May 15, 1992
To: Linda Flower, Dick Hayes, Janice Lauer, Louise Phelps, Barbara Walvoord
From: Chuck Bazerman

At the Cincinnati 4C's the Saturday breakfast meeting of representatives of a number of the major graduate programs in rhetoric and composition confirmed that there does seem to be a need for some kind of research oriented coalition of graduate programs. Moreover, we seem to have wound up as the steering committee. Other people present were Roger Cherry (Ohio State), Charles Cooper (UCSD), Aviva Freedman (Carleton), David Kauffer (CMU), David Russell (Iowa State).

A number of initiatives were suggested at that meeting, and I have spoken with a number of you since then. To keep us all up to date, here is where matters stand.

1. Support of the Research Network. The Network, chaired this year by Kim Lovejoy at Indiana U at Indianapolis (317-274-2120) has since established a solid program raising the kinds of issues we would like to see addressed.
2. Coordination with the 4C's program committee to support research on the 4C's program--I have been trying and will continue to try to contact Lilian Bridwell-Bowles.
3. Regional and Specialized Conferences. Barbara Walvoord has a proposal for a mechanism and a first conference which should be forwarded to us shortly.
4. Information gathering. A number of you have mentioned it would be useful to share more detailed and current information about the current design, size, and directions of graduate programs as well as a bibliography of completed dissertations. Now all we need is someone to do it. Anybody have some willing graduate students to do the leg work?
5. Exchanges and visits between programs. Some of us have talked on an individual basis about possibilities.

Please contact me with any suggestions, further thoughts, new initiatives (especially those you would like to get involved in).
May 26, 1992
To: L. Flower, J. Hayes, J. Lauer, L. Phelps, B. Walvoord
From: Chuck Bazerman

I just spoke with Lillian Bridwell Bowles, who had a number of useful thoughts and suggestions as well as concerns.

First, she is very supportive of what we are doing, both in advancing research within the profession and in advancing concerns of graduate programs. She also volunteered that issues of graduate programs and graduates students role in 4C's are very much unresolved issues on the 4C's agenda and that we might be able to make a contribution in providing new perspectives. She also suggested that we might be able to explore some kind of more regular status with the 4C's administration.

Second, she mentioned that the 4C's executive committee has a retreat at the NCTE in November. If a number of us will be there we can arrange to meet with the program subcommittee or any other appropriate subcommittee. All we need to do is contact Bill Cook.

Third, she said she is likely to have some rooms at her disposal for Saturday afternoon at the 4C's in San Diego for us to have a meeting announced in the program. This meeting could be business or substantive or both. We could also have all afternoon. However she needs a plan, a title and copy by mid-June.

Finally, she is concerned about the relationship between our group and the Research Network as well as the general mechanisms for integrating graduate students into the 4C's. I reassured her that we were in communication with and supportive of the Research Network. I also explained that our primary aim was not to provide a forum for graduate students, although over time we might be instrumental in developing occasions which would provide opportunities for graduate student participation. She encouraged us to define our identity carefully if we were to appear on the program this coming year, so as to encourage the appropriate kinds of participation and expectations.

Please get back to me quickly with your suggestions and thoughts, so that I can get back to her by June 15 with a plan for the Saturday afternoon meeting at the 4C's. Also let me know if you are planning to be at the NCTE this November and will be available to meet with the Executive Committee.
April 6, 1993
To: all participants in the ad hoc Graduate Consortium
   (mailing list attached)
From: Chuck Bazerman
Re: Minutes of Meeting of 4/3/93 and beyond ad hoc.

---------- (Handwritten: Having made it onto the 4C's program, we found ourselves in an odd
corner of time and space and confusingly labelled, but we still garnered a
serious and committed core: Avon Crismore, John Hayes, Janice Lauer,
Louise Phelps, Duane Roed, David Russell, Barbara Sitko, Ross Winterowd
and myself.

We came up with a number of initiatives and plans.
1. Using the survey material on Ph.D. programs being gathered by
   Theresa Enos for Rhetoric Review, we would contact all programs that
   identified themselves offering degrees in Rhetoric or Composition to invite
   them to affiliate with us and to send a list of completed dissertations and
dissertations in progress--short abstracts included. This letter would go out
shortly under the kind offices of Janice Lauer. The hat was passed for
mailing costs ($10 was the standard--I'll collect a further mailing budget
from any guilty absentees.

2. The dissertations would be put on-line to establish a national data
   base. (We did not designate somebody to do this. Volunteers?)

3. A follow-up letter would be sent next winter (again by Janice)
   asking that a representative be designated from each affiliating program to
meet with us at the Nashville 4c's in '94.

4. We would try to set up a non-program breakfast meeting for Friday
   morning of the next 4C's. Bazerman's responsibility. (after speaking to
Jackie Royster, I will also set in for an evening SIG meeting as a safety
measure, and we can remind ourselves from the program as late as
November if all goes well for the breakfast.
5. We also discussed
   a. how thinking through bibliographic structures was important for research and discipline building,
   b. possibilities for future 4C's sessions including overviews of the dissertations list and workshops of program directors,
   c. regional networking and grad student conferences,
   d. exchange visits of faculty members,
   e. support for developing and planning of programs,
   f. relations with NCTE Research Assembly,
   g. moving towards research SIG strands at 4C's,
   h. continued support of the Research Network.

Throughout the major theme seemed to be the role of graduate programs and research in discipline building.

We will carry these issues forward to the '94 4C's with wider representation of programs. Let's help keep all our colleagues at other programs informed and involved.

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John Hayes, CMU
David Kauffer, CMU
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Louise Phelps, Syracuse
Duane Roen, Arizona
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Jack Selzer, Penn State
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Merrill Whitburn, RPI
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To: R/C Graduate Consortium Sub Group (Charles Bazerman, Avon Crismore, John Hayes, Louise Phelps, Duane Roen, David Russell, Barbara Sisko, and Ross Winterowd),

From: Janice Lauer

Date: 5-12-93

Here is a report of my efforts on behalf of the R/C doctoral consortium, including a projected timetable.

1. Enclosed find a draft of the letter to be sent to prospective consortium members and also the return sheet. If you have any suggested revisions, please send them to me (or call me) by May 31. I plan to send the letters out in early June. Please use my home address:

   227 Timbercrest
   W. Lafayette, IN 47906
   317-743-3021

2. I have contacted Stuart Brown, who will send me the responses from any doctoral program that responds to the *Rhetoric Review* survey.

3. Charles and I have contacted Jasper Neel, who is finding us a place for the breakfast meeting on Friday morning at the CCCC in Nashville.

4. Also enclosed find a draft of the follow-up letter that will go to those who respond to the invitation. If you have suggestions for revision, please send them to me.

**Projected Timetable**

- **May 14**: Mail drafts of material to subcommittee
- **May 17--31**: Receive material from Stuart Brown and compile lists
- **May 31--June 4**: Revise material based on committee suggestions
  - Send out letters of invitation
- **June 4--July 14**: Compile list of responding programs and do follow up work on response rate
- **Aug. 23--S.10**: Finish compiling list of responding programs
  - Send out second letter to programs joining the consortium
- **Oct. 31--Nov. 15**: Organize lists of dissertations (do follow up on those not responding)
  - and direct them to someone who will put them on-line

Hope your summer is going well. I plan to attend the ISHR conference in Turin in July and then take a week's Alpine Tour in Switzerland. I look forward to hearing from you.
June 25, 1993

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of a newly forming consortium of doctoral programs in rhetoric and composition, I write to invite your program to join the consortium. We have contacted you based on your response to the survey of doctoral programs in Rhetoric and Composition (RC) and or Professional Communication (PC) conducted for Rhetoric Review by Stuart Brown, Theresa Enos, and Paul Meyer. Here is some information about the consortium. At the two last CCCC's meetings, a small (and varied) group, convened by Charles Bazerman, met to discuss the possible objectives of such a consortium. Here are some ideas that were generated:

1. The consortium would compile and disseminate (probably on-line) lists of the dissertations completed in the consortium programs. Such lists would:
   a. better identify the programs for prospective students and others,
   b. offer a de facto description of the range of research in the fields of RC and PC,
   c. assist those doing research (both graduate students and others in the field) because our dissertations are so variously catalogued

2. At the CCCC each year, representatives from the consortium programs would meet to discuss problems and developments in doctoral programs in RC and PC.

3. The consortium would continue to gather and share information about graduate work in RC and PC and to promote study and research in the field, including updates of program descriptions (on-line) beyond the Rhetoric Review information.

4. Other ideas included:
   a. fostering research strands at the CCC, perhaps similar to the MLA discussion groups or AERA SIG groups, where papers are selected in advance and shared before the meeting,
   b. workshops for program directors,
   c. regional networking and graduate student conferences,
   d. exchange visits of faculty members,
   e. support for developing programs,
   f. exchange among scholars,
   g. collaboration with the CCCC Research Network and the NCTE Research Assembly,
   h. discussions of course requirements and course descriptions.

If your program wishes to be part of the consortium, please return the enclosed sheet by August 15 to:

Janice Lauer
Department of English
Purdue University
W. Lafayette, IN 47907

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 317-743-3021. (I will be unavailable between July 14 and August 2).

Sincerely,

Janice M. Lauer
Dear Professor X:

Thank you for joining the consortium of doctoral programs in Rhetoric and Composition (or Professional Communication).

For our first effort to share information, will you please send a list of the dissertations (author, title, and year) that have been written in your doctoral program in RC or PC since it began. Please send this list by October 31 to: Janice Lauer
Department of English
Purdue University
W. Lafayette, IN 47907

Here is some information about our next meeting.

At the CCCC in Nashville, there will be a breakfast meeting of the consortium on Friday morning at 8:00 at the XXXXXXX, located at XXXXXXX.

Prior to this meeting at the CCCC, please try to attend the session, "The Professionalization of Rhetoric and Composition: Doctoral Studies Past, Present, Future," which will present the results of the Rhetoric Review survey. (This assumes the panel is accepted and set prior to Friday morning. I will adjust the letter after the CCCC results come out.)

Before the meeting, please review the ideas generated at the earlier meetings (see my letter of xx) and come with suggestions of your own.

Sincerely,

Janice M. Lauer
Listed below are programs being contacted. If you know of other programs we’ve overlooked, we would greatly appreciate your bringing them to our attention.

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Alabama, University of, at Birmingham
Alaska Fairbanks, University of
Arizona, University of
Arizona State University
Arkansas, University of, Fayetteville
Auburn University
Ball State University
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
British Columbia, U of
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California, San Diego, University of
California, Santa Barbara, University of
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
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Columbia University
Connecticut, University of
Cornell University
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Duke University
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Eastern Michigan University
Emory University
Florida, University of
Florida State University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia, University of
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Hawaii, University of
Illinois, University of, Urbana
Illinois, University of, at Chicago
Illinois State University
Indiana University (Bloomington)
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June 25, 1993

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of a newly forming consortium of doctoral programs in rhetoric and composition, I write to invite your program to join the consortium. At the two last CCCC's meetings, a small (and varied) group, convened by Charles Bazerman, met to discuss the possible objectives of such a consortium. Here are some ideas that were generated:

1. The consortium would compile and disseminate (probably on-line) lists of the dissertations completed in the consortium programs. Such lists would:
   a. better identify the programs for prospective students and others,
   b. offer a de facto description of the range of research in the fields of RC and PC,
   c. assist those doing research (both graduate students and others in the field) because our dissertations are so variously catalogued.

2. At the CCCC each year, representatives from the consortium programs would meet to discuss problems and developments in doctoral programs in RC and PC.

3. The consortium would continue to gather and share information about graduate work in RC and PC and to promote study and research in the field, including updates of program descriptions (on-line) beyond the Rhetoric Review survey of doctoral programs in Rhetoric and Composition (RC) and Professional Communication (PC) conducted for Rhetoric Review by Stuart Brown, Theresa Enos, and Paul Meyer. Please return the survey, if you have not yet do so. The information will be shared with the consortium.

4. Other ideas included:
   a. fostering research strands at the CCC, perhaps similar to the MLA discussion groups or AERA SIG groups, where papers are selected in advance and shared before the meeting,
   b. workshops for program directors,
   c. regional networking and graduate student conferences,
   d. exchange visits of faculty members,
   e. support for developing programs,
   f. exchange among scholars,
   g. collaboration with the CCCC Research Network and the NCTE Research Assembly,
   h. discussions of course requirements and course descriptions.

If your program wishes to be part of the consortium, please return the enclosed sheet by August 15 to:

Janice Lauer  
Department of English  
Purdue University  
W. Lafayette, IN 47907

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 317-743-3021. (I will be unavailable between July 14 and August 2).

Sincerely,

Janice M. Lauer

From: Janice Lauer

Date: 5-12-93

Here is a report of my efforts on behalf of the R/C doctoral consortium, including a projected timetable.

1. Enclosed find a draft of the letter to be sent to prospective consortium members and also the return sheet. If you have any suggested revisions, please send them to me (or call me) by May 31. I plan to send the letters out in early June. Please use my home address:

   227 Timbercrest 317-743-3021
   W. Lafayette, IN 47906

2. I have contacted Stuart Brown, who will send me the responses from any doctoral program that responds to the Rhetoric Review survey.

3. Charles and I have contacted Jasper Neel, who is finding us a place for the breakfast meeting on Friday morning at the CCCC in Nashville.

4. Also enclosed find a draft of the follow-up letter that will go to those who respond to the invitation. If you have suggestions for revision, please send them to me.

Projected Timetable

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<td>May 17--31</td>
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<td>Compile list of responding programs and do follow up work on response rate</td>
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<td>Aug. 23--S.10</td>
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Hope your summer is going well. I plan to attend the ISHR conference in Turin in July and then take a week's Alpine Tour in Switzerland. I look forward to hearing from you.
RESPONSE SHEET

(THOSE WISHING TO BE MEMBERS OF THE DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM)

INSTITUTION

TITLE OF DOCTORAL PROGRAM

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONSORTIUM

ADDRESS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE

OFFICE ADDRESS

OFFICE PHONE

FAX

ELECTRONIC MAIL

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