



BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

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A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies

FACULTY SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- The Faculty Senate welcomed new senators Cindy Chambers (Education), Eugene Scheuerman, Kaniska Chakroborty and Rachel Walden (Medicine), and Retha Gentry (Nursing).
- The Senate passed two resolutions from the Tennessee University Faculty Senates (TUFS) pertaining to guns on campus for students and the Long Island University Lockout.

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 received a report from Maria Costa and Ben Shupe concerning ETSU international students – the doubling of that population over the last five years, the diversity of programs and degree levels they represent, and the range of countries from which they come. The Council also discussed services provided to that population of students and the need to consider a plan and goals for the next five years.

- The Council received a report from Dr. Karen King concerning a process and calendar for which the university will explore alternative campus-side enterprise solutions in considering acquisition of Consumer Relationship Management (CRM) software systems to meet broad campus needs. The impetus for the review was a proposal for the School of Graduate Studies to make such an acquisition soon.
- Leigh Lewis from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness presented information derived about ETSU's students from the most recent administration of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the CCTST assessment of critical thinking.

STAFF SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Staff Senate is taking donations for the Annual Holiday Food Drive.

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:

- A resolution to encourage ETSU to become a Bee Friendly Campus was passed.
- A presentation on Spring Alternative Musical Acts was made.
- The Senate allocated money from BucFund to a number of organizations.
- Bill Kirkwood appeared during open forum to speak on improving SAI responses.
- Also during an open forum, Lynn Nester, director of Campus Recreation, discussed early goals for expansion of CPA services.

- President Noland spoke to the SGA on current affairs of the university and also listened to concerns and opinions of student senators.

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. David Collins, Tammy Hamm and Diana McClay presented modifications to three existing personnel policies and one new policy resulting from the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- Bill Rasnick and Tom Horan from Facilities Management made a presentation regarding energy management efforts at the university.
- Dr. Mike Hoff reported that the draft strategic plan for 2015-2025 is available for public comment.
- Dr. Karen King introduced Andrea Di Fabio, ETSU's new Chief Information Security Officer and Associate CIO.
- President Noland provided an update on the Board of Trustees announcement and the transition process. The first board meeting is projected to be held in April 2017, and until that time ETSU will remain under the governance of the TBR.
- Also as part of his report, President Noland noted that the report of the Budget Redesign Committee will be presented at an upcoming IUC meeting. The report will call for a transition to base-plus and decentralized budgeting.
- Dr. Noland announced that a new Diversity Task Force is being formed and will be chaired by Dr. Chris Dula and Mary Jordan.

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