

Report of the Audit, Risk Management, Compliance, and Ethics Committee for February 12, 2026**Action Items**

The committee had one action item. We approved a change to the annual audit plan as presented by Chief Audit Officer Wayne Poole. This item does not require action by the full Board.

Informational Items**Academic Advising Update – Dr. Allen Guidry**

Dr. Guidry presented an update to the committee on the progress towards revamping the academic advising processes and tools in response to previous audit recommendations. Key steps taken in this effort have been the implementation of an advising syllabus for students; development of advising standard operating procedures across all colleges; the use of Degree Works academic plans to guide students; and the use of ECU's CRM system to manage the advising process and the visibility of information across the University.

Internal Audit Update and Recent Internal Audits – Mr. Wayne Poole

Mr. Poole told the committee that the internal audit key performance indicators (audit plan completion, auditor productivity, and management's resolution of audit findings) are all on track for the year to date.

Mr. Poole provided a brief overview of two recent internal audit engagements. The audits discussed were the review of procedures for monitoring the Aramark Dining Services contract, and a follow-up audit on Admissions Process Compliance.

We received updates on other audit matters in closed session.

Madame Chair, that concludes my report.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference and Panopto Livestream
ECU Main Campus Student Center, Room 249
501 E. 10th St.
Greenville, NC 27858

The Committee on Strategy and Innovation meeting provided an illustration on how the university's strategic priorities translate into measurable outcomes and visible impact. The session was intended to reinforce two critical institutional priorities:

1. Advancing real-world student success through transformative experiential learning.
2. Demonstrating program models that align with emerging fiscal realities and workforce demand.

While ECU has numerous examples of programs that exemplify university priorities at the highest level, the committee enjoyed presentations from three student groups intended to drive these concepts home. First, the College of Nursing Guatemalan Study Abroad Program team, led by Professor Claudia Kitchin, sends nursing students to study abroad and provide education and care in free clinics. Students talked about how the experience broadened their perspective on healthcare outside of a high resource environment and opened their eyes to life for those that do not have regular access to basics such as clean drinking water. Next, Dr. Bill McClung, in the College of Engineering and Technology presented four members of ECU Robotics Team. They collectively shared with the committee how the interdisciplinary team engages in applied engineering design, testing, complex problem solving, while developing teamwork and project management skills that directly translate to workforce readiness. All four students have found post-graduation employment or internships thanks to their experiences on the Robotics Team. And finally, the College of Business Blacksail Fund, led by faculty member Matt Slate, is a student lead and managed investment fund valued at over \$1 million thanks to the generosity of a donor, that provides immersive experiences in finance, entrepreneurship, and strategic decision-making. The fund has 3 industry-specific teams that mirror professional asset management teams, and they get authentic investment decision making responsibility. Students from the fund are in high demand and many typically receive full time internship and employment placement.

This presentation really did drive home the way these very innovative approaches prepare students for all aspects of the workforce. Ms. Chair, this concludes my report.



COMMITTEE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.
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The Budget, Finance, and Infrastructure Committee met on February 12, 2026.

Minutes were approved from the November 13, 2025, meeting.

Ms. Coleman presented All Funds Budget Quarterly Report showing comparative data on revenue and expenses and the budget vs actual for the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2026. Report didn't reflect any concerns.

Chief Sugg shared the Campus Safety Report. ECU's Police department is dually accredited by CALEA and IACLEA and maintains the Advance Accreditation Award with Excellence. Chief Sugg shared information about the student safety committee, safety programming, and the new campus living and police coordinated patrols. Chief Sugg highlighted the newly installed HAWK Traffic Signal on 10th Street and provided campus related crime statistics.

Ms. Coleman presented a financial summary of ECU's fiscal year 2025 performance. ECU received an unqualified opinion from the NC State Auditor on the fiscal year 2025 financial statement audit. Fiscal year 2025 yielded positive financial results. Ms. Coleman presented the composite financial index and the related financial ratios. ECU's composite financial index was 4.13 in fiscal year 2025, reflecting modest year-over-year improvement since fiscal year 2022. Ms. Coleman provided an overview of the framework and timeline for the all-funds budget to be presented at the next meeting. Ms. Coleman provided an overview of the financial tools shared with the Board, including their frequency of distribution.

Three items were approved this morning through the consent agenda - a Capital Project proposal to upgrade the control system of the Jenkins Fine Arts Center, the Brody School of Medicine Building North & East side Elevations and a new Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy.

This concludes my report.

DRAFT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Athletics and Advancement Committee began yesterday with a panel of student scholars who shared how financial support directly influenced their decision to attend ECU and enabled meaningful involvement in athletics, academics, and campus leadership. The panel included an Access Scholar, a Chancellor's Scholar, an Honors College Scholar and a student athlete scholar. Dyba reiterated that the Chancellor's Scholars program remains a top institutional priority, with 75 scholars currently enrolled and a long-term goal of 300 endowed scholarships to sustainably support future cohorts.

Dyba also reported continued momentum in fundraising, with ECU surpassing \$50 million raised just seven months into the fiscal year. More than \$11 million in scholarships was awarded this year, supported by strong ECU Foundation investment growth. He emphasized that donor philanthropy directly funds transformational student experiences such as study abroad, research, leadership programs, and student organization travel. He concluded with updates on the Salesforce/Ascend CRM implementation and previewed the 10th anniversary of Pirate Nation Gives on March 4.

The committee heard an update from Director of Athletics Jon Gilbert, who highlighted historic academic success within Athletics, with all teams earning a 3.0 GPA or higher, a record 3.37 semester GPA, and 79% of student-athletes achieving a 3.0 or higher. Major capital projects, including the Isley Indoor Practice Facility and the Bennett Baseball Facility, are progressing well and will enhance recruiting, student-athlete development, and competitive performance.

Gilbert also discussed the evolving landscape of college athletics, including the impact of the transfer portal, scheduling challenges with Power Five institutions, and NIL-related changes. He noted that ECU hosted 762 annual events across athletic facilities and is exploring new revenue opportunities such as NCAA-approved jersey patch sponsorships, while celebrating continued competitive success across multiple programs.

Three naming items were approved in closed session and through the consent agenda this morning – the Rudy Alexander Green Room and the Alford Rehearsal Room, both in Fletcher Music Center, and the Beacham Commons in the Military and Veterans Resource Center.

I'll have a couple of items coming out of closed session, but for now, this concludes my report.



Meeting of the Board of Trustees
University Affairs Committee
February 12, 2026

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR February 12, 2026

Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 12:45p.m.
Via Videoconference and Panopto Livestream
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The University Affairs Committee began by approving the minutes of the November 13, 2025 meeting with no changes.

The informational topics of the day included a highlight from Dr. Sharon Paynter related to Undergraduate Research as a high impact educational practice, including a brief presentation from Logan Miller, a senior Computer Science who is currently under contract in a classified military project. Logan shared his experience and how he has benefited from faculty-mentored projects, internships, and community-engaged scholarship, all hallmarks of ECU's undergraduate research experience.

Provost Buddo continued the session with a spring enrollment update and fall outlook. Total headcount and student credit hours are both at their highest since Spring 2022, and ECU Flight Path has experienced much growth. Dr. Buddo and Associate Provost Dr. Allen Guidry discussed ECU's first-time participation in NC College Connect and related implications, and ways in which we are seeing impacts from student success initiatives on retention and persistence rates for both undergraduate and graduate students. They closed by naming several yield strategies we are continuing to utilize as we approach Fall 2026.

In closed session, the committee approved. Lastly, we went into closed session to consider approval of an appointment with tenure in the Department of Physical Therapy and that is also on the consent agenda for the board this morning.

Chair Burt, that concludes my report.