



**Southern Arkansas University Tech
ROCKET COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
April 29, 2019**

Meeting held in the Administration Conference Room located on the SAU Tech Campus. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Jason Morrison at 10:03 a.m.

Members present were Dr. Jason Morrison, Dr. Valerie Wilson, David McLeane, Gaye Manning, Dr. Juanita Mitchell, Jenny Sanders, Laura Johnson, Loretha Walker, Mike Larkins, Rachel Nix, Barbara Hamilton, Courtney Haygood, Olivia Clack, Tammy Larkins, Marcus Copland, Taylor May, Hannah Dixon

Chancellor

- A new Arkansas Community College (ACC) director has been hired. Andrea Henderson is from Oregon; she will come on board July 1. She is an attorney and a thirty-year veteran of Oregon politics. She also has eighteen years' experience as Director of the Oregon Community College Association.
- There have been several donations made towards the new softball field, lowering the cost to a bare minimum.
- There will be a complete list of investments and donations made throughout the year provided at Convocation in August.
- Focus on building a college community. The communities are more than just the surrounding counties. For example our first generation students, fire students, workforce, etc. are all a community.
- Focus on our college's identity by revamping our mission, vision and values. The Rocket Nation Liftoff committee has provided the first Mission- Vision-Values draft. All employees received a copy of the draft via email. Dr. Morrison asked to send any recommendations or comments to Phillip Allison, the chair of the committee. Once all recommendations and changes are made the draft will go to the Executive Cabinet for approval and then to the Board of Trustees for the final approval.
- Dr. Morrison challenges every employee to recruit at least one student to join SAU Tech. This will produce an estimate of 150 students and generate over a million dollars.

Adult Education

- The top 25 GED ceremony has recently been held at the state capitol. One of our students attended who is number 14 in the state.
- SAU Tech is one of only two Community colleges in Arkansas that will offer credit to GED students.
- Adult Ed had their first Integrated Education Training Cohort. They are one of four to serve as a mentor to other Adult Ed programs for the IET program.
- Albemarle has donated \$1000 to help with transportation for female students in Columbia County wanting to enter the workforce.
- 9 out of 12 students from the CNA class that recently completed in Magnolia have passed the certification exam. Another class is scheduled to begin soon.

Mission Statement: Southern Arkansas University Tech is a comprehensive community college that meets educational, training, and cultural needs of the communities it serves.

Vision: Southern Arkansas University Tech will be the preferred choice for quality education and training in the communities it serves.

Southern Arkansas University Tech Values:

Students—supporting a diverse group of scholars that demonstrate success in educational pursuits.

Academics—delivering exceptional educational programs that prepare students for careers or further education.

Unity—working together with each other, our students, and our stakeholders to achieve the goals of SAU Tech.

Trust—acknowledging the trust and confidence placed in us by the communities we serve.

Respect—fostering an atmosphere of acceptance and understanding of each individual.

Openness—demonstrating transparency in all that we do as a college and as a part of our community.

Communication—appreciating shared dialogue between the college and all of our stakeholders.

Knowledge—commending the knowledge we gain from each other and the knowledge delivered within our various academic programs.

Excellence—encouraging individual and group achievement in all of our endeavors as a learning community.

Teamwork—collaborating with all sectors of the college to achieve our mission.

Service—promoting an environment of active involvement within the college and the community.