

ECU University Budget Committee
March 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Ryan Beason, Cindy Elmore, Peter Franks, Joe Gaddis, Shanan Gibson, David Loy, Bonnie Mani, Jeff Popke, Mark Sanders, Kerry Sewell, Wanda Wynne

Guests:

Michelle Brooks, Kandice Scarbarry

The meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

1. The minutes of the February 16th meeting were amended to indicate that lapsed faculty salaries are used "as needed" to meet summer DE course demand. Upon amendment the minutes were approved.
2. Michelle Brooks, Director of Strategic Initiatives.
Ms. Brooks provided an overview of her role at ECU. She explained that the university system has a vice-president for state and federal relations. Additionally, each campus has a designated liaison for state and federal relations. Ms. Brooks does both, as do liaisons at most UNC schools. She has a dual reporting line to the Vice President of UNC's General Administration and to the Chief of Staff at ECU. She assists the President of the UNC system and the General Administration with building support for the University's budget requests and legislative priorities. She ensures compliance with state and federal lobbying laws, supports the campus research officer in pursuing federal grant funds, and coordinates the visits and speaking events of state and federal officers. Ms. Brooks explained how the state legislature proceeds through the general budget setting process. Enrollment growth funding and the ability to carry forward up to 5% of annual funding are among ECU's priorities. She noted that there will be no capital requests from any UNC schools in the upcoming budget. Both ECU and UNC are expanding class size at their respective medical schools. ECU recently received \$4M in recurring funding for the Brody School of Medicine. Education comprises a little more than 40% of our state's budget.
3. The workload subcommittee met to go over documents and are meeting again next week. It is expected it will pursue making a recommendation to the Faculty Senate that the existing matrix's inclusion of productivity tied to student credit hours is not something that should be in faculty member's workload policy/evaluation.
4. Popke suggested revisiting the vote from the previous meeting to change the standard meeting day after being reminded that Tuesday conflicts with Faculty Senate meetings. After discussion it was decided to keep the meetings on the third Thursday, but ask Lori Lee to move those meetings that conflict with ECU BOT meetings.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Sanders