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Subject: November Academic Affairs Faculty Senate Report

Noted below are comments from Jim Smith, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

I am not on the agenda for the Senate meeting today, but I forward the following brief report and I will, of course, be available for questions.

1. Since there were some questions about position allocations last time, I am having the position allocation memorandum sent to you electronically (attached). The memorandum contains explanations of procedures. You will find that the 43 DE positions were distributed solely on the basis of last year's DE student credit hour production. Because we are ahead of our funding in DE, we concluded that we needed to fund that production as wholly as we could. We believe the same will be true next year, since our productivity exceeds the funding level. The 25 regular term positions were divided as follows: 11 for institutional priorities, 7 for increases in SCH production last year, and 7 for "restitution", that is for the units who have been most behind in funding over the recent years in terms of overall SCH production. We will continue discussions on how best to allocate positions as we go forward.

2. Operating dollars that accompany position allocations will be distributed soon. This process is taking longer this year than before, but we are engaged in cross-divisional discussions of the general institution support budget, the "reallocation pool" that will be formed from 1310 salary monies not spent this year, as well as the \$1.3 million dollar operating budget pool itself. How the other divisions will share in the first two pools must be worked out so we know what operating expenses can be addressed this year from those pools before we turn to the allocation of the operating money itself. This is a good process, because for the first time (probably ever) these discussions are occurring in a collaborative manner, as the Chancellor has instructed. This process is the implementation of the institutional priority on opening the budget processes.

3. Jeff Elwell, the new dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, begins work today at ECU. We welcome Jeff, his wife, Edwina, and his son, Preston, to the ECU family. We also express deep thanks to Mike

Dorsey for all he has done to insure the transition to a viable College in the reorganization, as well as for his many accomplishments over the years. Mike will join the faculty in the School of Art and Design next academic year, after a period of time to prepare for those duties.

4. We continue to work on several important initiatives, setting up the search committee for the Arts and Sciences deanship, including the evaluation of the quality of our DE course delivery, the formation of a diversity council as the new diversity officer is found, the evaluation of fixed term faculty benefits and related matters, an overall university employee compensation plan, the search for a new director of International Affairs, the formation of coordinating councils for the continuous improvement of teacher education and for liaison with community colleges, among other things.

5. I have decided to apply for the provost position. If I am granted an interview, I will have more to say about related things.