

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## Faculty Recognition Reception

The Office of Academic Affairs will host a recognition reception on Wednesday, April 20 in the Chambers Cafeteria West Dining Room. The reception will take place from 3:00-5:00 p.m. All faculty, staff and administrators as well as the family of the honorees are invited. The event is intended to show appreciation to Tech faculty members who have reached milestones in their service to the university, to honor retirees and emeritus recipients, and to spotlight faculty members who have performed exceptional work in their respective fields. Please see the second page for a list of honorees.

## Standing Committee Elections

Dr. Johnette Moody, Associate Professor of Computer and Information Science, will be administering Standing Committee Elections during April 13-22 through Blackboard. Dr. Moody will generate an email informing the faculty that the Blackboard shell is available and ready to accept ballots. For questions about Standing Committees or the election process please contact Mr. Ken Futterer, Faculty Senate Chair, at [ktfutterer@atu.edu](mailto:ktfutterer@atu.edu) or Dr. Moody at [jmoody@atu.edu](mailto:jmoody@atu.edu).

## End of Term Class Meeting Days

Similar to the meeting schedule at the end of fall term, classes that normally meet on Monday will meet on Monday, April 25 and classes that normally meet on Wednesdays will meet on Tuesday, April 26. This adjusted schedule ensures that students receive sufficient meeting days for Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes. The Academic Calendar and the more detailed Academic Affairs calendar can be found on the Faculty Resources website: <http://www.atu.edu/academics/>

## Summer Proposal Applications

Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman, incoming Vice President for Academic Affairs, has invited applications for writing grant proposals. This initiative funds up to ten applications from faculty to develop proposals for external funding during the summer months with a stipend of \$3,000 allocated per proposal. The applications are due Friday, April 22. The academic deans will review the applications submitted, and faculty will be notified by May 4<sup>th</sup> if their application has been accepted. The faculty member would then have the summer to complete the "grant" proposal with the completed draft due August 5. The stipend would be payable this August, upon satisfactory review of the proposal by the academic deans. More information about the program can be found here: <http://www.atu.edu/academics/docs/summer%20support%20announcement%202016.pdf>

## Commencement

ATU will host three commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 7.

- eTech and Natural and Health Sciences will be at 10:00 a.m.
- Arts and Humanities and Business will be at 2:00 p.m.
- Education, Engineering and Applied Sciences and Associate Degrees will be at 6:00 p.m.

College times may rotate in the future as the need to accommodate the growing number of graduates per ceremony changes.

### Dates to Remember:

- **Deadline for Professional Development Grant Applications, April 15.**
- **Recognition Reception, April 20 at 3:00 p.m.**
- **External Grant Proposals due April 22.**
- **Follow Monday class schedule, Monday April 25.**
- **Follow Wednesday class schedule, Tuesday April 26.**
- **Reading Day, April 27.**
- **Final grades for all students due at noon on May 4.**
- **Professional Development Days, May 4 and 5.**
- **Russellville Graduate Commencement, May 6 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Russellville Undergraduate Commencement, May 7.**

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## **Recognition Reception Honorees**

The following faculty members, among others, will be honored during the Recognition Reception in the West Dining Room on Wednesday, April 20 at 3:00 p.m.

### **Emeritus**

Dr. Robert Allen, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry

### **Retiring**

Dr. Gary Barrow, Professor of Music

Mr. Paul Lake, Professor of English

Ms. Judith Stewart-Abernathy, Director of the Museum

Dr. Cathy Baker, Professor of Geology

Ms. Loyce Kennedy, Assistant Professor of Nursing

Ms. June Lawson, Visiting Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Jim Fulmer, Visiting Instructor of Chemistry

Dr. Mona Chadwick-Scott, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership

Dr. Carolyn Neel, Assistant Professor of History

### **35 Years of Service**

Dr. Gary Barrow, Professor of Music

Dr. Scott Kirkconnell, Professor of Biology

Mr. Paul Lake, Professor of English

### **25 Years of Service**

Dr. Rebecca Burris, Head and Professor of Nursing

Dr. Pamela Carr, Professor of Accounting

Dr. Christopher Kellner, Professor of Wildlife Science

Dr. John Krohn, Professor of Mechanical Engineering

### **20 Years of Service**

Mr. Dale Felkins, Instructor of Mathematics