



STAFF SENATE

Wednesday, November 4, 2015
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

President Collins called the Tech Staff Senate to order on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202 of Baswell Techionery.

ROLL CALL

Senators Present:

Sandra Anderson
Brandi Collins
Pam Cooper
Shawna Davis
Rhonda Fleming
Brittany Flippo
Lindelle Fraser
Amanda Handley
Tiffany Henry
James Higgs

Danny Jones
Margie Link
Annie McNeely
Jeff Mumert
Jeff Nichols
Julia Pope
Lindsey Riedmueller
Ryan Taylor
Roger Trusty
Bettye Williamson

Senators Absent:

None

The minutes from the special meeting held on Tuesday, October 20th were distributed electronically and approved as written on November 4, 2015.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After the call to order, Brandi Collins, staff senate president for 2014-2015, requested nominations for the offices of president, vice president, secretary, and reporter for the 2015-2016 year. The following nominations were made:

President – Brandi Collins
Vice President – Bettye Williamson,
Margie Link

Secretary – Lindelle Fraser
Reporter – Ryan Taylor

A hand-written vote was taken for the office of vice president. The ballots were then counted and verified. Bettye Williamson was re-elected to the office of vice president for the 2015-2016 term.



OLD BUSINESS

Brooke Southard, Interim Director of Human Resources, was unable to attend the meeting as previously planned. The new, proposed Inclement Weather Policy will be distributed to senators electronically for review. The revised plan has provisions for staff members who work outside the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Roger Trusty reported he has received questions and concerns in regard to confidential disclosure. Julia Pope shared that a member of the faculty welfare committee will attend the December meeting to discuss how similar issues have been successfully handled within the faculty senate.

Roger Trusty expressed concern over the Active Shooter Training received at the special October meeting. He wants to see a more proactive approach with hard copy materials instead of reference to website link. He also requested the training be tailored using a building-by-building approach. Margie Link reported Student Accounts will be receiving Robbery/Active Shooter training on Friday, November 6, 2015. She has been advised the training is modeled after those used in the banking and retail industries. Brandi Collins reminded the senate that the university is looking into the possibility of appointing building managers who would be responsible for ensuring safety and security protocols are followed. Brandi Collins will take the senators' concerns to Vice President of Student Services, Susie Nicholson.

The concern over unlocked doors at the Corley building was re-visited. Multiple access doors have been found unlocked since the senate's last meeting. Various members of the senate expressed concerns over student and employee safety as well as compromised information, as Corley is the main hub for ATU computer systems. Other buildings were reported as being left unsecure in the early morning hours. The senators also agreed greater presence is needed in public access buildings after main office hours are over. President Brandi Collins will take these issues to the university administration.

NEW BUSINESS

A Campus Safety Walk will be held Tuesday, November 10th. The walk will begin at 8 p.m. in the Witherspoon parking lot. Those in attendance will examine the campus and identify potential lighting hazards. All interested faculty and staff members are invited to attend.

Finalists for the open position of Vice President of Academic Affairs will meet with staff senate members in a series of come-and-go meetings in early December. The candidates will visit with senate members on the following dates:



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Tuesday, December 1st – Dr. James Ermatinger
Friday, December 4th – Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman
Wednesday, December 9th – Dr. Russell Porter

Background information and Curriculum Vitae for each of the candidates can be found at www.atu.edu/vpaafinalists2015.php. If staff members have questions for any of the finalists, they are invited to visit with any member of staff senate before the December meetings.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in Baswell Techionery, Room 202.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m. by President Collins.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindelle Fraser, Secretary

