



BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

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A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies

FACULTY SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- The Faculty Senate joined Staff Senate and the SGA in hosting an open forum with President Noland
- A revision of the by-laws of the Tennessee University Faculty Senates (TUFS) was affirmed.
- A revision of the Presidential-Grant-In-Aid procedures was approved.
- The senate affirmed the University of Memphis senate resolution of support of the DACA “Dreamers.”
- The teaching working group of the Faculty Senate has been tasked to look at the use of SAIs.

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 council approved the following undergraduate academic proposals: (1) to change the name of the B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies to B.S. in Elementary Education within the Clemmer College of Education, and (2) to establish a minor in American Sign Language within the College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences.
- One graduate academic proposal (termination of the graduate certificate (C4) in Emerging Technology in the College of Business and Technology), was approved. Dr. Tony Pittarese explained that there are no students currently enrolled in that program.

- The following ETSU policies, presented by Dr. Marsh Grube and Dr. Susan Epps, were approved and will be forwarded to the University Council: (1) Academic Calendar, (2) Official Transcript for Employment, (3) University Catalogs, and (4) Faculty Teaching Credentials.
- Leigh Lewis provided information about Quality Assurance Funding standards, specifically: (1) the standard pertaining to incentives for improving adult learner services and experiences, and (2) critical thinking for graduating student standard, about which she said ETSU students score above the national mean on the California Critical Thinking Skills Test (CCTST).
- Catherine Morgan, Richard Hyland, and Cecilia McIntosh spoke to the council about new federal financial aid guidelines and eligibility for graduate certificates. Ms. Morgan explained that proposers of new graduate certificate programs must contact her office (Financial Aid) for a checklist of materials that are required for submission to the U.S. Department of Education to establish the program's financial aid eligibility.

STAFF SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- No report.

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

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Dean Pat Van Zandt came to open forum on behalf of staff senate and the library committee.
- Carter Warden attended open forum to present the spring concert listing.
- Items related to locker rooms for band, external emails, and BUC Bikes passes unanimously.
- A number of items moved through first reading.

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

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- President Brian Noland provided a report on various topics, including an overview of budget presentations with THEC, an overview of the recent Board of Trustees meeting, a summary of discussions from the retreat held for VPs and deans in Abingdon, and further conversation regarding the new budget process.
- Dr. Angela Lewis presented a policy related to waived, modified or internal searches.
- Several individuals reported on completed action items from various other committees.

Note: For complete minutes and other information regarding University Council, visit <https://www.etsu.edu/universitycouncil/>.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- The Research Council reviewed the plans for ETSU faculty and student access to the University of Tennessee Advanced Computing Facility.