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## MEMORANDUM

As amended by  
Senate Dec 5/88

To..... Senate

From Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Subject..... Thesis Defence Outcomes

Date..... October 27, 1988

Action undertaken by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, at its Meeting on October 25, 1988, gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION: *Referred back to S.G.S.C. for reconsideration*

"that No. 2 of General Regulation 1.10.2 be amended

FROM: The thesis may be passed on the condition that minor revisions be completed to the satisfaction of the Senior Supervisor.

TO: The thesis may be passed on the condition that minor revisions, which are essentially editorial in nature and/or affect the form of presentation (but not the substance) of the thesis, be completed to the satisfaction of the Senior Supervisor."

MOTION:

"add to the last paragraph of General Regulation 1.10.2:

A decision to pass the thesis or to defer making judgement may not be reached on a tie vote of the Examining Committee.  
~~If a majority vote to pass the thesis or defer judgement cannot be reached, the thesis will be failed."~~

*If at first a majority vote to pass the thesis cannot be reached, and subsequently, if a majority vote to defer judgement cannot be reached, the thesis will be failed.*



B.P. Clayman  
Dean of Graduate Studies.

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DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

TO: Senate Graduate Studies Committee      FROM: B.P. Clayman  
SUBJECT: Thesis Defence Outcomes      DATE: 25 October 1988

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A recent case suggests the need for increased precision in the definition of possible thesis defence outcomes. Our present regulations (1.10.2) allow the possibility that:

- "2) The thesis may be passed on the condition that minor revisions be completed to the satisfaction of the Senior Supervisor."

and state that

"The decision of the Examining Committee is by simple majority vote..."

The two problems that arose were in the lack of a definition of "minor revisions" and the uncertainty that arises when the Examining Committee vote results in a tie.

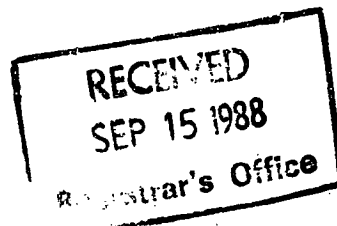
I propose the following solutions to these problems:

- 1) Replace the present wording under (1.10.2, outcome 2) with:

"The thesis may be passed on the condition that minor revisions, which are essentially editorial in nature and/or affect the form of presentation (but not the substance) of the thesis, be completed to the satisfaction of the Senior Supervisor."

- 2) Add to the last paragraph of (1.10.2):

"A decision to pass the thesis or to defer making judgement may not be reached on a tie vote of the Examining Committee. If a majority vote to pass the thesis or defer judgement cannot be reached, the thesis will be failed."



25 October 1988

I would appreciate your discussing this matter with your Graduate Program Committee. It will be on the agenda of the next meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

  
B.P. Clayman

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c.c. M. McGinn (For distribution at the SGSC  
meeting of 25 October 1988)

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