



BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

December 2016

A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies

FACULTY SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Dr. Bach was the guest for a Q/ A session at the Nov. 7 meeting.
- An ad hoc committee was created to review the PPP-58 Workplace Violence Prevention Policy, and the Faculty Handbook Committee reviewed the handbook as part of the Governance Transition Committee's review of all university policies and procedures. Feedback was provided to Dr. David Linville.

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:

- Dr. Karen King presented to Academic Council a protocol and calendar for which she will be leading the university in assessing and determining cost and projected effectiveness of a Customer Relationship Management System (CRM). The desired advantage for ETSU is that the CRM system would help to manage communications with prospective and current students, alumni and donors while

providing reporting options for measuring results. She explained the importance of input from ETSU offices and departments and invited interested council members to sign up for future task force meetings.

- The Academic Council approved a proposal to establish a Health Management and Policy concentration in the Dr.P.H. (Public Health) program. The new concentration, which will enable students to receive customized research training and field experiences, will be implemented pending completion of the required approval process.
- The Council received an update from Dr. Karen King and Dr. Wendy Nehring on ETSU discussions about RODP/TN eCampus as it relates to ETSU's future in light of the impending governance change.

STAFF SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- The Holiday Food Drive Committee and Staff Senate members prepared and distributed 202 food bags, each containing a \$10 gift card from Food City. The senate purchased 220 \$10 gift cards this year. These holiday food bags were distributed to ETSU staff and students first, and then to any community families that were requested. The Washington County Department of Education received 100 of the food bags to distribute within its district. Most of the community families were requested by someone from ETSU. Overall, the senate raised \$2,900 (checks) and \$713 (cash) for a total of \$3,613. Kroger supplied the shopping bags that were used.
- Sodexo contributed 600 pounds of canned/dry food and \$1,000 to the event. The senate will provide for a few Christmas Angels with remaining funds.

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:

- The Final BucFund meeting of the semester was held, with the following organizations receiving funding: Alternative Spring Break, Alpha Phi Omega, AMSA at the Quillen College of Medicine, TedxEtsu, Muslim Student Association, Family Medical Interest Group, Admissions Ambassadors, Oral Health Student Association, Men of Distinction and Women of Virtue, Organization of Student Representatives, Lions Club and World Model United Nations. There is \$10,028 remaining in BucFund.
- Sodexo presented the results of a survey sent out to students.
- The senate passed a number of resolutions during its November meetings.

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:

- Sunny Sandos from University Advancement gave a presentation on planned giving.
- Dr. Larry Calhoun reported that the Budget Redesign Committee is close to having a recommendation for President Noland and the IUC.
- Dr. Mike Hoff announced that the draft strategic plan for 2015-2025 had moved through the public comment period. Comments received included references to faculty salary equity and the need to address educational opportunities for nontraditional students.
- Dr. Janna Scarborough spoke on behalf of the Task Force for the Review of Stipends and Extra Compensation. One change to

Appendix C (Outside Employment, Dual Service, Extra Compensation and Overload) was recommended and approved.

- Dr. Karen King presented the draft of a document outlining the proposed structure of the Information Technology Council (ITC), which governs Information Technology Services (ITS) at ETSU.
- President Noland presented a proposal to extend the in-state maintenance fee rate to students who meet the university's admission standards and live in any out-of-state county within a 100-mile radius of ETSU. The proposed policy will be forwarded to TBR.
- President Noland reported that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission budget proposal has been provided to Gov. Bill Haslam.
- Dr. Noland reflected on the university budget process. With the university moving toward decentralized budgeting, he said ETSU will have to work through the different pools of revenue and ensure that revenue is available to meet university priorities. The first priority for the fall is salary enhancement.
- Dr. Noland noted that this year's freshman class is, academically, the best-prepared class in the history of ETSU, with a 3.5 overall high school GPA and an ACT score of over 23.
- Dr. Noland shared information from the spring 2016 National Survey of Student Engagement, which explores perceptions of students regarding the programs, services and environment of the institution.

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