COMMITTEE: University Budget Committee

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2001

PERSON PRESIDING: R. Niswander

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: R. Niswander, H. Ferrell, B. Hanrahan, N. Spalding, F. Moreno, A. Rodriguez

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: R. Brown, B. Morrison, R. Thompson, G. Vanderpool

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: L. Lee, Carroll Varner

ACTIONS OF THE MEETING:

Description of action:

Guest Carroll Varner, Director of the Library, spoke at length, describing and explaining the budget history of ECU in the context of conditions with other university research libraries. He explained in detail the differential approaches to addressing undergraduate education needs and faculty research needs, and the paradigm shift toward internet access and electronic journal holdings. Journal cancellations were addressed, with the library's focus on reducing print while increasing information available. It was emphasized that when journals are cancelled, it is the print version only which is cancelled, and access to the information is retained. Overall, our practices and resources are consistent with the bottom tier of research libraries for universities with attached medical school.

The priorities developed in the June 6 meeting were discussed; the Chair will collate and organize, and send out to committee by Friday.

NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2001, 3:00 pm