THE FACULTY SENATE

June 19, 1995

Dr. Ray M. Bowen
President
Texas A&M University

Dear President Bowen:

At its regular meeting held June 12, 1995 the Faculty Senate considered and approved a proposal to permit students with M.D.'s or D.V.M.'s from U.S. accredited institutions to enroll in 64 hour degree plans leading to the Ph.D. instead of the current 96 hour degree plan requirement (FS.13,008). This item will appear in the Graduate Catalog on page 57 second paragraph and on page 58 under the heading Degree Plan and will read:

"For students who have completed a master's degree, or a D.V.M. or M.D. at a U.S. institution, a minimum of 64 hours is required on the degree plan for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. For students who have completed a baccalaureate degree but not a master's degree or a U.S. D.V.M. or M.D., a minimum of 96 hours is required on the degree plan for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy."

Enclosed is the document considered by the Senate. Please advise me of your decision on this recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Pierce E. Cantrell
Speaker, 1995-96

pc: Dr. J. Charles Lee, Interim Executive Vice President & Provost
    Dr. Duane C. Kraemer, Associate Dean of Research & Graduate Programs
    Dr. Dan H. Robertson, Chair, Graduate Council

APPROVED  DATE

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Dr. J. Charles Lee
President

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May 17, 1995

Dr. Pierce E. Cantrell
Chair, Executive Committee
Faculty Senate
Texas A&M University
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Dear Dr. Cantrell:

At the April 13, 1995 meeting of the Graduate Council we approved a proposal to permit students with M.D.'s or D.V.M.'s from U.S. accredited institutions to enroll in 64 hour degree plans leading to the Ph.D. instead of the current 96 hour degree plan requirement. This recognizes the prodigious advanced coursework (in excess of 100 hours) that is required for these professional degrees over and above the baccalaureate degree. Approval of this proposal would entitle these students to enroll in the minimum 64 hour degree plan as is currently permitted for students holding a M.S. degree, either thesis or non-thesis option. The proposal does not involve double counting degree credit earned for the M.D. or D.V.M. toward the Ph.D. Approval of this proposal will facilitate the development of dual M.D./Ph.D. and D.V.M./Ph.D. programs.

If approved the catalog will read (page 57 second paragraph and page 58 under the heading Degree Plan):

For students who have completed a master's degree, or a D.V.M. or M.D. at a U.S. institution, a minimum of 64 hours is required on the degree plan for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. For students who have completed a baccalaureate degree but not a master's degree or a U.S. D.V.M. or M.D., a minimum of 96 hours is required on the degree plan for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Sincerely,

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Dan H. Robertson, Chair
Graduate Council

cc: Duane C. Kraemer