

9.03.2025

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 11:31 AM

**ATU Student Government Association****Student Senate Meeting Agenda**

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Call to Order – President Smith

Approval of Minutes Motion: Kiya Lawson

Second: Abigail Neal

Silent Roll Call- Secretary Walter

Senator Martinez	P
Senator Rodriguez	P
Senator Ramos	P
Senator Neal	P
Senator Stripling	P
Senator Lawson	P
Senator Phillips	P
Senator Hamerlinck	P
Senator McCready	P
Senator Kolb	P
Senator Stockand	P
Senator Mitchell	P
Senator Hurbaneck	P
Senator Turner	P
Senator McGuire	P
Senator Melton	P
Senator Lineberry	E
Senator Riggs	P
Senator Walker	A
Senator Hufford	P
Senator Castaneda	P
Senator Almaraz	P
Senator Nalla	P
Senator Harmon	P

**Officer Reports**

- Secretary of Student Engagement — Secretary Cruz
  - Report: Hi everyone and welcome to the new senators!! Just a friendly reminder my office hours are from 8am-10am on Mondays! Feel free to come in for anything you need :)
- Secretary of Community Outreach— Secretary Mitchell
  - Report: Welcome all new senators! My office hours are Mondays 1-3. No report.
- Secretary of Public Relations— Secretary Mayberry
  - Report:
  - Welcome to all the new senators!!
  - If you do not already, please make sure you follow the SGA Instagram page!
  - Every Wednesday, I have office hours from 1 pm-3 pm! Come visit!!
- Secretary of Internal Affairs— Secretary Walter
  - Report:
  - ELECTIONS ARE DONE!!
  - Welcome new senators!! Make sure you joined the flare if you haven't as well as the OneNote and fill out the contact information
- Secretary of Finance and Administration— Secretary Flores
  - Report:
  - WELCOME TO THE NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS
  - My office hours are every Tuesday 1pm-3pm; Come visit and discuss business.

- Next Senate Meeting September 10th at noon in Doc Bryan 242.
  - Senate Retreat September 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon
  - (Expected Balance): \$8,000 as of 9.03.2025
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- Vice President— Vice President Burgess
  - Report:
  - New Senators Committee Sign-ups! Accept my follow request!
    - **Green:** in charge of communications with FAMA, ensure campus is maintaining recycling/trash accordance, plan and execute Earth Day
    - **Spirit:** maintain and build rapport with students! In charge of planning and executing tailgates (First game, family day, homecoming, senior day)
    - **Food:** Maintain correspondence with Chartwells, monitor student communication for concerns/comments, report any findings to the Student Government Association
    - **Safety:** monitor student communications for safety concerns across campus, plan the annual safety walk with collaboration from Public Safety
  - Committee heads!
  - Senators of colleges: please email your deans!
  - First tailgate! 9/11, Next Thursday!
- Committee reports : No reports. (Sign up today.)
- President— President Smith
  - Report:
    - Hello and welcome to all of our new senators! We are so glad you have decided to join this organization and can't wait to see what you accomplish while in SGA.
    - Office hours are Monday and Wednesday 11-12
    - If you haven't already please join the flare group. This is what we use as our primary form of communication.
    - Upcoming dates to look out for-
      - First home football game will be Sep 11th. We would like to tailgate this event and give something out as well(spirit committee).
      - Then on Sep 12th at 12 pm we will be having our SGA senator workshop(cool name pending). We will send out a flare this week with more details. It will be a crash course of our rules, procedures and important university information.
    - Please join an SGA committee like VP Burgess has mentioned. It is crucial that we properly plan our events and take committee positions seriously
    - There are also numerous university committees. Please consider joining one of the following, I will send something out next week and I will also mention it again next meeting.
  - Spots need to be filled by the 10th
    - Academic Appeals Committee – Six reps needed
    - Admissions, Academic Standards, and Student Honors Committee – Two reps needed
    - Athletics Committee – One rep needed
    - Budget Advisory Committee – SGA President or rep
    - Campus Council – SGA President, Vice President, and SGA rep
    - Campus Space and Utilization Committee – One rep
    - Commencement Committee – One rep
    - Curriculum Committee – Two reps needed
    - General Education Committee – One rep needed
    - General Technology Committee - One rep needed
    - Library, Instructional Materials, and Equipment Committee – Two reps needed
    - Student Affairs Committee - Three reps needed
    - University Wide Recruitment and Retention Committee – One rep needed

#### Advisor Reports

- Assistant Vice-President of Campus Life – Kevin Solomon
  - Report:
    - ArkaTech is invited to all senate meetings. All senate meetings are open to the public.
    - Senator Retreat: reviewing basic understanding of the operations of meetings and senate rules. Robert's Rules of Order are used during meetings to maintain order and flow properly.
    - Game and Tailgate September 11<sup>th</sup>: Thursday night games generate more traffic, more foot traffic, and activity at the stadium. The tailgate creates an amazing opportunity to promote yourself, your organizations, and your community. Come out and hang out and participate in the community of the Arkansas Tech University Tailgate.
    - University Committees: these committees may seem daunting. But they don't consume much of your time but creates participating and a voice for you and your peers. The student voice and the student opinion is important. Expect these committees to be reactivated and active this semester.
    - Promote your participation in the Student Government Association. We want as many people to know you are on the Senate.
    - Guest during Meetings: it is not a time to be silent. Make your voice heard. Be professional and be respectful but speak and have your voice heard. The guests are typically here to

observe the opinions of the student body. Your voice is definitely heard during these times as it is reported back to their affiliated groups.

- Vice President of Student Affairs- Amy Pennington
  - Report:
    - Welcome Senators!
    - I want to echo that you all are the voice of this campus. It is big responsibility, but it is not an impossible task to uptake. As the VP of Student Affairs, I look forward to working with you and continuing the good work of our university and senate.
    - Thank you to the executive board for formulating the strategic plans of the division for student affairs.
    - I will be as active in participating in the weekly Senate Meetings.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- None.

#### **New Business:**

- No new business.

#### **Constituent Concerns:**

Senator McCready – safety concern regarding the traffic of the band and spectators.

(issue will be addressed with Dr. Bologio and have been communicated in the pass.) (the issue regarding spacing during tailgating has been addressed) VP Pennington: "Be observant on September 11<sup>th</sup> as any changes should be remedied"

VP Burgess – safety concern regarding landscape anomalies. Mr. Solomon: "concern has been addressed"

Senator Stripling – Safety concern regarding streetlight on Glennwood Ave.

Senator Neal and McCready – no update on the University Commons.

Senator Kolb – regarding adding e-scooter; e-bikes; e-skateboards charging stations. Mr. Solomon "Let's gather more information and market research on the need. Let's revisit this topic next meeting and create education to inform the general student body."

Senate – challenging

Senator Kolb – paving desired paths that have affected foot traffic in the Baztech and Chambers cafeteria intersection. Mr. Solomon: "let's observe any changes after the student union is complete."

Senator Mitchell – issue regarding building issues. Mr. Solomon: "Students are empowered to submit their own work orders. The order of reporting: submit work order individually, notify residents life staff to submit orders, contact FAMA "

#### **Announcements:**

Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday – at the game will be the announcement of the community winner of the paint the town green and gold.

Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> - 9/11 Stair Climb event. 6am.

#### **Motion to Adjourn: Senator McCready**

**Second: Kiya Lawson**

