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Faculty Senate Issue Log Form
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Title-of-Issue: Multiple Graduate Committees at the College Level
Description: The 'Certification of Faculty for Graduate Instruction' policy requires each College to have a graduate committee. However, a one committee structure may not fit the governance and work structure of every college. Suggest that the policy be revised to allow for one OR MORE graduate committees to provide flexibility to meet the unique needs of the different colleges.

Suggest revising the policy to read (with changes in CAPS):
A. Role of the Graduate Committee(S)
   1. Each college must form AT LEAST ONE graduate committee, whose major duties include reviewing graduate degree curricula to ensure compliance with existing University policies and procedures, developing new college graduate policies and procedures, and certifying faculty for graduate instruction.
   2. The college graduate committee(S) will consist of graduate-level faculty from each department/school and independent program in the college. The associate dean or graduate administrator responsible for graduate studies in the college will serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the committee(S).
      a. Faculty in the college will be notified of the committee(S) meetings, agenda items, decisions and other aspects affecting graduate programs in a timely manner.
      b. Faculty will be afforded opportunities to attend meetings and to provide input on pending issues and other concerns related to the work of the committee(S).
Rationale: The Strome College of Business has 2 separate committees that perform the separate functions of the graduate committee. This 2 committee structure works well, and the College has found it challenging to fold the work of the 2 committees into one 'graduate committee' given existing faculty responsibilities, college workload policies, etc. Allowing multiple committees does not take away from the current policy, but instead builds in flexibility.
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