UPDATE: The below announcement provides information on the inaugural participants in the Presidential Fellows Program. At the conclusion of the 2015-16 year, the program will be placed on hiatus to allow time for a careful review of the inaugural implementation year and to consider any necessary revisions before applications for further appointments are considered. Communication will be made with the entire university community once the application process opens again.

Inaugural Presidential Fellows appointed at ETSU

JOHNSON CITY – East Tennessee State University President Dr. Brian Noland has announced the appointment of the inaugural recipients of a new fellowship designed to develop and enhance leadership skills among university faculty and staff.

The Presidential Fellows Program will provide concentrated and guided enrichment opportunities to selected individuals who desire to enhance and expand their knowledge and experience in academic leadership. Successful completion of the program will strengthen the potential of fellows to become competitive candidates for future administrative positions at ETSU or other institutions.

The Presidential Fellows will explore and participate in strategic planning, budget development and implementation, and a variety of other institutional operations at ETSU.

They will also have opportunities to learn about public policy issues facing higher education at the state, regional and national levels. They will attend selected upcoming meetings of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and Tennessee Board of Regents and take part in a presidential fellows exchange program with Morehead (Kentucky) State University, whose president, Dr. Wayne Andrews, was formerly vice president of administration at ETSU. Each fellow will also attend an annual meeting of a national policy board, and may choose from the Association of Governing Boards, American Council on Education or American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

The 2015-16 ETSU Presidential Fellows are:

**Dr. Daryl A. Carter** will serve in the Office of the President, focusing on the area of government relations. He is an associate professor and graduate coordinator in the Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Dr. Wallace Dixon** will serve in the Office of the President. He is a professor, chair and graduate program coordinator of the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Dr. Bethany Flora** will focus on the areas of alumni and advancement. She is an assistant professor and online program coordinator in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis in the Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education.

**Dr. David Linville** will focus on the health sciences, serving under the guidance of Dr. Wilsie Bishop, ETSU chief operating officer and vice president for Health Affairs. Linville is associate dean for Graduate Medical Education in the Quillen College of Medicine and designated institutional official.

“Every day, I witness members of our faculty and staff doing their jobs in a way that makes this university stand out as a community that cares about its students,” Noland said. “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work so closely with these four individuals who exemplify the dedication and determination that exists on this campus. As our inaugural fellows, Drs. Carter, Dixon, Flora and Linville will set the standard for this program, which I hope to see continue for many years to come.”

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