Change of School of Nursing to the College of Nursing and the School of Allied Health to the College of Allied Health at East Carolina University

East Carolina University requests that two schools be redesignated colleges. These requests have gone through the campus approval process and have been endorsed by Chancellor Ballard.

The School of Nursing, established in 1959, has transitioned from offering one baccalaureate program to a complex organization that offers baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees. Within the baccalaureate degree there are two areas of specialization, and within the master's degree there are eight concentrations. The school also offers a RN to BSN program, a RN to MSN program, and seven post-master's certificate programs. The doctoral program offers concentrations in nursing leadership and nursing education. The unit produces in excess of 20,000 student credit hours annually, with nearly 100 faculty FTEs. In the discipline of nursing, nursing units associated with academic medical centers are more frequently structured as colleges, and ECU believe that the complexity and scope of its nursing programs warrant that this school be designated as the College of Nursing.

Likewise, the School of Allied Health Sciences has become the largest provider of allied health professionals to the state with an enrollment of over 700 degree-seeking students, of which 61 percent are at the master's and doctoral levels. The school is growing rapidly and produces well over 20,000 student credit hours annually. The school offers fourteen degrees at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. The school's enrollment is similar to that of nationally recognized allied health programs that are classified as colleges. Given the competitive size and productivity of the school, the complexity of its programs, and its national recognition, the campus believes the recommended change in status to the College of Allied Health Sciences is in order.

It is recommended that the Committee and Board make this change.