



BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

September 2016

A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies

FACULTY SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- The Senate's annual retreat was held on Tuesday, Aug. 16.
- By-laws were amended to allow for motions to be submitted to the Faculty Senate President via a form to be located on the Faculty Senate website and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- The Senate voted to have the ballot for the selection of the faculty representative to the ETSU Governing Board be open for 14 days from the date the ballot is distributed. The names of three faculty members were placed on the ballot.

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. Mike Hoff led an Academic Council discussion aimed at linking college initiatives to the Strategic Planning Cycle 2015-25.
- The Academic Council received an overview and listing of tasks from Diana McClay and Lori Erickson (Human Resources) aimed at

addressing the impact of the Department of Labor Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

- Leigh Lewis (Office of Institutional Effectiveness) provided Academic Council a comprehensive overview of the 2015-16 Quality Assurance points that have been determined to date.
- Dr. Bill Kirkwood provided Academic Council a description of the fall 2016 Student Success campaign.

STAFF SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- Lisa Rowland was awarded the Outstanding Staff Senator honors for 2015-16.
- The Senate welcomed the newly elected senators.
- The members of the Staff Senate Executive Committee were announced: Stefanie Murphy, president; Joy Fulkerson, president-elect; Kristi Smith – secretary; Kristin France – treasurer; Tim Dills – member-at-large; and Josh Whitlock – immediate past president.

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 following cabinet appointments were approved: Hunter Shipley – attorney general; Olivia Ellis – secretary of state; Molly Jones – secretary of exterior; Dominique Cain – secretary of interior; Emma Hammer- secretary of public relations; Dustin Gilmer – secretary of allocations; Meredith Bell – chief justice; and Millie Pendola – chief of staff.

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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- Joe Smith and Wayne Winkler made a presentation about WETS-FM and discussed current funding sources as well as challenges and opportunities for the station.
- Dr. David Collins discussed the findings of the 2016 Campus Lighting Survey that was conducted in April. He identified locations on campus where lighting had been repaired and also pointed out several locations where lighting is to be evaluated or corrected through a \$1.5 million LED project that is being funded by the state.
- Dr. Wallace Dixon reported on activities and plans to provide improved training and preparation for individuals newly appointed to positions as academic department chairs.
- President Noland gave updates on several topics, including the establishment of a new governing board for ETSU; the performing arts center; and the proposed addiction treatment center.
- Dr. Karen King provided an update on the conversion of student email from Goldmail to Office 365 and the efforts to communicate with students about this process.

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