

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

- ATTENDANCE** The Faculty Senate met Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Health Science & Wellness (HSW) building. The following members were present:
- Jessica Pipkins, Chair  
Cory Kendall  
Gwen Faulkenberry  
Clinton Hall  
Chris Rambo
- Mike Murders was absent.
- CALL TO ORDER** Mrs. Pipkins called the meeting to order.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mrs. Faulkenberry made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kendall. Minutes were approved.
- NEW BUSINESS:  
HEALTH/WELLNESS  
CENTER  
INFORMATION** Teresa Fontaine addressed the senate to discuss options for a health clinic on the Ozark campus. Mrs. Fontaine explained how the school health clinic worked on the Charleston Public School campus. This was operated by an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) or Physician's Assistant. There is also a contract between the school and a physician to oversee the clinic as well as electronic medical records, billing and employment of the APRN as part of the physician's staff.
- Mrs. Fontaine also explained that the costs of set up would initially be considered low to moderate, the contractual agreement with the physician would be the largest cost and may not be feasible.
- Mr. Hall suggested that a sharing of staff might be arranged between the Russellville and Ozark campuses. Not only the medical staff but also counseling staff and other services offered on the Russellville campus be offered on a limited basis on the Ozark campus as well.
- PRESIDENTS  
COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE** Mrs. Pipkins informed the senate that she had attended the President's Communication Committee meeting. This committee has been created to provide transparency of information through cascading communication.
- Mrs. Pipkins gave an update of news that affects both the Russellville campus and the Ozark campus as a whole.
- FACULTY  
EXCELLENCE  
AWARDS** Mrs. Pipkins informed the senate that the nominees had been notified and the Office of Academic Affairs is waiting for the nominees to complete the required documentation to be reviewed by the awards committee.

- FACULTY SENATE ELECTIONS** Elections were held for the upcoming open position on the Faculty Senate Committee. The open positions were Adult Education and the Allied Health positions.
- Mrs. Pipkins indicated that she had been re-elected as the Adult Education representative and that Adele Berry had been elected for the Allied Health position. Mrs. Berry will be asked to attend the April meeting as a formal welcome to the committee to begin serving her term in August.
- Mrs. Pipkins also informed the committee that Mr. Murders was still having discussions for the consideration of an "X" period on the Ozark campus as well as a representative from the Ozark campus as a member of the Faculty Senate on the Russellville campus.
- BUDGET REVIEW** The Faculty Senate was invited to attend the Budget Review Committee meeting. The date and time had been changed to Monday, March 6, at 1:00 p.m. in the HSW building room 218. Chancellor Sikes and Mrs. Sandy Cheffer, Chief Fiscal Officer, provided an overview of the campus budget.
- CALENDAR** April-new members invited to the meeting
- OPEN FORUM** Mr. Hall indicated that he had been approached by a faculty member for the senate's consideration of a portfolio reduction if a faculty member had met a certain length of time teaching. Example: if an instructor had taught for X number of years then a portfolio would only have to be created every X number of years instead of every year.
- ADJOURNMENT** As there being no other business the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5.
- Because the awards subcommittee will be meeting after the regular committee meeting those members being invited as a welcome and any others on the committee that would be in conflict of the awards committee will be dismissed before the awards committee begins discussion.

Respectfully submitted  
Clinton Hall