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Subject: Notes for Faculty Senators - from Jim Smith

Hi, Lori. Here are some notes for the senators today, should you be willing to forward them along. Thanks! / Jim Smith

Overview of Academic Affairs activities this month:

1. Budget Matters: The Chancellor's Executive Council continues to evaluate divisional requests on the \$6.5million General Institutional Support budget. This is the first time in many years that such collaborative discussions have occurred, if ever. Each division has the opportunity to request monies from this fund, now that the \$2.5million mandated cut has been taken (proportionately from the 4 areas of enrollment increase monies: faculty positions, academic support, library support, and general institutional support). These discussions should be completed in the next 2-3 weeks.

2. Faculty Position Allocations: There were approximately 129 new faculty positions earned by OP-agreed upon enrollment projections for 2005-06. After the 15 positions given back as the prorated percentage of the cut from the enrollment increase monies, that leaves 114. Given the 83% vs. 17% balance of student credit hour increases between Academic Affairs and Health Sciences, after agreements are reached on priorities to be considered first, the balance of the faculty positions will be divided between the divisions on the 83/17 percentage basis. Position allocations should be determined by the November Senate meeting. I will share the relevant memorandum.

3. New Operating Monies in Academic Affairs and Health Sciences: The academic support money portion of the enrollment increase money covers faculty benefits and increased operating costs. The new operating money totals \$1,554,342, and the 17/83% HS/AA should apply. Those monies will be allocated over the next month on the basis of deans' priorities in both divisions.

4. Promotion and Tenure Recommendations: As you know, these processes are well underway in the units. These actions are among the most important that we do as a university and I trust that we continue to mentor our younger faculty and work together to produce the best possible guidance in these important matters.

5. Leadership Proposals Sought re the BB&T Gift: The ten deans have received grant application forms for proposals for matching funds for leadership projects. If you have an interest and wish more information, please consult with your dean's office. We have approximately \$150,000 a year from BB&T to foster leadership programs for our students.

6. Service Learning and Leadership Courses and Programs: Please know that any and all matters relating to service learning and leadership curriculum development are, as with all curriculum matters, the province of the faculty to develop and evaluate. We have a long tradition of faculty guidance in curriculum. Accreditation agencies insist on it as well.

Thanks for serving in the Faculty Senate and for all you do for ECU.

Jim Smith/ Provost