

## **Position Paper on Reorganization and Structural Change at ECU**

### **Department of Physics**

The faculty of the Department of Physics is fully committed to the goals of instruction, research, and service for the benefit of the many constituencies we serve. We are attentive to opportunities to improve and expand our capability to achieve these goals. Consequently, we have considered with due diligence the Program Prioritization Committee's (PPC) White Paper and the Position Paper offered by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences (THCAS). We find positive elements in both documents and commend those who have contributed to their development.

We acknowledge that there are benefits to maintaining the THCAS in its present configuration, as expressed by the College's Position Paper, and appreciate that there are advantages to a college composed of diverse departments. We share with THCAS and our sister departments the aspiration to provide the ECU community the finest in instruction, research and service; and we recognize that this is best accomplished through interdepartmental cooperation. It is worth noting that there are other configurations, with attendant merits and demerits, that may help us to achieve, perhaps more efficiently, our goals; therefore, we believe that, in addition to considering the option of maintaining the status quo, it would be equally important to continue to investigate the applicability of the various configurations proposed in the PPC White Paper.