Minutes of the University Budget Committee

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

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 25, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Ex-officio Members Present: Wanda Wynne, Anne Jenkins (for Rick Niswander), Deedee Glascoff, Gary Vanderpool Absent: Rick Niswander, Joe Gaddis

East Carolina University Standing Academic Committee Organizational Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Marianne Walker at 4:05 p.m.

The Committee Charge was read by Marianna Walker, Chair of the Faculty Senate, and the 2011-2012 officers were elected:

- Chairman: Todd Fraley
- Vice Chair: Scott MacGilvray
- Secretary: Maureen Ellis

Thing to consider for the committee:

- Address communication of budget to the faculty (avoid rumors)
- Report to the Senate and facilitate discussion – open dialogue

Agenda Items:

The Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in 142 Rawl Annex.

- September 15, 2011
- October 20, 2011
- November 17, 2011
- December 15, 2011
- January 19, 2012
- February 16, 2012
- March 16, 2012
- April 20, 2012

Business Carried Over from 2010-2011

1. Designate a Committee member to participate with the Administrative Tuition Committee.  
   John Given
2. Develop and active discussion with University community and Faculty Senate to disseminate information about budget issues. Consider producing a primer on both the State and University budgetary process to educate committee members and increase committee efficiency.

3. Maintain ongoing evaluation of the impact of the NC Legislative budget on ECU, and the Universities’ approach to dealing with these budget cuts.

4. Review and quantify the magnitude of administrative cuts that have been endured over the past 5 years of budget cuts.

5. Evaluate proposals for consolidation/realignment to determine whether they would provide substantial administrative cost savings.

6. Plan ahead for the Committee to meet year round (including summer) to stay abreast of significant budget developments that generally occur between May-August.

New Business

- Coordinate plans for Open Forums for both faculty and staff to discuss activities of the Program Prioritization Committee (PPC) http://www.ecu.edu/ppc/.

Committee Goals for 2011/2012

1. How can we be a more pro-active committee? Understand how this university can generate more revenue beyond tuition increases. Consider working in conjunction with the Research & Creative Activities Committee.

2. Follow-up on goal from 2010-2011: Investigate alternatives to eliminating fixed-term faculty during the upcoming budget downturn. What is the impact on fixed-term faculty? There are fixed-term faculty in departments teaching without contracts.

3. Provide transparency – how budget cuts were dealt with by units across the University.

4. Invite Provost Sheerer/Deans/Administration to respond to Committee to discuss how budget cuts were dealt with; what did people do.

5. Reports from individual Colleges -- how was the budget handled and what type of information was disseminated.

6. Facilitate discussion and create open dialogues with University community. Then ask administration to convey information through proper faculty channels. Develop an efficient and effective process for information dissemination (i.e. resolution to Faculty Senate/Chancellor).

Invite Rick Niswander to the September 15 meetings to discuss impact of budget to University.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. as the business of the committee had been completed.

Submitted by Maureen Ellis, Secretary