COMMITTEE: 2006-2007 University Budget Committee

MEETING DATE: January 18, 2007

PERSON PRESIDING: Cal Christian, Chair

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Lust; Ralph Scott, Vice Chair; C. Bickley-Green, Secretary; and Jeff Krepps.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Gaddis, Rep. of Provost - Academic Affairs; Gary Vanderpool, Rep. of VC for Health Sciences; Andrea Harrell, Rep. of Research and Graduate Studies; Henry Ferrell, Rep. of Chair of the Faculty; and Rodney Roberts, Faculty Senator.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Smith and Clayton Sessoms.

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of the Minutes from October 19, 2006, and November 16, 2006. Discussion: Previous meetings did not have a quorum to approve minutes. Action Taken: Minutes approved.

Agenda Item:
Review of 2006-2007 Faculty Position and Permanent Operating Budget Allocations for College/Schools presented by Provost James Smith.

Discussion:
The Role of Distance Education at ECU (The positives, negatives, and future) led by Provost James Smith. Topics included:

1. The funding impact of Distance Education on the ECU budget and the funding model that the General Administration uses to make allocations to the University.
2. The effect of the mission of the unit on funding allocations such as the priorities given to education and nursing programs.
3. The service that Distance Education creates to provide education to populations that cannot travel to the ECU campus for instruction.
4. Consideration of how the on-line teaching changes campus instruction.
5. The recognition that DE contributes to the Public Service Mission of the University.

Questions brought up by the committee were
1. What is the relation between the cost of on-line instruction compared to the cost of on-campus instruction?
2. Are we comparing the quality of the teaching/learning transactions on-campus and on-line?

Action Taken:
Elmer Poe and Clayton Sessoms will present more information about Distance Education at ECU in the February meeting.

NEXT MEETING: February 15, 2007

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:
Update on distance education enrollments and funding allocations led by Elmer Poe and Clayton Sessoms.