EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC AND APPEAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

2017-2018 Academic Year

COMMITTEE: University Budget Committee

1. Membership (include ex-officio members).

   Regular Members: Bonnie G. Mani (Chair), David Loy (Vice-chair), Mark Sanders (Secretary),
   Cody Chullen, Cindy Elmore, Peter Franks, Amy Frank.

   Ex-officio (representing): Stephanie Coleman (Chancellor), Joe Gaddis (Provost Academic
   Affairs), Gary Vanderpool (VC for Health Sciences), Wanda Wynne (VC for Research, 
   Economic Dev. & Engagement), Rick Niswander (Vice Chancellor for Admin. & Finance),
   Kerry Sewell (Chair of the Faculty), Haley Creef (Student Body).

2. Meeting dates
   (Include members present and those who contributed to committee action, but were not at the
   meeting)

   September 21, 2017. Attending: Cody Chullen, Haley Creef, Amy Frank, Joe Gaddis, Cindy
   Elmore, David Loy, Bonnie Mani, Mark Sanders, Kerry Sewell, Gary Vanderpool. Guests:
   Lori Lee, John Stiller

   October 19, 2017. Attending: Stephanie Cole, Cody Chullen, Bonnie Mani, Haley Creef, Kerry
   Sewell, Joe Gaddis, Wanda Wynn, Cindy Elmore, Amy Frank, David Loy. Guest: Ron
   Mitchelson, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

   November 16, 2017. Attending: Haley Creef, Cindy Elmore, Bonnie Mani, Rick Niswander,
   Mark Sanders, Wanda Wynne. Guest: Rick Niswander, Vice Chancellor, Administration &
   Finance

   January 18, 2018. Attending: Cody Chullen, Stephanie Coleman, Haley Creef, Cindy Elmore,
   Amy Frank, Joe Gaddis, Bonnie Mani, Mark Sanders, Kerry Sewell, Gary Vanderpool, Wanda
   Wynne. Guest: Beverly King, Director of Institutional Research within Institutional Planning and
   Research

   March 15, 2018. Attending: Bonnie Mani, David Loy, Stephanie Coleman, Joe Gaddis, Cody
   Chullen, Cindy Elmore, Gary Vanderpool, Haley Creef, Becky Gardner, Kerry Sewell. Guest:
   Phyllis Horns, Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences.

   April 26, 2018: Attending: Guest: Michael Van Fleet for Jay Golden, Vice Chancellor for 
   Research, Economic Development and Engagement.

3. Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work).
None to report.

4. Accomplishments during the year, especially as addressed through committee goals. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate that will be noted under #5.

The Committee effectively carried out its advisory and information-gathering role, receiving information from the following administrators:

- September 21, 2017—Chair of the Faculty Senate, John Stillier, requested input for the search committee for the new Vice Chancellor, Administration & Finance and the Committee provided 17 suggestions.
- October 19, 2017—Ron Mitchelson, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
- November 16, 2017—Rick Niswander, Vice Chancellor, Administration & Finance
- January 18, 2018—Beverly King, Director of Institutional Research within Institutional Planning and Research
- March 15, 2018—Phyllis Horns, Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences, and Gary Vanderpool Representative of Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences.
- April 19, 2018—Michael Van Scott on behalf of Jay Golden, Vice Chancellor for Research, Economic Development and Engagement

The Committee elected Cindy Elmore to serve on the Tuition and Fees Committee. She reported to the University Budget Committee:

- ECU officials outlined the various tuition and fee levels they intended to take to the Board of Trustees for approval for the 2018-19 academic year.
- Tuition increases were considered only for nonresident undergraduate students and graduate students. It was reported that ECU and other universities could well see pressure to reduce tuition and fees for resident undergraduates in 2019-20.
- Tuition increases were put forth for both the Dental School and for the Doctorate in Physical Therapy programs, both of which are very high-demand programs. Fee increases put forth included $20 for Campus Recreation and Wellness (up from $251), $25 for Student Centers Operations (up from $255), and a new $5 Sustainability Fee. The Sustainability Fee was rejected by the Board of Trustees. It had been supported by students via petitions and the Student Government Association (SGA).
- New fees were put forth for Dental School students ($360), Graduate Orientation ($25), and a new Immunization Administrative Fee ($100). Campus Living was anticipating a 2.6% increase; Campus Dining was anticipating a 1.32% increase, or $50 per meal plan.

The Committee elected Bonnie Gail Mani to serve on the Faculty Salary Advisory Task Force. Beverly King, Director of Institutional Research within Institutional Planning and Research, explained that the work of the Faculty Salary Advisory Task Force finished in Academic Year 2016/2017 and would not continue in Academic Year 2017/2018.

As chairperson of the Committee Bonnie Gail Mani attend monthly meetings of the Faculty Officers and elected University Committee Chairs. Issues addressed in these meetings include
concerns for race relations, concerns for student safety, Faculty 180, engagement of student representatives in Faculty Senate Committees, Academic Freedom and Academic Integrity, Freedom of Speech Policy Draft, faculty salary compression issues, ECU Climate Survey, Enterprise Risk Management, the trend to employ more contingent faculty members, events at the state government level that will impact ECU, changes in ECU’s funding model, consideration of re-instituting an American Association of University Professors (AAUP) chapter here, and allocations of tenure track positions.

5. Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers).

Virginia Hardy, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, recommended and the Committee approved addition of a representative from the Division of Student Affairs. Susan E. Chapman is the Vice Chancellor’s designee beginning Academic Year 2018/2019. In the Committee meeting on April 26, 2018, wording for a Change of Charge was finalized.

6. Business carried over to next year (list in priority order).

Invite the following administrators to give a presentation in one of the University Budget Committee meetings.
- Christopher Dyba, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement
- William Bagnell, Associate VC for Campus Operations
- The ECU liaison to the legislature
- A speaker to explain the change in General Administration’s funding model.
- A follow-up to the presentation by Beverly King, Director of Institutional Research within Institutional Planning and Research.

7. Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee’s work during the year).

A. Charge: Valuable and appropriate. The Committee voted to approve a Change of Charge to add a representative from the Division of Student Affairs to Committee membership.

B. Personnel: The committee roster facilitated productive dialogue between the elected faculty membership and ex-officio representatives with budget expertise.

C. Attendance: Even though some Committee members were occasionally excused from meetings and the February meeting was cancelled because the scheduled speaker explained he was no longer available, attendance was generally healthy and each meeting achieved a quorum.

D. Responsibilities: The Committee successfully fulfilled its responsibility to “inform the Faculty Senate” regarding budget matters. It is less clear whether the Committee was able to “serve as a communication link between the Faculty Senate and the Chancellor.”

E. Activities: Committee activities consisted chiefly of receiving information and providing faculty advice on matters related to budget policies and priorities.
8. Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty and/or Faculty Senate for improving the effectiveness of the Committee. The Committee requests that meetings be scheduled to avoid conflict with ECU Board of Trustee meetings.

9. Does the Committee’s organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year? If yes, when do you prefer: _____ N/A _____

Signed:         Chairperson___

Vice Chair_______

Secretary Mark Sanders

Please forward the completed annual report to the Faculty Senate office via e-mail (facultysenate@ecu.edu) no later than May 1, 2018.