

East Carolina University (ECU) University Budget Committee

Minutes for the Meeting of Thursday, 19 Feb. 2015

Attending: Terry Atkinson, Guglielmo Fucci, John Given, Jeff Popke, Mark Saunders, Kirk St. Amant, Joe Gaddis, Shanan Gibson, Rick Niswander, Gary Vanderpool, and Wanda Wynne

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm

Item 1: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 15 Jan. 015 committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Item 2: Discussion of Individuals to Invite to Future Committee Meetings

The following individuals have been invited to attend future UBC meetings

- Phyllis Horns, Vice-Chancellor for Health Sciences (Invited to March 2015 Committee Meeting)
- A representative of ECU's Athletics Department (To be invited to April 2015 Committee Meeting)

Action Item: Jeff will contact the related individuals to coordinate the scheduling of these visits.

Item 3: Summation of Governor's Budget Recommendations

Rick Niswander provided the following overview of the prospective (based on conversations) Governor's budget recommendations pertaining to higher education in North Carolina. Key points for consideration include

- A 2% flex cut to the system
- The funding of an enrollment increase
- The permanent allocation of \$8m to the Brody School of Medicine
- The prospect of capping state funding support for advancement at \$1million
- No cuts to need-based F&A

Action Item: Jeff is to bring up the issue of raises – both for tenure-track and fixed-term faculty – at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Item 4: Review of the Nature of the Committee's Charter

Recently, the structure of University committees was revised so that fixed-term faculty could participate on them with no more than 2 fixed-term faculty to be elected to any University committee and with the stipulation that the majority of the members of a University committee be tenure-track faculty.

Within this context, the Committee on Committees recently passed a restriction stating that membership (i.e., regular members) on ECU's University Budget Committee be restricted to tenure-track faculty only. This decision was made without explanation and at a time when UBC Chair Jeff Popke, who is also a member of the Committee on Committees, was not present.

Action Item: Jeff will raise this issue with the Committee on Committees at its next meeting.

Vote: The members of the UBC unanimously voted to change the UBC bylaws so 1 elected member of the UBC could be a fixed-term faculty member.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm