Minutes of the University Budget Committee

Special called meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Ex-officio Members Present: Gary Vanderpool, Rick Niswander, Jinling Huang, and Scott Gordon.
Absent: Wanda Wynne, Dillon Godley, and Patricia Anderson

Present: Marianna Walker, chair of the faculty senate, Brenda Killingsworth, Hunt McKinnon

Meeting called to order by chair, Scott MacGilvray at 4:00 p.m.

Speaker: Rick Niswander

Agenda items – State Budget Cuts:

- Elizabeth City received: 9% cuts
- UNC Chapel Hill Medical received: 21% cuts
- Chapel Hill Academic received: 16.4% cuts
- ECU: 16% cuts (25% tuition/25% university functions + $1 million from the chancellor/50% units) we can’t raise tuition any further. At some point, beyond about 12%, we run out of additional tuition to cover the cuts. $4.4 million in tuition increase. Cuts to Colleges (7.5-7.6% east campus) (7.7% west campus. Totaling $49.1 million from our budget.

- Criteria used to determine depth of cuts:
  - Did you meet your retention goals: used 08/09 data – for ECU (No)
  - Degree Efficiency (what is your ration between degrees issued and undergrads) freshman to sophomore retention. Are you getting people out the door? We got a yes.
  - Proportion of Pell Grant Recipients – we are just over 1/3 (No)
  - Ability to do something with tuition
  - Ability of the university to access alternative sources of revenue
Good news – if there is any – people planned on 20%, and we only got hit with 16%. From a classical RIF perspective, there will be very few RIFs. We didn’t fill vacant positions. There were fixed term faculty whose contracts were not renewed. There are not any tenured/tenured track positions cut at this point.

Question – what about the hiring of fixed term for the fall. From a hiring perspective, if the vice chancellor approves it, you can fill the position.

Marianna Walker suggested that Scott MacGilvray should write a proposal from the ECU Budget Committee to send out to the faculty so they are aware of the budget cuts and how they affect all of the units on campus. Scott MacGilvray will put together something electronically and send it out for everyone to review and evaluate before sending it out.

Meeting adjourned: 5:11 p.m.

Submitted by: Dr. Maureen Ellis