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**TO:** Jerry Wilson, Chair, Graduate Committee  
**FROM:** David Allen, Chair, Senate Executive Committee  
**DATE:** 2/1/03  
**SUBJECT:** Motion to Simplify Graduate Faculty Status

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Greetings Jerry,

The SEC met yesterday and formally charged the Graduate Committee to examine the motion submitted by Professors Mutter and Allen and bring to the Senate floor in reasonable time motion(s) to determine the future of Graduate Faculty Status at our University. The motion suggests a challenge to the ways we have operated here at GSU currently and in the past. Professors Mutter and Allen have agreed to make themselves available to speak to the Graduate Committee and report on an informal study recently conduct by Larry Mutter examining how other universities are dealing with these issue(s).

The SEC anticipates that it will take time for the Committee to meet, discuss and report back to the Senate. We are hopeful of resolving the issue this Spring. If you feel this is unreasonable please don't hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience. Of course before presenting on the floor of the Senate it will be necessary to report back to the SEC so that we can place it on the agenda. If you have any questions Jerry, please don't hesitate to call upon myself and Larry Mutter.

Yours,

David Allen, Chair of the SEC, on behalf of the SEC

cc: Larry Mutter; Ginger Malphrus