



STAFF SENATE
November 1, 2017 Meeting
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Brittany Martin called the Tech Staff Senate to order on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 10:12 a.m. in Baz Tech 204.

ROLLCALL

Senators Present:

Angela Bell	Chelsea Martin
Josh Carey	Brittany Martin
Pam Cooper	Michelle McMinn
Pam Dixon	Tammy Rye
Tammy Guarino	Tera Simpson
James Higgs	William Titsworth
Ben King	Hope Vilavanh
Dona Kirkpatrick	Denise Wallis
Braxton Lay	

Senators Absent:

Rachel Alexander
Andrea Eubanks
Clay Moore

Visitor(s):

Jennifer Thomas, Ozark Campus Representative

Staff Senate members voted in new Officers:

Tammy Guarino	President
Tammy Rye	Vice President
Dona Kirkpatrick	Secretary
Tera Simpson	Reporter

On November 1, 2017, the minutes from October 4, 2017 meeting were distributed electronically and approved.



Old Business

Senator Higgs suggested revisiting the original goals that were approved in December 2014 by the Staff Senate and possibly setting new goals for the upcoming year.

Senator Martin asked about the status of paving the strip of gravel in the parking lot between Public Safety and the RC Brown Building.

There was discussion on the status of the policy on Internal/External hiring.

The topic of a daycare on campus was brought up. There was discussion regarding the cost of insurance and liability for the university.

Annual leave and early Holiday dismissal was brought up for discussion. It has been researched previously and this item of business is closed.

New Business

Senator Wallis brought up the breakdown in communication during inclement weather. She stated some staff members begin their shift at 4:00 am and do not receive the Inclement Weather text until after they have already reported for work. Would like to have notification before 6:00 am.

Breakdown in Emergency Communication campus wide needs to be addressed to establish better communication between all Faculty, Staff, and Students. (I.e. power outage, inclement weather, flooding, etc.)

Faculty/Staff Hang Tags: Can the cost be pro-rated based on new employee hire date?

Senator Rye stated there is a communication breakdown when parking lots are closed. There needs to be more notification of dates and times when parking areas are going to be closed.

Senator King discussed the benefit of getting an exercise program to benefit Faculty/Staff with health benefits, reduction in insurance cost, and gym membership.

The Leadership Tech team will begin the pilot workshops in January 2018 providing professional development opportunities. Training and development options will be How to video sessions, workshops, and guest speakers.

Meeting Adjourned

President Guarino adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Next meeting:
Wednesday December 6, 2017 @10:00am in BazTech 204

Respectfully submitted,
Dona Kirkpatrick, Secretary