



BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

April 2016

A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies

FACULTY SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Vincent Thompson gave a presentation about email changes for students.
- Discussions began regarding the process to elect the faculty representative on the local governing board in preparation for the passing of the FOCUS Bill.
- Discussed Non-Instructional Assignments (NIAs) from perspective of eligibility for NIAs and newly imposed limits on number of NIAs per semester.
- Formed an ad hoc committee to create a Shared Governance Handbook.

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 the merger of two departments – Exercise & Sport Science and Kinesiology, Sport & Recreation Management – into one Department to be named Sport, Exercise, Recreation, & Kinesiology.

- The Academic Council approved two Honors-in-Discipline Scholars Programs-- 1) Early Childhood and 2) Special Education.
- Dr. Karen King and Daniel Gibson presented to the Academic Council an Accessibility Plan for Instructional Materials and Technologies. After discussion, the Council voted to provide a time for public comment.

STAFF SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Dr. Larry Calhoun, Dr. Mike Smith and James Batchelder presented on the work of the Budget Redesign Committee. Additional information about the committee can be found at <http://www.etsu.edu/125/newbudgetprocess/committees/budget.aspx>.
- Vincent Thompson presented on the Microsoft 365 migration.
- Nominations for Distinguished Staff Awards are being accepted until close of day April 15. Awards will be given at the Staff Picnic on Thursday, May 19.

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:

- Dr. Joe Sherlin and Jeremy Ross came to speak to the Student Government Association about the details of the Culp Renovations project.
- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-15-012 "A RESOLUTION TO ADD LIGHTING TO THE AREA BETWEEN LATE NIGHT STUDY

AND THE FRONT DOORS OF THE CHARLES C. SHERROD LIBRARY.”

- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-15-013 “A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE ALL OLD ETSU LOGOS WITH THE NEW LOGO ON CAMPUS SIGNAGE.”
- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-16-005 “A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN AMMENDED VERSION OF THE TENNESSEE FOCUS ACT.”
- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-16-006 “A RESOLUTION TO FURTHER DEFINE THE DEFINITION ON CONSENT IN REGARDS TO SEXUAL ACTIVITIES.”
- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-16-008 “A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE STUDENT LIBRARY FEE.”
- Justice Connor Landers was sworn into his Justice seat.
- The Senate passed a bill titled SSB-16-001 “A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 OF THE EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR MORE ACCURATE REPRESENTATION.”
- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-16-010 “A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 8TH, 2016, AS AN OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY AND IN TURN CANCEL CLASS.”
- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-16-011 “A RESOLUTION TO DENOUNCE ANY EXTENSION OF TIME THAT PARKING TICKETS ARE GIVEN.”
- During a BUC Fund session, the Senate awarded \$3,000 to the Panhellenic Council.
- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-16-013 “RESOLUTION TO REPAIR THE SPACE AVAILABILITY COUNTER AT THE ETSU PARKING GARAGE.”
- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-16-014 “A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT A SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER PROGRAM AT THE STUDENT HEALTH CLINIC AT EAST TENNESSEE STATE

UNIVERSITY.”

- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-16-015 “A RESOLUTION TO ADD PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS TO STUDENT IDs.”
- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-16-012 “A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TIME YOU HAVE TO CHECK OUT A TEXTBOOK FROM THE LIBRARY.”
- The Senate passed an act titled SSA-16-001 “AN ACT TO AMMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CODE OF LAWS TO OUTLINE WHO IS PERMITTED TO LEGISLATE.”
- The Senate passed a resolution titled SSR-16-017 “A RESOLUTION TO URGE UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS TO REINSTATE THE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN ALL WOMEN’S AND GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOMS CONTAINING A DISPENSER.”

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:

- Dr. Noland presented a proclamation from the State of Tennessee to Dr. Wilsie Bishop in honor of her accomplishments.
- Dr. David Linville provided an update on Graduate Medical Education (GME) at ETSU.
- Dr. Karen King outlined a new partnership between ETSU and Adobe software company that is under discussion. She also led a discussion on the TBR Accessibility Plan and reviewed the recommendations regarding accessibility of information materials and technologies for individuals with disabilities. This information comes from the Higher

Education Accessibility Task Force for the TBR and the University of Tennessee systems.

- Patricia Van Zandt, Raven Moody, Dr. Janna Scarborough, Tammy Hamm and Diana McClay reviewed the findings of the Task Force for Review of Stipends and Extra Compensation. Various issues were discussed, and a set of recommendations from the task force were presented.
- Dr. Mike Hoff gave an update on the strategic planning efforts and reported that an interim plan has been submitted to TBR.
- During his report, President Noland provided updates on budget, fees, enrollment and various legislative matters.
- Dr. Noland discussed various elements related to the implementation of FOCUS.
- Dr. Noland concluded his report by giving updates on current and upcoming construction projects (Lamb Hall, Fine and Performing Arts Center, Data Center and Football Stadium), and also encouraged everyone to participate in the Chronicle of Higher Education “Great Colleges to Work For” survey.

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