COMMITTEE: 2006-2007 University Budget Committee

MEETING DATE: February 15, 2007

PERSON PRESIDING: Cal Christian, Chair

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ralph Scott, Vice Chair; C. Bickley-Green, Secretary.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Clayton Sessoms, Director of Continuing Studies.

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Old Business: ECU Faculty Senate request for more input into the Faculty Allocation Procedure.

Discussion: Anne Jenkins said that faculty participation is currently in process for this year. She added that in future years, the faculty will have an opportunity to participate in the faculty allocation procedure earlier in the process.

Action Taken: Cal Christian indicated that the Committee will make a formal request to the Provost for a summary of how Faculty can participate earlier in the Faculty Allocation Procedure.

Agenda Item: Presentation of Distance Education's Role by Elmer Poe and Clayton Sessoms

Discussion:
Topics included:
1. Financial and enrollment impact;
2. Description of the NC Institutions Shared Information Portal proposed by Erskine Bowles;
3. The Development of Quality Standards for Distance Education as recommended by the Southern Regional Education Board [SREB]. ECU has already developed Suggested Standards for DE Courses;
4. Reasons for developing the ECU DE programs include the understanding that DE programs require about the same amount of work as on-campus programs yet serve the larger population of students that cannot attend on-campus courses;
5. The pros and cons of alternative academic suite platforms to BlackBoard currently being considered;
6. The discussion of academic performance of students who participate in distance education programs compared with the traditional face-to-face students; and
7. A demographic profile of distance education students.

NEXT MEETING: March Open; April 19, 2007

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: