Minutes of the ECU Budget Committee Meeting on Thursday, 19 Sept. 2013

Attending: Jeff Popke, Todd Fraley, John Given, Robert Kulesher, Kirk St.Amant, Terry Atkinson, Guglielmo Fucci, Joe Gaddis, Susan Chapman, Wanda Wynne, Rick Niswander, Bonnie Mani, Rachel Roper, Kyle Fulk

Absent: Gary Vanderpool

Guest: Mark Sprague, Chair of the Faculty Senate

Meeting Begins: 4:05pm

Item 1: Introductions, Overview, and Elections
Mark Sprague (Chair of the Faculty/Physics) welcomed the members of the committee and
- Called the meeting to order
- Distributed packets (purple folders) containing information on the committee and its charge
- Reviewed the charge of the committee
- Called for nominations for a committee chair

Item 2: Elections of Committee Officers
The following committee officers were elected by acclamation
- Chair: Jeff Popke (Geography)
- Vice-Chair: Robert Kulesher (Allied Health Sciences)
- Secretary: Kirk St.Amant (English/International Studies)

Item 3: Overview of the Current Budget Context
Rick Niswander (VC for Administration and Finance) provided committee members with an overview of

- The eight factors the General Assembly used to determine the budget reductions applied to different schools in the UNC system. The overall reduction for the system was -3.89% with ECU’s reduction being -3.68%.

- The dynamics of how ECU’s internal budgeting works in terms of what sources of revenue are used to fund ECU operations and how different kinds of funds are allocated to cover different kinds of costs.

Item 4: Business from the Previous Year
The following business items from the previous year (2012-2013) were discussed:

- Budget Primer: The committee decided to continue working on the Primer and to do so based upon a previous draft of the Primer created by John Given (Foreign Languages and Literatures)
• **Consultation Role with Chancellor:** The committee decided to continue with its role of providing the Chancellor with information, perspectives, and advice on budgetary issues affecting ECU. The committee also agreed to continue working with the Committee of Fiscal Sustainability to obtain and share information relating to this role of consulting with the Chancellor.

• **Ideas for Generating Revenue:** In the 2012-2013 academic year, the committee queried the faculty for ideas on how ECU might either save money or increase revenue via new approaches and plans. The committee plans to follow up on the suggestions it received in response to this initial query as well as seek additional suggestions and input from the faculty on such options.

**Item 5: Call for New Business Items for Consideration**

Jeff Popke (Chair/Geography) asked if there were any new business items the committee wished to consider for the coming (2013-2014 academic year).

- A volunteer was needed to serve on the Administrative Tuition and Fees Committee; John Given (Foreign Languages and Literatures) agreed to serve in this role.

*Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm*

*Approved*