



BLUE & GOLD DIGEST

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A monthly summary of major activities from ETSU governing bodies

FACULTY SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- The Faculty Senate did not meet in December.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- TBR approved a proposal to implement in Fall 2016 a free-standing Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Nutrition from the existing concentration in Nutrition within the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Allied Health. Forthcoming approval by the THEC is required.
- TBR approved a proposal to implement in Fall 2016 a free-standing Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Cardiopulmonary Science from the existing concentration in Cardiopulmonary Science within the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Allied Health. Forthcoming approval by the THEC is required.
- TBR approved a proposal to implement in Fall 2016 a free-standing Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Radiologic Science from the existing concentration in Radiologic Science within the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Allied Health. Forthcoming approval by the THEC is required.
- The Academic Council approved a proposal to convert the BA concentrations in Spanish, French, and German in the Foreign

Language major into free-standing BA programs in Spanish, French, and German.

- The Academic Council approved a proposal to establish in the Clemmer College of Education a Graduate Certificate in Community Leadership.

STAFF SENATE

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- The annual Staff Picnic is set for Thursday, May 19, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- The Staff Senate is working through revisions to its Bylaws & Constitution.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Meeting highlights/activities summary:

- The Senate heard from Dean Pat Van Zandt who discussed upcoming improvements to the library during open forum.
- The Senate passed a resolution titled, "A resolution to require all incoming students to East Tennessee State University to take educational modules on alcohol."
- The Senate passed an act titled, "An act to amend title V, section 104 of the Student Government Association code of laws to mandate regulatory policy regarding the functionality and accountability of the B.U.C. Fund Committee."
- The Senate passed an act titled, "An act to amend title V, section 119 of the Student Government Association code of laws to restrict yielding out of the senate during senate meetings regarding the B.U.C. Fund applications."

- The Senate heard from representatives in an open forum regarding sustainability and littering on campus.

INTERIM UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

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- President Noland informed the IUC on issues expected to be addressed by the Tennessee Legislature during the 2016 session, including the matter of guns on campus, funding of diversity initiatives, and the budget.
- President Noland gave a presentation on proposed state-level government changes in higher education and how these may relate to ETSU. The presentation included the history and evolution of higher education governance, a description of systems and structures, examples of challenges states face as they embark upon change, a look at some states that have undergone governance change in the past decade, and implications of the proposed change for the state of Tennessee and for ETSU.
- Dr. Virginia Foley reported on the results of the Faculty Senate survey regarding the winter and summer school pilots. She stated that the survey was inconclusive but that the majority of respondents were against repeating the pilot project and against teaching for less during summer and winter terms.
- Dr. Wallace Dixon proposed the development of a system for public comment to obtain feedback from various constituencies when new policies are being discussed. He suggested a website as an ideal vehicle to provide this information and to allow for faculty, staff, students and other constituent groups to make comments.
- Ed Kelly, Joe Smith and Lisa Williams gave a presentation on the Tennessee Open Records Act and how open records requests are processed at ETSU.