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Dear Faculty Member:

As we begin another exciting academic year at East Carolina University, I want to take this opportunity to share with you three exciting initiatives my office has launched to enhance the student experience and add value to the University community.

The East Carolina Creed: One of the main functions of the Dean of Students Office is to provide student services that reflect our core values of practicing integrity, demonstrating respect, and investing in citizenship. We authored a codification that defines our high expectations of student behavior and incorporates the core values of our institution. This collaborative effort led to the creation of the new East Carolina Creed. I thought it was the perfect opportunity to share the Creed with you. Please welcome this new tradition by accepting a copy of the Creed to display in your office.

ECU Cares: We all have a responsibility in helping ensure that our campus is a safe learning environment. As such, our office has established ECU Cares, a phone line (#737-5555) and webpage (www.ecu.edu/dos) where members of the campus community can submit reports of concerning behavior exhibited by others on campus. Once a report is received, our office will look into the situation further and see how we can provide support to the individual in question, whether that individual is a student, faculty or staff member. To assist you and your faculty in understanding what constitutes concerning behavior appropriate for reporting to ECU Cares, please find enclosed a document titled "A Guide to Helping Students Who are Distressed or Disruptive."

Don't Cancel That Class: "Don't Cancel That Class" is a resource that provides faculty members with alternative sessions and workshops for students when instructors are unable to attend regularly scheduled classes. These sessions are designed to enhance the personal and academic growth of our students, and can often link to course material. Current topics covered include:

- Stress Management
- Prioritizing My Life
- Relationship Issues
- Conflict Management
- · Job Searching by Major or Career Field
- Know the Student Code of Conduct
- Safety & You
- · Adjusting to, and coping with College
- Healthy Living

We welcome this new initiative and see this as an effective tool in connecting learning outcomes with the quality of our students' experiences at the University. We request that faculty provide two weeks' notice for presentation requests.

Thank you for your service to East Carolina University!

Sincerely,

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