



BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

March 2017

A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies

FACULTY SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Dr. Amy Johnson presented an update on the QEP/INtopFORM and on the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.
- Dr. Jeff Howard, Ms. Mary Jordan, and Ms. Tracy Barry presented on the Title IX/Sexual Harassment investigation process for students and faculty/staff.
- Discussed an upcoming Open Forum with Dr. Noland.

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 voted to create an interprofessional committee to provide recommendations as how best to identify, organize, coordinate, and market ETSU's pre-professional preparatory programs. Committee members from a wide variety of disciplines were selected and Ramona Williams was designated as the chair.
- The Academic Council approved a proposal to reorganize the Communication and Performance department into two new

departments effective July 1, 2017: 1) Communication and Performance (retains former title), and 2) Theatre and Dance . The proposal was subsequently approved by President Noland and THEC.

- The council approved the proposal to substantively revise the Technical Writing Minor; additional approvals and notifications will occur before implementation.
- The Academic Council approved changes regarding the distribution of Academic Council minutes: 1) whenever possible, minutes from the previous meeting will be made available one week prior to the next meeting, and 2) minutes will begin to be uploaded to the web (location to be determined) for ETSU faculty, staff, and students as soon as Information Technology Services establishes a password-protected portal for this purpose.

STAFF SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Dr. Thomas Schacht presented on Great Colleges Survey.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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No report for February 2017.

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

Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Dr. Wilsie Bishop presented on the Creative Services Policy, which was then approved by the IUC.
- Dr. Mike Hoff presented the strategic plan, noting a lot of time was spent getting feedback on it and he felt the plan provides a lot of areas that guide, but also leaves room for people to be innovative. The plan was approved with edits.
- President Brian Noland tasked the group with considering how a formal membership structure should look as well as formal bylaws for the IUC now that a strategic plan has been approved.
- Dr. Larry Calhoun, Dr. Gordon Anderson and James Batchelder presented and led a discussion of the proposed budget model for 2017-18.
- Catherine Morgan, director of Financial Aid, presented on the Office of Financial Aid peer review recently conducted.
- Dr. B.J. King, acting CFO, presented on Gov. Haslam's recently announced budget as it relates to higher education and ETSU.
- In his President's Report, Dr. Noland touched on the state budget, the budget process at ETSU, legislative conversations and gave an update on the Board of Trustees.

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