



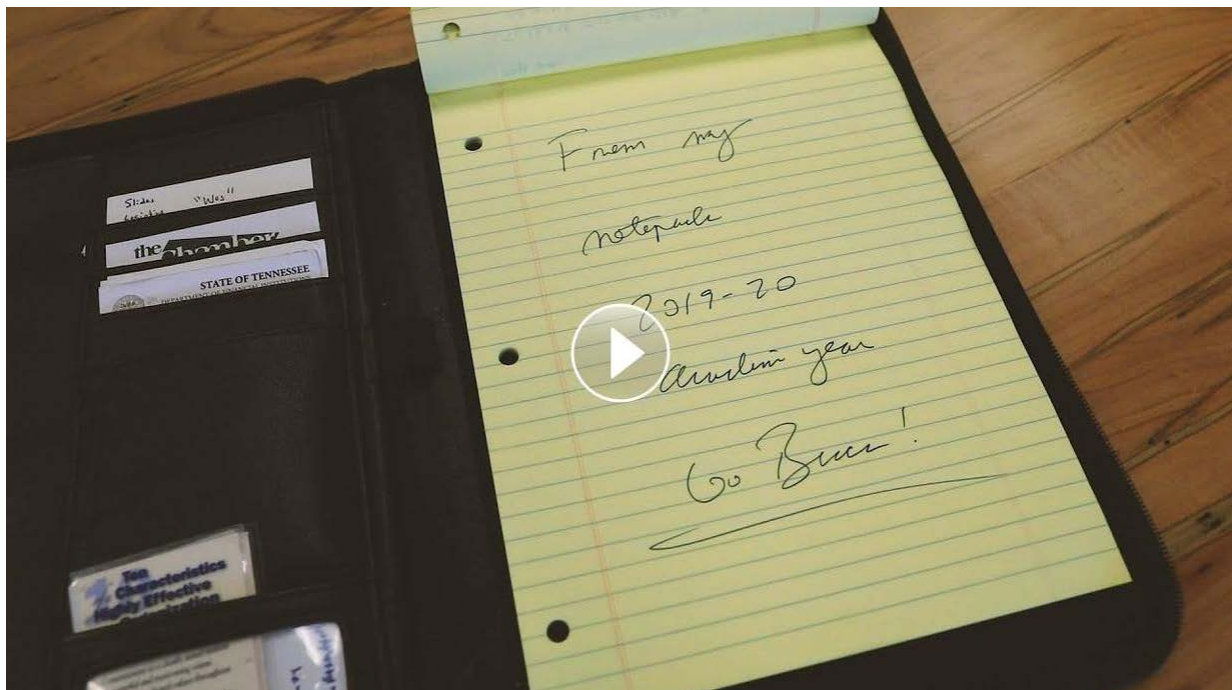
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New format for “From My Notepads”

In my first installment of “[From My Notepads](#)” for the 2019-20 academic year, I discuss a new format for campus communication.



Future Updates on University-Wide Reviews/Studies

This “From My Notepads” report will be used frequently throughout the upcoming year to provide updates on various initiatives, activities, and studies that are occurring across the university campus. Throughout the course of the 2019-20 academic year, we will undertake a series of reviews of institutional organization and structure. As we shared with the Board of Trustees in April 2019, such activity is common within the lifecycle of universities in order to ensure that processes and structures are aligned with best practices. Presently, studies taking place at ETSU include reviews of enrollment services, advising, and housing. Updates on the progress of these and other initiatives will be provided on a periodic basis across the 2019-20 academic year.

Report on Fall 2019 Enrollment

Now that we have passed the 14th day of classes, we have a more clear understanding of our final enrollment figures for the fall 2019 semester. Overall, our enrollment is slightly down in comparison to last year but is within our budget confidence intervals. Our fall-to-fall retention rate was 72.4% and our graduation rate was 50%. I will further discuss these numbers and other enrollment trends during the State of the University Address on October 2 (see below).

ETSU Board of Trustees meeting Friday, Sept. 20

The campus community is invited to attend the quarterly meeting of the ETSU Board of Trustees on Friday, September 20, at the Millennium Center. The full board meeting will begin at 1:15 p.m. in room 220. Those who cannot attend in person may view the meeting via [livestream](#). Earlier during the day, the three Board of Trustees committees will also hold their quarterly meetings, beginning with the Audit Committee at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Finance and Administration Committee and the Academic, Research and Student Success Committee, both at 9:45 a.m. The committee meetings will take place in rooms 215 and 225 of the Millennium Center. Additional information about the meeting is available on the [Board of Trustees website](#).

Report on Various Facility Projects

The year 2020 will be one of celebration as two major facilities projects draw to a close. I am pleased to report that the construction of the Martin Center for the Arts as well as the renovation of the D.P. Culp University Center are both progressing on schedule. The dining hall in the Culp Center is already open, and if you have not done so already, I encourage you to have lunch there soon and see the transformative work that has occurred. The doors to the remainder of the Culp Center will open during the spring semester, not too long before

work wraps up on the Arts Center. Discussions are already taking place regarding the events that will help celebrate the opening of the center next fall.

In the upcoming weeks, I will provide an update on the planned renovation of Lamb Hall as well as our proposal for a new Humanities Building.

State of the University Address, Oct. 2

My annual **State of the University Address** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m. at the Millennium Center. Please join me on that day as I provide an update on a variety of topics, including enrollment, budgets, legislative issues, and other initiatives, and examine relative themes across the higher education landscape. I hope that your schedule will allow for you to join me. The address will also be **livestreamed**.

Do you have an idea on ways to improve communication across campus?
Your ideas and feedback are welcome. Send me your thoughts at **president@etsu.edu**.



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