

## **Questions/Comments from University Senate Committees Regarding Proposed Division of Graduate Studies**

Submitted by committee chairs  
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### **Academic Standards, Regulations, and Admissions Committee:**

Asked Kathleen Scotto what the plan was for a "tiebreaker" if the two shared deans had a disagreement. She said that they planned to utilize Jerry Kukor's advisor board for that purpose. Apparently the folks who met with Jerry got a very different answer.

**Budget and Finance Committee:** Chair says he will get back to me next week.

### **Faculty and Personnel Affairs Committee:**

1: Buy in from the graduate faculty and support staff: were the faculty and support staff surveyed or informed when the umbrella plan was formulated? How will support staff be utilized, and were they part of the conversation?

2. Will there be a concrete (central) office or space dedicated to the umbrella? Will there be a "head"? How will resources, if and when they become available, be allocated?

**Instruction, Curricula and Advising Committee:** This committee did not meet in March.

### **Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee:**

Members weighed in at the March 27 meeting and by email. In general, the Committee supported the proposal. Some RGPEC members from Newark seemed unaware of the proposal, and thus had some concerns that it had not been sufficiently vetted by Newark RBHS faculty.

### **Student Affairs Committee:**

What's the major benefit for students?

What are potential concerns for students?

Will both schools remain separate under one umbrella?

Would you want to create a position above both deans?

### **University Structure and Governance Committee:**

Is there a vision behind creating this umbrella group? Jerry Kukor indicated that he will create and provide a vision statement and template.

What was the level of faculty consultation before this proposal was brought forth? Dean Kukor indicated he had extensive discussions in New Brunswick but was concerned if Newark (one Senator indicated hearing nothing in Newark concerning this potential integration of the two

offices) was not properly consulted. He has indicated that the proposal will not go forward this year until he can ensure that the proper consultation has occurred.

What happens if the Dean's have a dispute? They will consult with the faculty advisory group.

The advantages of the creation of RDGS is the quality and recruitment of PhD students as well as the ability to increase coverage from 40k to higher levels when NIH grants are involved.

What if any impact will RCM have on the creation of the RDGS?