

## Staff Senate Minutes

April 3, 2025

### CALL TO ORDER

President Kristian Thompson called the Arkansas Tech University Staff Senate meeting to order on Thursday April 3, 2025 at 9:01 a.m. in a hybrid in-person and WebEx virtual online meeting.

### ROLL CALL

#### Senators Present:

Sabrina Anwar  
Peggy Ayers  
Jenna Bradley  
Kate Darr  
Slade Dupuy  
Bonnie Freeman

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

Nick Schluterman  
Mackenzie Taylor  
Kristian Thompson  
Scott Tomlin

#### Senators Absent:

Megan Bell  
Rachel Broussard  
Bethany Brown  
Katie Hook

Cody Neal  
Cesiley Rideau  
Miranda Senn

#### Visitor(s):

Alexis Scrimshire  
Alisa Waniewski  
Andrea Eubanks  
Eric Walker  
Janet Carnahan-Lee  
Kim Tate

Marcia Brown  
Shanteal Scott  
Susan  
Tammy Weaver  
Valli Ashcraft  
Victoria Tomlin

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the March 6, 2025 meeting were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. Senator Hilliard filed a motion to accept the minutes. Senator Ayers seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by Senate vote.

### **Senate Discussion**

Budget has decided to go to a zero-based budget. There were no real changes as far as where money is. However, the new budget style will allow VPs to determine what departments are in need of more money and who may have too much money.

Staff Senate went into executive session to nominate and elect officers for the next senate year. The results are as follows:

President: Scott Tomin  
Vice President: Kim Hilliard  
Secretary: Whitney Moore  
Reporter: Tanda Morrison

#### 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
  - Claims are evening out again.
  - A suggestion form has been added so if you'd like to submit a question, concern, or comment.
- Presidential Communication
  - No update
- Staff Senate Fundraising
  - Research has been done with the Foundation to see if we can get an account through them. They have also given us the parameters on how those funds could be used.
  - Please do the poll on what you'd like the cover of the cookbook to look like
- Faculty/Staff Senate Waiver
  - No update

- Strategic Planning
  - The 7 themes that had been identified previously have been condensed into 4 main points.
  - Next step is identifying measurable objects for the next 5 years.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

At 9:38 am Senator Hilliard made a motion to adjourn, and Senator Schluterman seconded. President Thompson concluded the April 3, 2025 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Whitney Moore, Secretary