

Staff Senate Minutes

June 5, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Kristian Thompson called the Arkansas Tech University Staff Senate meeting to order on Thursday June 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in a hybrid in-person and WebEx virtual online meeting.

ROLL CALL

Senators Present:

Sabrina Anwar
Peggy Ayers
Megan Bell
Jenna Bradley
Bethany Brown
Kate Darr
Slade Dupuy

Bonnie Freeman
Shelly Hall
Connie Herring
Kim Hilliard
Whitney Moore
Tanda Morrison
Cesiley Rideau

Nick Schluterman
Miranda Senn
Mackenzie Taylor
Kristian Thompson
Scott Tomlin

Senators Absent:

Rachel Broussard
Katie Hook

Kacie Lopez
Cody Neal

Visitor(s):

Alexis Scrimshire
Andrea Eubanks
Chelsea Martin
Eric Rector
Jennifer Fleming

Kimberly Turner
Marcia Brown
Marika Lederman
Shanteal Scott
Susan Johnson

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the May 1, 2025 meeting were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. Senator Ayers filed a motion to accept the minutes. Senator Herring seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by Senate vote.

Senate Discussion

President Thompson gave this farewell and expressed his gratitude for the past 2 years. He is very excited to hand the reigns over to Senator Scott Tomlin as President and Senator Kim Hilliard as Vice President.

Our new senators have been nominated and elected. Starting in July we will welcome the following individuals into the 2025-2026 Staff Senate year:

From Academic Affairs

- Amanda Gardner
- Andrea Eubanks
- Katie Hook
- Connie Herring

From Development

- Melissa South

From Admin and Finance

- Matt Fraser
- Austin Norman

From Athletics

- Amy Anderson

From At Large

- Jocelyn Argueta
- Madison Chance

The 4th of July holiday is upon us! The 4th lands on a Friday that we will be compensated for 8 hours of holiday pay. Most staff members are working the consolidated work week and typically work 4 hours on Friday. Your schedule will need to be adjusted so that you are not working over 32 hours Monday through Thursday. The easiest way to compensate for this change is to work a regular work week (8 hours Monday through Thursday). However, you can talk to your supervisor about how you'd like to adjust.

Lastly, a few staff members have been pulled over by the Russellville Police Department for having their hang tag up while driving. The officer that pulled them over has stated that the hang tag is obstructing the view of the driver and they are to take it down when they are not parked. Staff Senate is going to get more information about this and report back at the next meeting. In the meantime, you may want to consider taking your hang tags down while driving and putting them back up when you park.

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
 - No update
- Presidential Communication
 - No update
- Staff Senate Fundraising
 - We have been given a proof cookbook to review
 - Start hyping up the sale to anyone associated with ATU
 - Price is estimated to be \$20 a book
- Faculty/Staff Senate Waiver
 - No update
- Strategic Planning
 - Final meeting in May
 - The committee has landed on 5 focus areas with each area having 4 action items
 - These have been given to the BOT for their review and approval on June 19th
 - The next step is getting experts to the relevant areas of interest to the focus areas and action items to set up measurable goals

Meeting Adjourned

At 9:16 am Senator Hilliard made a motion to adjourn, and Senator Ayers seconded. President Thompson concluded the June 5, 2025 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Whitney Moore, Secretary