COMMITTEE: University Budget Committee

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2002

PERSON PRESIDING: Rick Niswander

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: A. Rodriquez, H. Ferrell, B. Hanrahan, L. Mayne, R. Niswander, K. Walsh

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: R. Brown, B. Morrison, R. Thompson, M. McCarthy, J. Westmoreland

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: L. Lee

ACTIONS OF THE MEETING:

Minutes of the September 18, 2002 meeting were approved.

Rick Niswander presented the ECU 2002-2003 budget as it is currently projected. Reductions include 2.88% from the governor and legislature and an additional 2.1% reversion from the governor. The permanent reductions are offset this year by additional revenues from enrollment increases as well as campus based tuition increases. The campus based tuition revenues will be used for financial aid, additional faculty for high-demand courses, advising services and libraries.

Rick Niswander also led a discussion of the current faculty salary adjustment based on “market and equity” criteria. It was determined that the Budget Committee would gather information from the various department and unit heads to determine the process that was being followed – how faculty were being notified about the criteria, how the criteria were being applied, what definitions were being used, and how determinations for salary increased were being made. The committee will review this information and make recommendations.

Richard Brown presented information on the 2003 campus based tuition increases. It is likely that the increase will be $250 per student. The discussion focused on major student needs. Class size reductions are probably not realistic. The online registration needs to be made more user-friendly, by either increasing the computer capacity or extending the registration time to allow for the volume of students. Additional areas for this funding include replacement / addition of instructional equipment funs, more “smart classrooms”, additional writing center assistance and more teaching assistants, and extended hours for learning resource centers and tutoring.

NEXT MEETING: January 16, 2003