

Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

Business Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

McConnell Library 170/ RUC 8 floor Board Room

Present: Staci Allen, Tom Bennett, Ashlee Claud, Emily Fitzgerald, David Halpin, Matt Harman, Debra Johnson, Kay Johnson, Mark Lambert, Eric Lovik, Jess Rothe, Deana Sentman, Malinda Tasler, Susan Trageser (Cabinet Liaison), Juan Urista, Ma Viet

Not Present: Sandra Bond, Vanessa Conner, Charley Cosmato, Mary Francis, Heather Hollandsworth, Sephanie Hovsepian, Chad Hyatt, Scott Shull

Guest: Dawn Taylor

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by President Ashlee Claud.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from October 11, 2023 were approved.
3. Morale Survey Update: Ashlee Claud read through the survey results. Continuing trends include concerns about salaries, resources, and career advancement. On a positive trend, respondents continue to like their supervisors.
The data showed positive trends, but comments were not in line with the data. The Senate discussed communication and the Calendar of Events. Mark Lambert can send your information to RU Connected. He will work with you on free tuition will continue to pay student fees.
5. Coffee With the President: Send your questions to Ashlee Claud by Friday.
6. Upcoming Events:
 - Wicked Festival: Thursday, November 9 at 5pm; Kyle 340

- Campus Community Flag Display: Veterans Day Observance, November 9 at 4pm; Moffett Lawn
- Veterans Day Celebration: Friday, November 10 at 11am; Bonnie Auditorium
- Admissions Open House: Saturday, November 11, 10:30am
- Behavioral Ninjas: Making the World a Better Place one Behavior at a Time; In Person, Tuesday, November 14 at 2pm; HR Training Room and Zoom Option, Thursday, November 16 at noon.
- Giving Tuesday Highland 10 Challenge: Tuesday, November 20 -- limited time to donate to certain causes. We have it for sports and student health and wellness.
- Winter Commencement: Saturday, December 9
- Women's Soccer won the CS South Championship! Playing Clemson Friday, 7:00 pm. On ESPN+
- Spirit Walk & Tailgate prior to back-back games on Sunday. Meet in Lot A.
- First Gen Week Reception at Highlander tomorrow (Thursday), 4:30.
- All Day 9:00-2:00 tomorrow 112 K12 students participating at Abingdon, Cybersecurity Summit. Eventually would like them to get a degree here. Covered with grant money.

7. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

- December 13; Guest Speaker, Provost Usher (Will reserve a larger room)
- January 10
- February 14