



BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

February 2017

A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies

FACULTY SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- The senate approved the nomination of Dr. Judy McCook to fill a vacancy on the Commission for Women standing committee.
- Mike Hoff was the senate's guest for a Q/A session at the Jan. 30 meeting.
- Jeff Gray is a newly appointed senator from the College of Pharmacy and Greta Marek is filling in for Senator Retha Gentry (Nursing) this semester.
- The Open Forum with Dr. Noland will be Tuesday, March 28, from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Culp Auditorium (right side).

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 approved a proposal to establish a Center for Rural and Appalachian Health, presented by Dr. Randy Wykoff and Dr. Paula Masters.

- Dr. Cheri Clavier provided a brief overview on the development and charge of the Governance Transition Committee. She also provided an update regarding proposed changes in SACSCOC standards and principles, and she indicated that SACSCOC had posted the recommendations for a period of public comment.
- Dr. Marsh Grube proposed changes in academic policies, explaining that the Academic Council will be recommending the finalized versions to the Governance Committee and to the Interim University Council as part of the governance transition process. Several of the policies were assigned to ad hoc committees for further review.
- Dr. Karen King provided an update regarding ETSU discussions surrounding the future of RODP/TN eCampus. Further review is required before a final recommendation can be forwarded to the president.
- Ms. Kathy Feagins presented information about scholarship initiatives that will likely impact Fall 2017 enrollment.

STAFF SENATE

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No report for January 2017.

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:

- Rana Elgazzar was appointed to position of Secretary of State.
- Conor Landers was appointed to position of Secretary of Allocations.
- SSB-17-001 was passed which is a bill to update the duties of the Senators and the Secretary of Public Relations. This Bill required

Senators to visit and update at least two outside organizations about SGA each month. For Secretary of PR, the bill now requires the secretary to assign organization to Senators to be visited.

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:

- Mary Jordan and Ed Kelly presented the draft of a proposed Consensual Romantic or Sexual Relationship Policy developed by an ad hoc committee.
- Dr. Karen King presented a revised draft of a document outlining the proposed structure of the Information Technology Council (ITC).
- Dr. Mike Hoff provided a review of the strategic planning process thus far and noted that the document will soon be finalized and will be presented at the next IUC meeting.
- Dr. Larry Calhoun provided an update on the transition to a decentralized budget model.
- Dr. Noland presented several new scholarship initiatives that are being proposed to enhance ETSU's student recruitment efforts.
- Related to recruitment, Dr. Noland stated that the 2017-18 budget will be built on an expected enrollment decline of 250 students.
- Dr. Noland reported that ETSU's substantive change materials pertaining to the coming governance change were approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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