

## **Graduate Council Report to the Faculty Senate 12/3/01**

On behalf of the Graduate Council, thank you for this opportunity to share information with the ECU Faculty Senate. The Council membership is recommended by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees - 2 representatives from each College, 2 student representatives, the Graduate Dean on staggered 3 year terms. This is our first year with faculty leadership in the Chair position, elected by the Graduate Council members.

We have initiated 4 working subcommittees: Faculty Review, Student Support, Graduate School Promotion, and Program and Policy Review. Each of these groups are comprised of Graduate Council members and Graduate Faculty from the various Colleges.

Dean Thompson and I have initiated dialogues with the Graduate Coordinator's (9/25/01 and 11/26/01). These discussions have been helpful to provide networking between colleagues, information for the individual programs and Graduate School, and understanding how make Banner work for Graduate Programs.

The Graduate Faculty Review Committee has instituted a twice a year review for nomination for Full Graduate Faculty. Eligible faculty members are requested to complete the forms (from the Q drive) and supply needed support documentation, especially in the area of Peer Reviewed/Juried publications and presentations. The Full review due dates are September 30 and February 28th of each year.

An Ad Hoc Task Force has been formed to discuss use of Graduate Assistants at ECU. Dr. Bob Brubaker and Dr. Shirley Long are co-chairing this group. Membership includes Dr. Vic Kappeler, Dr. Sonny Butler, Dr. Colleen Schneck and Dr. Malcolm Frisbie. The Task Force will be asking for input from the ECU Community early during the Spring semester. Please do contribute your input.

The January Graduate Council Meeting will consist of a mini-retreat to identify and validate our standards for graduate education at ECU.

The Graduate Council welcomes ALL faculty input. Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 2:30-4:00 pm. Sites are rotated among the various Colleges.

We hope to have our web site up and running in January. Please visit it often and share your thoughts.

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