

Staff Senate Minutes

August 7, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Scott Tomlin called the Arkansas Tech University Staff Senate meeting to order on Thursday August 7, 2025 at 9:06 a.m. in a hybrid in-person and WebEx virtual online meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

**Senators Present:**

Amy Anderson  
Joceline Argueta  
Jenna Bradley  
Rachel Broussard  
Bethany Broussard  
Madisyn Chance  
Andrea Eubanks  
Matt Frasier

Bonnie Freeman  
Amanda Gardner  
Shelly Hall  
Connie Herring  
Kim Hilliard  
Kacie Lopez  
Whitney Moore  
Tanda Morrison

Austin Norman  
Cesiley Rideau  
Nick Schluterman  
Melissa South  
Mackenzie Taylor  
Scott Tomlin

**Senators Absent:**

Megan Bell  
Kate Darr

Katie Hook  
Cody Neal

**Visitor(s):**

Chelsea Martin  
Eric Walker  
Jennifer Fleming

Shanteal Scott  
Traci Halsted  
Victoria Tomlin

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

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

### **Senate Discussion**

Committee meetings have not started yet. We have alerted the committee heads about the individuals who will be joining the meetings on behalf of Staff Senate. The committees should be reaching out to alert those individuals of meeting times and places/platforms.

Staff Senate was given a bit of an informational item that President Tomlin wanted to share. ATU will begin offering in state tuition prices to out of state students that have a 2.25 GPA and can maintain a 2.25 GPA. Hopefully this is an incentive that can attract new students and help retain them.

The latest cookbook update is that President Tomlin spoke to former President Kristian Thompson regarding his continued goal to get the cookbook printing paid for. He spoke with VP of Advancement, Bryan Fisher, and he has agreed for the foundation to pay for the printing of the cookbook. This is great news! This means, as soon as we get a final proof of the book, we are good to start selling our books!

A few announcements that President Tomlin wanted to make is that today is the last day for the Admin & Finance hosted training. It has been very informative and, as a bonus, they are giving out door prizes. If you can, try and stop by today to fill your noggin!

Also, don't forget about the Back-to-School gathering hosted by Dr. Jones. He will be speaking on events that happened during the summer and goals we will have for this school year. Immediately following, there will be a Faculty/Staff lunch at Chambers Cafeteria.

Lastly, this will be the last week of our compressed work week. Starting next week, we will go back to our typical work hours.

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

We received a lot of concerns regarding flex work and parking. We did not get them in time to address them in this meeting but should have a response to them by our September meeting.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

At 9:13 am Vice President Hilliard made a motion to adjourn, and Senator Herring seconded. President Tomlin concluded the August 7, 2025 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Whitney Moore, Secretary