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Policy Purpose

This policy specifies the section process for the student trustee.

Responsible Official, Office, and Interpretation

The Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees is responsible for the review and revision of this policy. For questions about this policy, please contact the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Office of University Counsel, has the final authority to interpret this policy.

Defined Terms

A defined term has a specific meaning within the context of this policy.
N/A

Policy

The Board of Trustees is required to select a student trustee to serve a term of 1 year as outlined in Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-8-201(f)(1)(A)(F). A process to vet those students interested in serving as student trustee is coordinated by the Student Government Association in conjunction with the Division of Student Affairs and the Vice President Student Affairs.

Procedure

The Board of Trustee's selection of the student trustee follows the timeline and procedure below:

1. January.

The SGA Vice President appoints a Student Trustee Selection Committee.

A campus wide email is sent to students soliciting applications. Applications are submitted online and include a release of grades and student record information.

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The Office of Student Life and Enrollment verifies student standing and grades and shares the list of applicants with the Committee.

2. February.

The Student Trustee Selection Committee evaluates applications and narrows the pool to a group of finalists to be interviewed. Guidelines used for evaluation are same as that of holding an Executive SGA office (3.0 GPA, Junior status or higher which is 60 or more credit hours, been at ETSU one semester). The Student Trustee Selection Committee interviews the finalists.

3. February/March.

The Student Trustee Selection Committee submits a list of three candidates to the full SGA Senate its consideration for a vote. To be named student trustee, a candidate must obtain a majority of the votes (50%+1) of attending senators. If no candidate reaches a majority on the first ballot, an immediate run-off will occur between the top two vote getters. If there is a tie during the vote casting, the executive vice-president of SGA Senate will cast the deciding vote. If the executive vice-president is a candidate, the presiding chair will cast the vote instead

The SGA shares its selection with the Vice President of Student Life and Enrollment and President of the University.

4. March/April.

ETSU's President submits the selected candidate's name to the Board of Trustees.

At its discretion, the Board of Trustee's Executive Committee may elect to interview the selected candidate. The Executive Committee will then support the President's recommendation or make an alternative recommendation. The President will submit the recommended candidate to the Board of Trustees for review and approval.

Authority and Revisions

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49-8-203

Previous Policy: N/A

The ETSU Board of Trustees is charged with policy making pursuant to TCA § 49-8-203, et seq. This policy may only be revised by the Board of Trustees. Before a substantive change to the policy section may take effect, the requested changes must be: (1) presented

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to the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees for review and approval; and (2) if approved by the Audit Committee, presented for a vote of the Board of Trustees and approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees. The Secretary of the Board will provide a notification to the Board of Trustees if a technical revision to this policy is implemented or a revision to the procedure section is implemented.