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MEMORANDUM

TO: ECU Faculty

FROM: Scott MacGilvray, Chair
University Budget Committee

DATE: July 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Budget cut for the 2011-2012 year

Recently, ECU and our sister institutions within the UNC system were notified of the permanent cuts to their State appropriations for the current 2011-2012 budget year. On July 8th, Chancellor Ballard and Vice-Chancellor Niswander provided a summary of the 2011-2012 budget decisions affecting East Carolina University. As they clearly pointed out in their letter, the magnitude of this budget reduction will be painful and affect all areas of the Institution. Prior planning by the administration has covered \$23.4 million of the budget cut through a combination of funds previously set aside for this purpose (\$12.9 million), increased student tuition (\$9 million), and enrollment growth dollars (\$1.5 million). This still leaves slightly more than half of the total cut, or \$25.7 million, that must be absorbed by the various units of the Institution. Over the past several years, the elimination of vacant positions and reductions to unit budgets were used to meet the significant budget cuts ECU faced. These budget reductions were proportionally higher in the non-academic units, and as a result the academic core of ECU has been largely protected until now. This is most clearly illustrated in the fact that from 2008-2011, the only units at ECU that have seen gains in their discretionary budgets and employee FTEs are: Academic Affairs (though not Joyner Library), the colleges in Health Sciences, Campus Safety, and Research & Graduate Studies. With these current cuts, all units of the University, including academic units, will be significantly affected.

The administration has provided the University Budget Committee with details on historical changes in the distribution of ECU's State Appropriated dollars that occurred as a result of previous budget cuts. They have also shared the information on how the current cuts will be allocated across the University. Details of how each unit will address their reductions (ranging from 7-7.9% in the academic units) have been submitted by the Deans, and are being compiled centrally by the administration. It is anticipated that the final details from this process will be available in the next few weeks, at which time they will be made available to the University community. All of these documents will be made available to the Faculty by posting them to the Faculty Senate website.

Members of the [University Budget Committee](#) realize that the coming academic year will have additional challenges imposed on the whole University by this latest significant reduction in our State appropriations. We are committed to working together with the entire ECU community to deal with the challenges of this coming year.

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