



BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

October 2018

A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies

FACULTY SENATE

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- Chief Collins addressed Faculty Senate regarding emergency response and general safety issues on campus.
- Working groups were formed to make recommendations to improve policies and practices.
 - **Administrative Evaluation:** The Administrative Evaluation Committee will review the ETSU administrative evaluation process and develop recommendations for improvements in administrative evaluation practices.
 - **Shared Governance:** The Shared Governance Committee will review ETSU governance procedures and develop strategies and policy recommendations to formalize Faculty Senate and faculty as a fully representative component of the governance process at ETSU.
 - **Campus Communications:** The Campus Communications Committee will develop strategies and recommendations for improving the flow of information and shared communications across the campus and community.
 - **Grants and Research:** The Grants and Research Committee will review grants and research practices, procedures, and protocols and will make recommendations to improve grants and research processes at ETSU.
 - **Faculty Safety and Planning:** The Faculty Safety and Planning Committee will develop recommendations for practice and procedures for continued enhancement of campus safety at ETSU. This committee will also provide faculty-debriefing opportunities following campus emergencies, as needed.

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:

Action Items:

- Ben Stirling from TNAchieves provided information about a mentoring program that is coordinated by his organization (partner organization of Tennessee Promise). TNAchieves focuses on activities that support Tennessee students in meeting Tennessee Promise requirements. Individuals who are interested in becoming a mentor should apply by Nov. 30, 2018 (emailing Mentors@tnAchieves.org, or 615-604-1306).
- An Academic Council Retreat occurred on September 27, 2018. The format of the retreat enabled the heads of four key areas - Graduate School, Undergraduate Admissions and Enrollment, Online, and Programming - to listen to the perspective of Academic Council members in the morning sessions regarding things that are going well, barriers, and opportunities. The thoughts from the participants were recorded, and emerging themes were presented in the afternoon session. Additional meetings will occur on campus this fall that will utilize the information from the retreat to revise and refine unit plans and *12-Month Goals*, ultimately informing the budget process for 2019-2020.

STAFF SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Over 100 comfort packs were assembled to be donated to survivors of Hurricane Florence.
- October 24 will be the Joint Open Forum with President Noland in Brown Hall 206 at 2:30 p.m.
- Staff Senate will start its annual food drive. Drop-off locations will be available across campus.

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

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

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

- The SGA held its first meeting of the year on September 4.
- An open forum was held with Chief of Public Safety Nicole Collins and Emergency Management Specialist Andrew Worley.
- The first BucFund Senate meeting was held on September 18. SGA awarded \$38,150 for on-campus events, \$1,050 in seed money and \$7,760 for off-campus events.
- The fall concert with Judah and the Lion on September 30 was a success.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Dr. Noland provided a report on budget issues and noted that the institution's budget is balanced. As part of the new budget model, colleges now have more control over their revenues.
- President Noland gave an update on the various construction projects taking place on campus and also noted that the acquisition of the Millennium Center should take place on October 1.
- Dr. Noland commended Pam Ritter and her staff for a successful alumni event when the Bucs played the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.
- Dr. Mike Hoff offered an update on the strategic plan and said he had received feedback from the campus. The shared folder containing all strategic plans is available to University Council members.
- Dr. David Linville reminded the group that the new process for reviewing and vetting university-wide policies and procedures was approved in May by University Council.

- Dr. Cheri Clavier announced that the contract with TracDat is expiring in February and will not be renewed.
- An extensive discussion took place regarding the August 27 incident which resulted in a shelter-in-place status for the campus. Mr. Jeremy Ross explained the process and the rationale for the actions that took place and he commended the Public Safety team for their quick response. Dr. Linville reminded the council on the tools ETSU has in place for communicating emergencies. Mr. Joe Smith shared information regarding the themes of the feedback that was received. In addition, Chief Nicole Collins also gave an overview of the campus-wide response.

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:

- *No report.*