

## **SPECIAL MEETING – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016**

The ECU Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Transparency Committee met Friday, November 4, at 11:15 a.m. in Crabbe 201 in a Special Meeting with the Agenda items of:

1. Review/recommendations Faculty Senate Rules and Robert's Rules of Order NR for voting procedures for Faculty Senate
2. Review/recommendations voting procedures and voting results reports at Fall 2016 Faculty Senate meetings

Attending were members: Deborah Givens, chair; Paula Kopacz; Randall Swain. Absent Ginny Whitehouse. Also attending were Faculty Senate Chair Shirley O'Brien and University Counsel Dana Fohl.

Members and guests reviewed the recent votes, specifically the non-support vote regarding the Faculty Regent, in which the abstentions were counted with the no votes. A review of Robert's Rules of Order and the Faculty Senate Special Rules, Bylaws and other documents was made. The chair had ruled during the Faculty Senate meeting that the abstentions counted with the no votes. This is not procedure dictated in Robert's Rules of Order. To avoid confusion in the future regarding how yes, no, abstentions, and non-votes are counted, it was discussed that a script be drawn up for the chair to read at the beginning of each meeting.

No action taken. Meeting adjourned.