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Dear ETSU community,

The ETSU 125 visioning project is well under way, and I invite you to visit www.etsu.edu/125 where you will find the latest updates, including minutes from meetings as well as other resource documents and reports.

This visioning process began in September when the Committee for 125 held its first meeting and initiated discussions of broad themes and ideas. Six task forces comprised of ETSU students, faculty, staff and representatives from the community were formed and have been meeting for the past month to apply their expertise and identify “what if?” opportunities as East Tennessee State University shapes its vision for the next 25 years.

I am very pleased by the energy and interest this visioning initiative has captured across campus. This clearly shows the passion and commitment that faculty, staff, and students have for our university. ETSU 125 will be a highly transparent project that keeps the university community informed and engaged during this important time in our history. The task forces are currently gathering data about various priorities, particularly for the next five to 10 years, and will present this information to the Committee for 125 on December 5. In early 2013, when the first draft of information has been prepared, an extensive round of constituent engagement activities will occur. These might include town halls, online surveys, and discussion groups on campus. A second and final draft of the plan also will be shared with the campus community for comment.

Again, I encourage you to follow the work of the entire visioning process by visiting the website, which also is accessible from the ETSU homepage, www.etsu.edu. You are welcome to present any ideas, questions, or feedback at the “Contact Us” link on the 125 site.

I thank you for being part of this process as we shape the future of East Tennessee State University.

Sincerely,

Brian Noland