



## BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

September 2018

*A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies*

### FACULTY SENATE

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*No report.*

*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:*

- The Council approved the *GTEC Exam* as one of the approved Undergraduate Admission Standards for English Proficiency. International students search online for universities that will accept these exam scores as part of the admission process. The exam (including advertising) is free.
- The following policies were approved: 1) Transfer and/or Acceptance of Credit for Undergraduate Programs; 2) Transfer and/or Acceptance of Credit for Graduate Programs; 3) Undergraduate Reverse Transfer; 4) University Catalogs

*Information Items:*

- During its July 12-13, 2018 Summer Retreat, the ETSU Board of Trustees expressed interest in the historical trajectory by which new academic programs have – or have not – emerged as proposed additions or changes to the University's program inventory. In response to that assignment, Dr. Bach established and appointed leadership (Dr. Epps) for an ad hoc Work Group – comprised of membership from all colleges and schools--with an expanded

charge. The group will prepare a report for the BOT Academic and Student Affairs Committee (September 21, 2018), will meet every two weeks (as appropriate), and will maintain a matrix of the progress of program (and modality) development in real time. There are fifteen (15) distinct types of potential actions that will be considered as representing the scope of this comprehensive review.

## STAFF SENATE

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*Meeting highlights/activities summary:*

- The Staff Senate Executive Committee was announced and will be comprised of the following members: Stefanie Murphy, President; Candy Massey, Vice President; Tim Dills, Secretary; Sandra Ritchie, Treasurer; Joy Fulkerson, Member-at-Large; Josh Whitlock, Past-President; and Andrew Worley, Parliamentarian.

*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:*

- SGA held its annual retreat at the ETSU Sevierville location August 15-17 to discuss plans and opportunities for the year
- Multiple SGA members participated in orientation and preview during the month of August
- SGA continues planning for the fall concert with Judah and the Lion on September 30, and Homecoming October 1-7.

*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:*

- Mr. Jeremy Ross updated the council on the recent reorganization of Human Resources and introduced Lori Erickson as the new executive director of HR. Ms. Erickson discussed the new HR Business Partners approach that will help streamline processes. According to Ms. Erickson, the business partners will serve as single points of contact for all HR matters.
- Dr. Mike Hoff discussed recent data that showed the level of interactions and engagement with the Public Comment Website.
- Dr. Hoff provided an update on college and unit level strategic plans.
- Dr. Hoff also discussed potential metrics for tracking university, college and unit plans for board updates.
- Dr. Wilsie Bishop made a presentation on the new Interprofessional Education and Research Center (Building 60). At the conclusion of the meeting, a tour of the new building was provided.

*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.*