term as a Member-at-large of the Executive Committee. She then reported that Jane Norton, Assistant Provost for Academic Services and Continuing Education at Seton Hall University, had been nominated for a three-year term on the Executive Committee. Sister inquired if anyone desired to make a nomination from the floor. Hearing none, Sister Clark declared Jane Norton elected by acclamation.
- IX. New Business
 1. Sister Clark noted that this AGSCCU meeting overlapped somewhat with a scheduled CGS function, and wondered if a change in our meeting time and day should be considered. She suggested that a breakfast meeting might be tried, and, perhaps, that the Association schedule an early Thursday morning meeting during the Council meetings in Dallas next year. A consensus in favor of a Thursday breakfast meeting was seemingly expressed.

2. Francis Catania spoke in support of trying to insert Catholicity into the theses and dissertations of our graduate students. He noted that the effort would have to be initiated carefully, and not dictated in a heavy-handed manner. Sister Gallin said that she often receives telephone or written inquiries for suggestions for research topics; most students are seeking topics that pertain to Catholic higher education.
 3. Sister Clark asked Francis Catania for an update on the activities of the Midwest Catholic Graduate Schools consortium. He said that the four institutions (Loyola-Chicago, Marquette, Notre Dame, and Saint Louis Universities) exchange data on enrollments, program faculties, degrees conferred, and stipend levels, attend each other's college/career days, and have begun to permit one-semester student "visitations" at one of the other universities within the consortium. He further remarked that future considerations are short-term faculty exchanges, concerted efforts in program development, and resource-sharing. Donald Brennan commented that another area of interest for the future is multi-institutional proposals for research funding.
- X. With no additional items of new business introduced, the meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Nikolai
Secretary-Treasurer