



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

University Standing Committee Report Form

University Standing Committee: Academic Council

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Date of Meeting (*Day of the Week, MM/DD/YYYY*): Thursday, 09/08/2016

Report (*Use this section to indicate any discussion, initiatives, or votes that took place*):

Below are the topics presented on last Thursday:

- A. Enrollment at Census
- B. Status of Cost Centers
- C. Status of Enrollment at Kingsport (Allendale)
- D. Status of Enrollment in Cohort Programs (Exclusive of Cost Centers)
- E. Adult Learner Initiative (Standard 1F of QAF)
- F. Strategic Planning Update & Input

Overall, it seems 2-year universities were down in student enrollment as compared with traditional universities. For instance, Walter State University is down by negative percent of student enrollment. ETSU is up by 6% in international students enrollment and 4% up by enrollment of online students. However, it recorded a decline by 41 students in freshmen and transfer students, and 130 men down freshmen fresh students this year. One of the members opined that the drop in students enrollment is due to the free tuition introduced by UVA Wise. Furthermore, 17 sophomores, 13 juniors and 19 seniors were purged after the census, and one of the members of the council indicated that “where we are down is returning students and not first time students”.

A representative from Quality Assurance made a presentation on adult learners enrollment and in a period of 10 years, ETSU has recorded 6% decrease (26% in 2006, and 20% in 2016). Questionnaires were given to them and most of them complained that they were treated like traditional students by their professors while others felt there were no activities on campus during the weekend to get them involved, and no common place for all adult learners to meet and socialize.

Personally, I would appeal to SGA to take the concerns of adult learners into consideration and try as much as possible to make them feel welcomed at ETSU. That is what diversity is all about.