

Minutes of the University Budget Committee

Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

Website: <http://author.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/ub/budget.cfm>

Sharepoint site: <https://collab.ecu.edu/sites/FacultySenate/budget/default.aspx>

Regular Members Present: Scott MacGilvray, Todd Fraley, Don Palumbo, John Given, Alexandra Shlapentokh , Jeff Popke, Maureen Ellis

Ex-officio Members Present: Wanda Wynne, Anne Jenkins, Deedee Glascoff, Rick Niswander, Joe Gaddis, Gary VanderPoole, Hunt McKinnon, Dillon Godley, Dustin Davis (absent)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Todd Fraley.

October 20, 2011 minutes were approved and passed.

Agenda Items:

1. Revised Committee Charge. This was sent out by Lori Lee last week.

See attached revised charge: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/customcf/charge/ub.pdf>

There were no questions or comments about the changes outlined by Chair Fraley.

2. Presentation to Faculty Senate (Dec. 7)

- a. Status of Primer

Scott MacGalvray is putting together the Primer, which discusses the budget process. Include definitions and flow charts with diagrams. It is set up in two sections:

1. ECU budget process. Where do the funds come from?

- State appropriation
- Tuition and fees
- Physicians clinic
- Athletics; auxiliary – student fees, ticket sales, Conference USA, Pirate Club
- Foundations and awards

2. The University of North Carolina budget process

Discussion: there is no need to recreate the wheel, so to speak. Many of the reports and data already exist. This is a clearing house where you can send people to understand the data and find it in one place. It was suggested that the document be set up as a hot linked document with a basic explanatory document at the front and then all of the supplemental documents linked for further explanation.

- b. Impact/distribution of budget cuts across University Divisions.

Discussion: make sure that senators have a copy at their chair to refer to during the Budget Committee presentation. Todd Fraley will discuss the Permanent State Budget and the impact on ECU. It was suggested that specific terms, i.e. discretionary /nondiscretionary income, be explained.

3. Discussion of PPC Report

a. UBC Response

Discussion: as a Committee, we should not offer a response and wait for the reorganization report to come out, which would have budgetary issues. Scott MacGalvery stated that he believes the PPC report is something that the institution should be doing on a regular basis.

4. Tuition and Fees Committee has met, and made a recommendation that there will be a raise 6.5 to 12.5 increase for spring. There is also head room – increase tuition over a period of years to meet tuition with sister institutions. If there is a budget cut of 3% - if there is a 6.5 increase, we're fine. We have recommended to the Board 6.5% and headroom an addition 4-5% per year. The practical range will be 6.5 – 10.5%. Other schools are trying to balance politics, fiscal issues and public perception with these raises. Should we raise tuition in a difficult economic time?

What does this mean for ECU? Signs that the NC economy is on the upswing.

Upwards of 500,000,000 (3% of budget) short because of Medicare/Medicaid.

5. Plan for Spring Semester.

Discussion – we will address this during our December meeting; primer, guest speakers, ways to generate revenue.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15 @ 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. as the business of the committee had been completed.

Submitted by Maureen Ellis, Secretary