

Minutes for 17 March 2016 meeting of ECU University Budget Committee

Attending:

Kylie Dotson Blake, Stephanie Colman, Joe Gaddis, Shanan Gibson, Nelson Cooper, Jeff Popke, Mark Sanders, Kerry Sewell, Wanda Wynne

Not Present:

Terry Atkinson, Susan Chapman, Guglielmo Fucci, Bonnie Mani, Rick Niswander, Gary Vanderpool, SGA treasurer

The meeting began at 3:00.

Item 1: The minutes of the February 18th meeting were approved by acclamation.

Item 2: Request from faculty senator Aysel Morin on behalf of colleagues in the School of Communications. They would like the Faculty Senate to put together a resolution requesting that ECU follow up with the Faculty Salary Inequity study. They would like IPAR to take the next step, using the data they collected from ECU to compare faculty salaries with the salaries of colleagues in peer institutions. According to Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Dr. Rick Niswander, such a comparison study is underway. Gibson will follow up and report back.

Item 3: An announcement from Popke that the Delaware Study task force has a meeting on Tuesday with IPAR to explain what specific statistics the Delaware study has, although it may be too late to bring back to committee in time for a report to the April Senate meeting.

Item 4: Vice Chancellor (interim) for Research, Economic Development and Engagement, Mike Van Scott, visited the committee to provide an overview of his division's work and responsibilities. Its mission is to orchestrate services around campus that facilitate faculty being competitive and successful in research and creative activity. The division's budget is approximately \$9M – about half from state appropriations and half from F&A recovery. He also provided statistics on the number of grant proposals and awards at ECU. Last year approximately 700 proposals were submitted, of which 400 were funded with \$43 million. NSF grants were \$21M of that total. Dr. Scott then explained the breakdown of expenditures and direct costs. Throughout his talk the importance of F&A to the research support process was emphasized. He finished by touching on actions taken to decrease expenses and increase revenue (competitive proposals)

The meeting adjourned at 4:02.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Sanders