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The Dean's office is expressing a personal opinion not just to Faculty Senate members but to all the faculty of the school. The meeting next week could be very interesting.

Take care everyone,
Hunt

From: Gallagher, Margie
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Good Morning all

The Faculty senate will take up certain changes in the Faculty manual that will give a number of faculty senate committees jurisdiction over both **graduate** and under graduate matters. My personal opinion is that such changes will cause problems with accreditations as well as graduate program development and processes. I concur with the discussion and consensus of the Graduate Assembly discussion yesterday which is summarized below by Dean Paul Gemperline.

"Graduate Faculty exercise autonomous control over their respective graduate programs. This matter of autonomy is given significant consideration by many accreditation agencies and is written into many unit codes. Revisions to the committee charges of the kinds proposed by the Committee on Committees may indirectly put accreditation of some programs at risk.

It was questioned as to whether or not the proposed changes amount to a significant problem for the University. In response, it was noted that the proposed changes would create an enormous level of ambiguity as to what body has authority to recommend changes to policy with respect to the Graduate Catalog and graduate admissions policies, and therefore was viewed very negatively by the Graduate Assembly.

During discussion an overwhelming consensus emerged that resulted in the following motion which was unanimously approved by the Graduate Assembly.

As authority for Graduate Programs lies with the Graduate Faculty, the Graduate Assembly, and the Graduate Administrative Board, we reject the authority of the Faculty Senate to oversee graduate programs as proposed in the suggested revisions to Faculty Senate Committee charges."

Please make sure that you consider how these changes will affect your graduate programs and the development of graduate programs and that you as a faculty member (graduate or otherwise) seek to make you faculty senator aware of your opinion or the opinion of your department faculty so that your senator can represent the will of the department (especially the graduate faculty of your departments graduate programs at the Faculty Senate meeting next week.

The full March 29, 2011 Faculty Senate Agenda may be found here: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/customcf/fsagenda/fsa311.pdf> (See pgs 51 through 59)

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. These decisions are likely to influence graduate programs substantially.

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