COMMITTEE: Faculty Governance

MEETING DATE: February 15, 2006

PERSON PRESIDING: Puri Martinez

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patricia Anderson, John Cope, Nanyoung Kim, Bob Morrison, Puri Martinez, Mark Taggart, and Tinsley Yarbrough

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Gilliland, Catherine Rigsby, and Paul Zigas

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lori Lee, Marti Van Scott

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Revision to the Faculty Manual Part VII.II Patent Procedures

Discussion: Marti Van Scott reviewed current practices and proposed changes in the patent procedures in the Faculty Manual. The proposed changes included changing the use of the term inventor to disclosing party since inventor has a specific legal definition. Rigsby made a motion to revise the sentence on distribution of income to “All remaining revenues after payment of these expenses (net income) (per the preceding paragraph) shall be distributed to the disclosing party in a manner consistent with the University License Income Distribution Policy, which can be found at http://www.ecu.edu.research2/ott but in an amount no less than a distribution of 50 percent of the first $100,000 net and 25 percent net thereafter.” “to the disclosing party” was added as an editorial change by the recording secretary. Although current distribution policy is at 40 percent of net after $100,000, the minimum was set at 25 percent to allow revisions up or down as long as it didn’t go below the 25 percent. Van Scott stated that the current national trend has been to become more generous.

Zigas said he advocated keeping the reference to the research site since the policy was maintained by a committee consisting largely of faculty members.

Action Taken: The amendment passed with no abstentions

Zigas moved approval of part VII.II. Part VII.II passed with no abstentions.

Agenda Item: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Agenda Item: The committee discussed comments made at the College of Arts and Sciences meeting of the college’s faculty senators with the dean. The committee discussed various talking points for the upcoming Faculty Senate meeting.

Submitted by Bob Morrison, co-secretary.