



EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

TUFS Report, March 30, 2019

Update from ETSU Faculty Senate

- **Retirement of Provost** – Recently, Dr. Bert Bach has announced his retirement as Provost at the conclusion of Spring 2019. Dr. Wilsie Bishop (Vice President for Health Affairs) will serve as Interim Provost while a search is conducted.
- **ETSU Restructuring** – With the retirement of Dr. Bach, ETSU will begin a discussion around restructuring efforts in the organization of the University. Dr. Bishop will be leading the efforts to review.
- **Faculty Compensation** – ETSU is in the process of updating policies on faculty compensation from previous TBR policies. The policy suggested is to allow Colleges within the University to determine their own procedures around faculty compensation for instruction and non-instruction.
- **Board of Trustees** – ETSU is concluding the process of electing the faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. We have updated our policies and processes concerning the election of faculty representative to address concerns of succession if the faculty senate trustee cannot fulfill their duties.
- **Sunshine Law** – Some recent and significant discussion has occurred around the topic of Open Meetings Law and Faculty Senates across the State.
- **Committee Work** – Various Faculty Senate Committees have been formed to address concerns around communication, safety, research, and shared governance. These committees have provided recommendations and motions within their areas.
- **Adjunct Pay** – The ETSU SGA has proposed resolutions as it relates to Adjunct Pay at ETSU. ETSU Faculty Senate has, as well, discussed this issue on the campus.

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