

## Staff Senate Minutes

May 1, 2025

### CALL TO ORDER

President Kristian Thompson called the Arkansas Tech University Staff Senate meeting to order on Thursday May 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in a hybrid in-person and WebEx virtual online meeting.

### ROLL CALL

#### Senators Present:

Sabrina Anwar  
Megan Bell  
Jenna Bradley  
Bethany Brown  
Kate Darr  
Bonnie Freeman

Shelly Hall  
Connie Herring  
Kim Hilliard  
Kacie Lopez  
Whitney Moore  
Tanda Morrison

Cesiley Rideau  
Nick Schluterman  
Miranda Senn  
Mackenzie Taylor  
Kristian Thompson  
Scott Tomlin

#### Senators Absent:

Peggy Ayers  
Rachel Broussard  
Slade Dupuy

Katie Hook  
Cody Neal

#### Visitor(s):

Alexis Scrimshire  
Amber Meeks  
Andrea Eubanks  
Chelsea Martin  
Eric Walker  
Kimberly Turner

Marika Lederman  
Mitzi Reano  
Shanteal Scott  
Tammy Weaver  
Victoria Tomlin  
Wyatt Watson

## **Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the April 3, 2025 meeting were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. Senator Hilliard filed a motion to accept the minutes. Senator Darr seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by Senate vote.

## **Senate Discussion**

Nominations to fill the open positions starting in July will be accepted from today, May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>. To submit those requests, you can send an email to [staffsenate@atu.edu](mailto:staffsenate@atu.edu), submit a nomination through the Staff Senate form, or contact a senator with your recommendation. The number of open positions and applicable areas are as follows:

Academic Affairs – 4  
Admin & Finance – 2  
Athletics – 1  
Development – 1  
At Large – 2

The newly selected senators will serve on Staff Senate for 3 years before rolling off. If you have any questions regarding what it is like to be on the senate and what kind of commitments it looks like, feel free to reach out to Kristian, Connie, or any senator.

### **Committee Updates:**

- Campus Space & Utilization
  - No update
- Emergency Management & Safety
  - No update
- Access and Equity Committee
  - No update
- International Travel Advisory Council
  - No update
- Technology Prioritization
  - No update
- Insurance, Benefits, & Wellness
  - Working on ideas for and from the committee for employee wellness
  - Starting the process for an RFP for insurances
- Presidential Communication
  - Compressed work week will begin May 12<sup>th</sup> and go through August 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Student Union construction is coming along very nicely
    - If you would like a tour, please reach out to Drew Dickey to get that scheduled
- Staff Senate Fundraising
  - Cookbook cover selected
  - Waiting for Posi to finalize their format
  - Hoping to get funding finalized soon
- Faculty/Staff Senate Waiver
  - No update

- Strategic Planning
  - Thank you to everyone that participated in the survey
  - Further goal and objective amendments/revisions being made
  - The committee is aiming to have a relative draft to the board by their June meeting

#### **Concerns & Questions brought to Staff Senate**

Can we make it an option to purchase an extra hang tag for an additional \$10 for any additional vehicles you may have? An employee would still purchase their “primary” hangtag but could buy an extra tag for another \$10	Unfortunately, no. However, if you come to work and forget to switch out your hangtag, just contact public safety and they can get you a temporary tag made.
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#### **Meeting Adjourned**

At 9:10 am Senator Tomlin made a motion to adjourn, and Senator Darr seconded. President Thompson concluded the May 1, 2025 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Whitney Moore, Secretary