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Subject: Transition of the Senate CORE Committee
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The ERG Committee met on March 9, 2011 to discuss the Transition of the Senate CORE Committee; specifically the recommended committee specifications (including the new name, charge, and membership) for the Senate Bylaws.

After careful review of the CORE Committee's recommended specifications, the ERG Committee recommends the addition of two graduate students to the membership of the General Education Committee. Because of the heavy involvement of graduate students in teaching many CORE courses, especially in English and Mathematics, it is the strong feeling of ERG that graduate student representation on the General Education Committee is not only necessary, but will improve the working of the committee. We do not believe that inclusion of graduate students in potential subcommittees under section 6.4.c is sufficient involvement. The ERG Committee suggests one graduate student representative each from humanities and sciences disciplines.

The ERG Committee recognizes that the CORE Committee is using the majority method in calculating its quorum. The addition of two graduate students will increase quorum of the CORE Committee by one; however, we believe adherence to principles of Shared Governance should outweigh quorum considerations.

The ERG Committee is prepared to fully and expeditiously endorse the recommendations of the CORE Committee after this change is made. If you have questions, please contact me (mpound@umd.edu , x51520) or Glen Fuhrmeister in the Senate Office (glenf@umd.edu , x51243).

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