



BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

April 2017

A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies

FACULTY SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Members of the budget redesign committee gave a presentation.
- Committee on Committees presented the nomination of Jin Hong to serve on the Safety Committee; the nomination was approved.
- Dr. Bach attended a meeting and answered questions from the Senate.
- During the April 24 meeting, the following officers were elected for the 2017-18 year: Vice President – Dr. Bill Flora; Secretary – Dr. Eric Sellers; Treasurer – Dr. Cindy Chambers; and Chief Operating Officer – Dr. Patrick Brown.

Note: For complete minutes and other information regarding Faculty Senate meetings, visit <http://www.etsu.edu/senate/>.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- The Academic Council received a report from representatives of the Education Advisory Board (EAB) Academic Affairs Forum that provided an overview of resources available to Academic Council members as well as information about accessing them.

- The council received a Report pertaining to a Comprehensive Review of the School of Graduate Studies. The report included a set of recommendations addressing a path forward in response to its findings, and the Academic Council endorsed moving forward on those recommendations.
- Dr. Cheri Clavier announced that all tenure and tenure-track faculty members who teach undergraduate courses would be invited to participate in a Faculty Survey for Student Engagement (FSSE). The survey will provide information regarding faculty perceptions of student engagement.
- Members of the Budget Redesign Committee provided to the Academic Council an overview of the new budget model being developed. The presentation focused on the algorithm the model would employ to link enrollment to resources.
- The council voted to approve a proposal to revise the admissions policy for the PhD in Nursing that is expected to impact positively recruitment efforts for the PhD program.
- The Academic Council endorsed the Teaching Work Group's Final Report titled *Supporting Excellence in Teaching at ETSU*. Dr. Bill Kirkwood noted highlights in the report and its development, and several members of the group were in attendance. The Council's endorsement encouraged the university to pursue the path forward that the report presents, as circumstances and resources permit.
- Approval was given to forward the following non-substantive policy revisions to the ETSU Board of Trustees in order to facilitate the transition away from TBR governance: 1) *Tenure* 2) *Faculty Ranks and Responsibility* 3) *Definition of Faculty and Types of Appointment*, and 4) *Academic Freedom and Responsibility*.
- Dr. Karin Bartoszuk and Graduate Student Success Specialists Jennifer Savery and Deanna Heath provided the Academic Council a report pertaining to the scope and effectiveness of the Graduate Student Success program.

STAFF SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- During the April meeting, Staff Senate members of the Budget Redesign Committee gave a presentation on the new budget model.

Note: For complete minutes and other information regarding Staff Senate meetings, visit <http://www.etsu.edu/staffsenate/meetings/default.aspx>.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Members of the Budget Redesign Committee came for open forum.
- The Tate Obadiah White Award was decided by secret ballot.
- Bucfund appropriations were made for Phi Beta Sigma (\$1,500); Slocumb Galleries (\$2,000); SORC Leadershape (\$12,000); Intervarsity Concert (\$15,000); and Wesley Foundation (\$11,500).
- Carter Warden presented concert choices that would be listed in the poll for the upcoming fall concert.

Note: For complete minutes and other information regarding SGA meetings, visit <http://www.etsu.edu/sga/minutes.aspx>.

INTERIM UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- President Noland provided an update on the proposed 2017-18 budget. He reported that the university budget is being built based on

a decline of 250 students and that ETSU remains on track to have 2,100 freshmen in the fall.

- Dr. Noland discussed a number of legislative matters, including the renovation of Lamb Hall, funding for opioid research, the implementation of FOCUS and the presence of weapons on campus.
- Dr. Wilsie Bishop presented on the restructuring of IUC based on conversations and feedback from an earlier IUC meeting.
- Dr. Joe Sherlin addressed the IUC regarding questions about notification and safety of non-student minors across campus following an issue with a minor involved in a university-sponsored program.
- Dr. Mike Hoff reported he will be developing a webpage for the Strategic Planning process and asked for feedback and recommendations.
- Dr. Brian Noland talked about the transfer of policies from the Tennessee Board of Regents to the Board of Trustees and said more policies will be brought to the Board of Trustees potentially at a called meeting or in June at the next scheduled meeting.

Note: For complete minutes and other information regarding the Interim University Council, visit <http://www.etsu.edu/president/interim-council/minutes.php>.