

Faculty Senate Resolution #12-67

Approved by the Faculty Senate: April 17, 2012

Approved by the Chancellor: May 2, 2012 (with changes noted in highlight)

Revisions to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Part II. University Organization,
Subsection IV. Academic Policy

Additions are noted in **bold** print and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~.

Revise and keep in the Faculty Manual.

IV. Academic Policy

The faculty organization of East Carolina University comprises the general faculty. **As provided in Section 502D of The Code of UNC, the BOG requires the Chancellor to ensure that there exists in the institution a faculty council or senate, a majority of whose members are elected by and from the members of the faculty.** The Faculty Senate is the legislative and advisory body which represents the general faculty and provides the means by which faculty are enabled to fulfill their function with respect to faculty welfare and academic and educational policies exclusive of graduate programs. The Faculty Senate acts upon reports and recommendations of its standing academic committees (and ad-hoc committees). Please refer to the *ECU Faculty Manual, Appendix A, Faculty Constitution and By-Laws of East Carolina University* for the detailed list of responsibilities and activities of the Faculty Senate. **Graduate faculty governance and organizational matters are also outlined in the *ECU Faculty Manual*.**

According to ECU Policy Regulation 01.15.01 regarding recommendations for new PRRs or Changes to Existing PRRs, the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council, Staff Senate, Student Government Association, any standing or ad hoc committee of East Carolina University or any administrative or academic officer, including Executive Officers, may recommend new PRRs or changes to existing PRRs. Any member of the University Community may forward recommendations for new or revised PRRs to any of the above entities/individuals. At East Carolina University, the general faculty are the general electorate and the Faculty Senate is the legislative and advisory body representing the general faculty. The Chancellor and the Chair of the Faculty facilitate communication that enables continuing and effective faculty participation in all aspects of the University community. The Chancellor is a member of all faculties and other academic bodies of the institution and shall have the right to preside over the deliberations of any legislative bodies of the faculties of the institution.

All Academic policies pertaining to faculty shall be housed in the Faculty Manual, in particular matters relating to tenure and promotion, curriculum, degree requirements, instructional standards and grading, and faculty welfare. In the spirit of shared governance, before the Chancellor either adopts with revisions a regulation or recommends to the Board of Trustees a proposed policy that differs from a recommendation of the Faculty Senate regarding matters of tenure and promotion, curriculum, degree requirements, instruction standards, and grading, the Chancellor will seek additional advice from the Faculty Senate to be provided within a period the Chancellor establishes in the best interest of the University.

~~The Faculty Senate and the Graduate School Administrative Board may initiate suggestions for undergraduate and graduate academic policy, respectively. Academic policy recommendations from any source are referred to the Faculty Senate or to the Administrative Board of the Graduate School. These bodies also ratify, amend, or remand all matters of academic policy which have been recommended by standing or special university committees. The chancellor acts upon the recommendations of the Faculty Senate and the Graduate School Administrative Board.~~

The Administrative Board of the Graduate School represents the members of the graduate faculty as a legislative and advisory body in the matter of graduate academic and educational policies. It consists of three representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, one representative from each school, and three ex-officio members. The dean of the Graduate School, who is responsible for the administration of the policies of the Graduate School, is chair of both the Administrative Board of the Graduate School and the graduate faculty. Please refer to the *ECU Faculty Manual*, Appendix F, Graduate School Organization for the detailed list of responsibilities and activities of the Administrative Board of the Graduate School.