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Report of COMMITTEE for REVIEW of SPECIAL TITLE SERIES

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The Committee received its charge from Vice Chancellor Sands in a memorandum dated September 19, 1984 (Appendix A). Chairman Leigh met with Dr. Sands during the last week of September, and at that time it was agreed that the Committee should also look at the Extension Title Series (Special Title Series for Extension). The Administrative Regulations covering the Special Title Series (STS) and the Extension Title Series (ETS) are attached in Appendices B and C. Dr. Sands gave Dr. Leigh copies of several Special Title Series requests, which were subsequently distributed to the Committee members.

The Committee met on October 31, 1984 to review its charge and to plan its strategy. Among other things, it was decided that the Committee should interview most of the deans in whose colleges the STS and ETS faculty have positions, as well the Dean of the Graduate School.

The Committee has interviewed the following deans:

November 28, 1984: Dean Hasan, College of Social Work  
December 12, 1984: Dean Domak, College of Fine Arts  
February 13, 1985: Dean Royster, Graduate School  
February 20, 1985: Dean Sagan, College of Education  
February 27, 1985: Dean Barnhart, College of Agriculture

Each dean was asked to give his views on the items listed below (although not always stated in precisely these words):  
Purpose of the STS and/or ETS in his college? How well is it working? What are the problems, if any? How should it work?  
Specific recommendations?

Dean Sagan also sent a letter to the Committee. During the Fall of 1985 the Committee constructed and sent out a questionnaire to the STS faculty and a separate one to the ETS faculty. Of 83 sent to STS faculty 22 were returned, and, of 111 sent to ETS faculty 20 were returned. These questionnaires, including all results appear in Appendices D and E.

In addition to the meetings with deans, the Committee met on the following dates: 10/31/84, 4/10/85, 10/17/85, 2/14/86 and 4/18/86.

#### OBSERVATIONS and/or CONCLUSIONS

The following observations and/or conclusions were drawn from interviews with the deans and from the results of the questionnaire as well as other sources.

1. STS are useful faculty series in several colleges, although the need may differ from college to college and, indeed, from department to department.
2. Many STS descriptions are not clear in terms of the need and/or of the criteria for promotion and tenure decisions.
3. There is a perception amongst STS faculty that they do not receive appropriate consideration for receiving Graduate Faculty status.
4. A majority of STS faculty believe that there should be separate STS Area Committees.
5. ETS is a useful faculty series in several colleges.
6. ETS faculty are eligible for Graduate Faculty Associate Membership only, renewable every five years. Isolated cases can be full members - only one now. Role of ETS has changed in last ten years - many now involved in research - and important for, graduate students.
7. The majority of the ETS faculty are not happy with the "Extension" qualifier in their professorial title.