

Staff Senate Minutes

April 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Kim Gray called the Arkansas Tech University Staff Senate meeting to order on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 10:07 a.m. in a hybrid in-person and WebEx virtual online meeting.

ROLL CALL

Senators Present:

Sabrina Anwar
Cody Parsons
Cynthia Dixon
Cole Hendrix
Cindy Hubbard
Krystle Manning

Peggy Ayers
Margie Link
Slade Dupuy
Kim Gray
Amber Meeks
Miranda Senn
Natasha Branch

Connie Herring
Tammy Rye
Katie Hook
Karen Hall
Jamie Young
Kristian Thompson

Senators Absent:

Deidra Dillard

Julie Ennis

Visitor(s):

Alex Manly
Alexis Scrimshire
Alisa Waniewski
Alisha Williams
Allen Schaidle
Amber Jacimore
Andrea Eubanks
Andrew Stadler
Ashley Bryant
Austin Norman
Bryan Bramlett
Brandi Tripp
Brandie Gibbs
Brent Drake
Brittany Reves
Cara Knight
Caroline Kitchens
Chelsea Martin
Christi Brown
David Blackburn

Deanna Kile
Debbie Ennis
Deborah Brady
Durena Long
Erin Julian
Bryan Fisher
Heather Taylor
Hope Vilavanh
Ilona Davidson
Jason Salmans
Jeff Aulgur
Joceline Argueta
Joe Keating
John Ruff
Joshua Clem
Julia Pope
Justin Clark
Kacie Lopez
Kaylin Telford
Kerri Threlkeld

Kevin Solomon
Kim Newman
Kristi Higgs
Kyndal Atkinson
Lisa Clark
Lydia Rogers
Lyndsay Simpson
Marcia Brown
Marika Lederman
Mary McCoy
Megan Morris
Melissa Riffle
Michele Barraza
Michelle Price
Miranda Marin
Nichole Edwards
Niki Schwartz
Pam Cooper
Patti Grigsby
Presley Thompson

Rhonda Ralph
Myra Rollans
Sabrina Billey
Samantha Huggins
Sean Carnahan
Steve Milligan

Steven Campbell
Tammy Guarino
Tammy Weaver
Tanda Morrison
Tanya Martin
Tim Land

Tracey Hale
Valli Wanzer
Victoria Tomlin
Whitney Robinson
William Tomlin

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Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the March 2, 2022 meeting were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. Senator Hall filed a motion to accept the minutes. Senator Ayers seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by Senate vote.

Special Report [Abbreviated meeting today to solely focus on the Budget Update]:

Ms. Laury Fiorello:

- **Budget Update**
 - John Joyner is the new Budget Director.
 - Please contact staffsenate@atu.edu from an internal @atu.edu email address for access to more details.
 - Our state-appropriated funds are lower than some other universities; visitors suggested reaching out to our new Government Relations representative.
 - Be on the lookout for any inefficiencies you notice in your areas and share to help reduce costs.
 - VERI retirement numbers are in.
 - We are pushing for a Capitol Improvement plan to strategize around building repairs.

New Business / Discussion

- We hope to invite Gina Lockwood and Kevin Solomon in future meetings to discuss government relations and enrollment trends, respectively.

Announcements

- Employee Appreciation at the Ballpark will be moved up to 11:30 am on Tuesday, April 4 due to expected inclement weather. Staff are welcome to enjoy lunch provided by Simmons Bank.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 9 a.m. in RPL 325 and via WebEx

Meeting Adjourned

President Gray filed a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Parsons seconded the motion. The Senate voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Young, Secretary