



**Research and
Graduate Studies**

Memo

To: Charlotte Stokes, VPAA

From: Ronald A. Fritzsche, Interim Dean

CC: ✓ Bernadette Cheyne, Chair, Academic Senate

Cheryl Smith, Dean Enrollment Management

Linda Phillips, Registrar

Date: 09/28/99

Re: Graduation with Distinction

The Graduate Council passed the enclosed "Graduation with Distinction/Outstanding Thesis and Project Awards" at its meeting of 27 September 1999. The intention is to begin this program with students graduating starting this coming May. I hope this recommendation will be approved in time to implement this year.

Thank you.

Graduation with Distinction/Outstanding Thesis and Project Awards

It is possible to receive the master's degree with distinction by maintaining a 3.8 grade point average for all approved program course work and satisfying criteria established by the program offering the degree. Students graduating with distinction are recognized at Commencement and receive a special diploma; the notation "with distinction" is posted with the degree on the transcript.

An Outstanding Thesis Award and an Outstanding Project Award allow special recognition of one thesis and one project each year. The outstanding thesis may be submitted to the Distinguished Thesis competition sponsored by the Western Association of Graduate Schools.