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To: Faculty Senate Executive Committee

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Subject: Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Organization for Research and Graduate Education Engagement

Each five years, as required by the WVU Faculty Senate Constitution (Article III, Section 4), the Executive Committee must expressly renew standing committees. Prior to this renewal, it is appropriate that the Executive Committee revisit the core academic need which the committee seeks to meet, assess whether the Senate's current processes and organization are well suited to meeting this need, and reorganize the Senate's operations as necessary to effectively do so.

Given the rapidly increasing importance of research and the graduate programs which support it in the profile of faculty activity and to the health of the university, it is timely for the Faculty Senate to review its organization for research and graduate education engagement through formation of an ad hoc committee.

Charge

The proposed *Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Organization for Research and Graduate Education Engagement* will be charged to

- 1.) Review the completeness and effectiveness of current processes, organization, and linkages of the Senate with respect to research and graduate education.
- 2.) Make recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding
 - a. Senate process or organization changes and
 - b. Opportunities external to the Senate for increased Senate representation to optimize the effectiveness of the Senate's engagement in research and graduate education.

Committee Composition

I propose to chair the ad hoc committee with the following membership:

Nigel Clark, Senator, Chair, Curriculum Committee
Roy Nutter, Senator and Chair, Committee on Committees
William Riley, Senator and Chair, Research, Grants and Publications Committee
Chris Wilkinson, Senator, and Liaison to the Graduate Council
Tim Sweet, Chair, Graduate Council
Bob Stitzel, Director, Graduate Education
Patrick Callery, School of Pharmacy, HSC Representative
Alan Martin, Director, Sponsored Programs, Research Office (Ex Officio)

These individuals connect the committee to the important entities inside and outside the Senate necessary to complete its charge. I have contacted each of these individuals and each has agreed to serve.