

Minutes of  
THE FACULTY SENATE  
OF  
ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY-OZARK CAMPUS

- ATTENDANCE                   The Faculty Senate met in a special session Tuesday, May 1, at 2:00 p.m. in the office of Chancellor Bruce Sikes. The following members were present:
- Chris Rambo  
Adele Berry  
Cory Kendall  
Jessica Pipkins  
Clinton Hall  
Gwen Faulkenberry  
Dr. Mike Murders
- CALL TO ORDER               Mr. Rambo called the meeting to order.
- APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES                      Mrs. Berry made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kendall. Minutes were approved.
- NEW BUSINESS:  
CHANCELLOR  
SIKES                         Chancellor Sikes thanked the members for their service this year on the Faculty Senate Committee. Chancellor Sikes asked what members would be vacating positions at the end of this year. Mr. Rambo and Mr. Kendall indicated they would both be vacating their positions. Mr. Kendall stated Mr. Marcus Smith would be the replacement for the ATCC representative. Mr. Rambo said that there had been two names nominated for the Trades and Industry representative but the decision had not been finalized.
- Chancellor Sikes informed the committee the applications for the campus had increased by 80 percent over this time last year and that admissions had increased by 50 percent as well.
- The results of the Adult Learning Inventory (ALI) survey had been compiled and were being reviewed by the administration. One area that was of concern was the satisfaction rate of faculty response time (returning graded assignments, answering e-mails, etc.). Chancellor Sikes said he felt this was “customer service” and the rating should be higher.
- It was also discussed that the committee, beginning with the 2018-2019 year, begin reviewing the Faculty Handbook. Chancellor Sikes stated there were some items that should be reviewed for updates and by doing this possible make the campus culture more effective.
- The Board of Trustees will meet this month. Chancellor Sikes indicated there would be a 1.8 percent increase in tuition as well as a \$7.00 increase in additional fees. Some of these fees would be for media, public safety, and student activities.
- Chancellor Sikes also stated there would be a request for a 2 percent cost of living increase to salaries across the board and some adjustments for CUPA.
- Mr. Hall asked if the proposed update to the faculty portfolio had been reviewed. Chancellor Sikes stated he would review it again and present it to the board as well.
- There has been a new item added to the campus budget for the 2018-2019 school year. Chancellor Sikes stated there would be a small amount of funds available for professional development opportunities and the committee may need to create applications and guidelines for requests of those funds.

Chancellor Sikes charged the committee with creating a prioritized list of items concerning the campus. Some of those include student retention, recruitment and assessment and how the Faculty Senate, along with the faculty, could develop a plan to strengthen these areas.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rambo asked if there was going to be another meeting for assessment assistance. Mr. Murders indicated that there had been some work done by a sub-committee that designed worksheets for the 6 programs to follow. A meeting time had not been determined as of yet.

Mr. Rambo also asked if the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) members would be stopping faculty/staff to ask questions during their visit. Chancellor Sikes stated the commission members would most likely only be meeting with those who have worked directly on the evaluation and other administrators as they would only be here for about a day and a half.

#### CALENDAR

The committee will meet again during open time at graduation on Thursday, May 10. New members will be introduced to the committee and this would be a chance to bring the new members up-to-date for the beginning of the new school year.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Berry made a motion to adjourn and a second by Mrs. Pipkins was given.

Respectfully submitted  
Clinton Hall