

Minutes of
THE FACULTY SENATE
OF
ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY-OZARK CAMPUS

- ATTENDANCE** The Faculty Senate met Friday, August 18 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Health Science & Wellness (HSW) building. The following members were present:
- Gwen Faulkenberry
Clinton Hall
Chris Rambo
Adele Berry
- Cory Kendall, Jessica Pipkins and Mr. Murders were unable to attend
- CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Rambo called the meeting to order.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mrs. Berry made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Faulkenberry. Minutes were approved.
- NEW BUSINESS: ELECTION OF OFFICERS** The following were elected officers for the 2017-2018 Faculty Senate positions:
- Chris Rambo, Chair
Gwen Faulkenberry, Vice-Chair
Clinton Hall, Secretary
- PRESIDENTS COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** Mr. Rambo reported that he attended the Presidents Communication Committee meeting. It is held the last Thursday of each month. Discussion was held as to who could attend these meetings and report to the Faculty Senate. It was discussed that Mr. Kendall would be a good candidate to attend because he was at the Arkansas Tech Career Center (ATCC) in Russellville.
- FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS** Faculty Senate along with former award winners voted for recipients of the Faculty Excellence Awards. These awards were given at graduation in May. Those receiving the awards were Debbie McClure for Teaching Excellence and Lynn Washington for Excellence in Service to the University.
- AR FUTURES** Faculty Senate was asked to discuss the AR Futures grants issue of mentoring. Mr. Hall indicated that it would be beneficial to have mentors from outside the university to give students a network connection in their field of study. These mentors could be volunteers from the existing pool of advisory committee members. Other pools of volunteers could be from the area chamber of commerce and other civic organizations.
- Mrs. Faulkenberry also indicated there may be an existing pool of volunteers from retirees and recent program graduates.

Mr. Rambo also stated that there could be “mini” sessions for groups of mentees if there were not enough mentors from outside the university.

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Mr. Murders was unable to attend the meeting to address items from the agenda.

CALENDAR

Mr. Rambo asked for discussion on when to set regular senate meetings. After discussion it was decided the most convenient time would be on the second Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Hall suggested there may could be a policy change in the frequency of portfolio development for faculty. Mr. Hall suggested that since faculty were ranked as either Instructor, Advanced Instructor, or Master Instructor they would only be required to submit portfolios to their supervisors every year, every three years, or every five years.

Senate members agreed this would be beneficial to the faculty as well as their supervisors.

Mrs. Faulkenberry informed the committee that Chancellor Sikes has asked her to discuss the creation of a new committee by the senate as the Committee on Student Organizations.

This committee would be organized to discuss the viability and responsibilities of each student organization and whether or not it still served a purpose on the Ozark campus.

ADJOURNMENT

As there being no other business, a motion by Mrs. Berry and seconded by Mrs. Faulkenberry, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, September 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Clinton Hall