



## BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

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

### FACULTY SENATE

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*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 provided Academic Council a report addressing factors to be considered in determining whether ETSU – under the new governance structure – should continue offering online programs as part of TBR’s TN eCampus. A comprehensive due diligence review will be conducted.
- Leigh Lewis from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment gave a presentation to Academic Council that addressed how Adult Learner Success will be considered as a factor in the THEC Quality Assurance Funding Program.
- Cheryl Jones and Laura Kappel of the ELS Language Center housed at ETSU provided an overview of the ELS program, available services, historical and current enrollments, and number of students who have gone through the ELS program and enrolled for credit courses at ETSU.
- Members of the Teaching Workgroup (Dr. Alison Barton, Dr. Chris Dula, and Dr. Lorianne Mitchell) presented draft recommendations resulting from a review of ETSU’s support for its teaching mission. The

presenters indicated that a website was available during the period of public comment, that town halls meetings would be conducted to solicit responses, and that comments from the Academic Council (and other groups) would be collected in preparation for the final report.

- Dr. Sarah Harkness, Summer and Winter Term Office, presented summer school enrollment, budgetary and credit hour data from the last four summer sessions.
- Dean Pat Van Zandt gave a presentation to Academic Council in which she demonstrated the Digital Commons @ ETSU and discussed its potential as a means for enhancing research capabilities for faculty, staff, and students.

## STAFF SENATE

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*Meeting highlights/activities summary:*

- The senate received greetings from Faculty Senate President, Dr. Susan Epps and Student Government Association President Pooja Shah.
- Josh Whitlock was recognized for his leadership for the past two years.
- Dr. Mike Hoff led a discussion on university strategic planning efforts.
- New senate committees were selected.

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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*Meeting highlights/activities summary:*

- The senate passed two pieces of legislation:
  - SSB-16-004 - a bill that made internal changes to the constitution in regards to the BUC Fund application process;
  - SSR-16-001 - a resolution that encourages East Tennessee State University to become a Bee Friendly Campus.
- SGA approved the list of spring concert options to present to the students for vote.

- The senate allocated money to organizations in BUC Fund session 9/6/16 and session 10/4/16.

*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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- Blake Lohnes, a consultant in Education and Workforce Development with Gallup, reported on some themes and findings from the company's research that are relevant to ETSU's current strategic planning efforts.
- Dr. Karen King and Michael Laws provided an update on activities within Information Technology Services. These efforts include incorporating Adobe Marketing Cloud into student materials; a new People Search function on the ETSU website that replaces Google Custom Search; an upgrade of GoldLink to a more user-centered, mobile-friendly platform; and an upgrade of Dropbox to allow for larger files to be shared.
- Pam Ritter introduced the University Advancement staff, which includes a number of new development officers who are working within each academic college. Beth Wiley and Jon See also gave presentations on the role of Advancement Services and the university's Annual Fund and Annual Giving efforts.
- Dr. Wilsie Bishop reported that the 30-day public comment period regarding the proposed Creative Services has ended. She said the committee will review the feedback and plans to hold a focus group with key end-users.
- President Noland gave an update on enrollment. He also noted that the State Building Commission approved the expansion and scope of the Performing Arts Facility, moving it from a \$40 million facility in its

original form to a \$52 million structure with participation from the City of Johnson City.

- Dr. Noland noted that Dr. David Linville and his team submitted the required substantive change materials to SACS pertaining to the upcoming governance change.

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