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Paul H Feinberg To: Dolores O. Morris ; Paul Feinberg Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 1999 11:49 AM **Subject:** Ad hoc committee on Graduate Society Future

Hi Dolores,

Below is a note we wrote to the Board and if it meets with your approval we could send it along to them with the Minutes and include it on the agenda for the next meeting. Please let me know what you think.

Have a great Thanksgiving,

Paul

Dear Dolores and Psychoanalytic Society:

On Monday 11/15/99 Ann, Helen and I met as the recently constituted ad hoc committee attempting to deal with our future position vis a vis the PD Program.

We would like the following statement to represent our meeting and to have it posted on the listserv for reasons that will be presented below:

In order to better serve our psychoanalytic community and to promote the Graduate Society, we recommend that we focus on the interests and needs of our community- which includes candidates(formerly known as matriculants), as well as future candidates, graduates, and faculty.

The financial demands of the University(which became more commonly known at the recent Town Meeting), and the rising cost of psychoanalytic training and education at this time **INVITE US TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THE WAY IN WHICH THE GRADUATE SOCIETY CAN PARTICIPATE AND THRIVE.**

Our recent discussion highlighted 3 interrelated areas of interest that we recommend that we pursue.

1. **Practice development-** We need to develop more realistic and practical support for practice development(referrals, money, other practical concerns; becoming the sole referral source of the University, etc.) (We all need to earn a living...[sung to ““Hey Jude””])

2. **Continuing Professional Development**- In addition to needing to earn a living, we all want to get better at what we do, so..... we want to provide more continuous access to faculty and graduates with expertise in "hot" areas, by way of courses/seminars of varying lengths. Our intent is to focus on developing courses for our continuing growth. As a part of this effort we also recommend sponsoring an Ongoing Case Seminar open to all levels of our community. In addition we think it

would be productive to develop a Mentoring Program wherein candidates could be mentored by graduates and senior candidates.

3. **Continuing Assessment**- a rigorous assessment of interests and needs of all areas of our community. After each course/seminar, each event, on the premise that continuous feedback will help us to stay alive and vital. So, for example, a Chat Room with the Graduate Society on the listserv, and any/all methods of staying in touch with how we are doing vis a vis our community.

Bottom line: Formal Psychoanalytic training is time limited; Graduate Society is *forever*. We are your Graduate Society; how can we serve you better?

For the Psychoanalytic Society, Paul Feinberg, Ann D'Ercole, and Helen Silverman