



## STAFF SENATE

Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER

The Tech Staff Senate was called to order by President Collins on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 202 of Baswell Techionery.

### ROLL CALL

#### Senators Present:

Sandra Anderson	Margie Link
Regina Burris	Jeff Mumert
Brandi Collins	Kim Newman
Pam Cooper	David Page
Shawna Davis	Julia Pope
Rhonda Fleming	Lindsey Riedmueller
Brittany Flippo	Ryan Taylor
James Higgs	Roger Trusty
Danny Jones	Bettye Williamson

#### Senators Absent:

Debra Howard	Jeff Nichols
Courtney Mullen	

#### Visitors:

Thomas Pennington	Tim Small
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The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed electronically and approved as written on April 1, 2015.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Inauguration of Dr. Robin Bowen will be Friday, April 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. on the South Lawn of the Ross Pendergraft Library & Technology Center. That evening, at 7:00 p.m., the Inaugural Scholarship Gala in honor of Dr. Bowen will be at the L.V. Williamson Boys & Girls Club.

On April 14-15, individuals from Arkansas Tech University and the surrounding communities will have an opportunity to join the "Be The Match" bone marrow registry and possibly give the gift of life in the process. Arkansas Tech's "Be The Match" bone marrow registry event will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, and continue through 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15. The first 3,000 individuals who register will receive a free T-shirt.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Employment of Relatives – Thomas Pennington went over the wording of the policy and after some discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the policy. Mr. Pennington will now go to the Faculty Senate next for their approval.
- Staff/Employee Recognitions – Brandi Collins will discuss with Dr. Bowen about actively looking to combine awards with faculty. Categories that were mentioned were: Customer Service, Years of Service, Tech Spirit, Excellence, Peer Recognition; Safety Awards, Leadership Awards, Diversity & Inclusion, and students voting on Favorite Staff.
- Red Parking – Browning Hall now has more red parking.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Salaries across campus are being examined by Dr. Bowen.
- Day Care on campus is being examined by Dr. Bowen.
- APERS (Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System) – If you have APERS and have had any beneficiary changes in the past, or will have in the future, you need to make sure that in addition to informing HR on campus you also contact APERS in Little Rock at 124 W. Capitol, Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72207 and phone is 1-800-682-7377 to officially make the changes. Staff Senate will speak to Administration if further problems are brought forward.
- Brandi Collins will be meeting with Mr. Moseley in the near future about the changes Staff Senate recommends for the Inclement Weather Policy.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Baswell Techionery, Room 202.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m. by President Collins.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Fleming, Secretary