

**Staff Advisory Committee to the President**  
**September 12, 2011, 10 a.m.**

**Present:** Brooke Dedmond, Kevin Edward, Susan Henry, Patrena Hicks, Kaye Loftis (chair), Tammy Martin, Randal McCloud, Chris Smith, Donna Warren, Denette Way

**Others Present:** President Bell, Mike Cowan, Terri Taylor

**President's Comments**

President Bell opened the meeting with a greeting and announced that TTU was again listed by *The Princeton Review* in the "Best Southeastern Colleges" category and as one of the "Best Universities in the South" by the *U.S. News & World Report*.

TTU will occupy two new buildings this year, the former Prescott Central Middle School and the former State Public Health Building. Tech has the second largest enrollment increase in the TBR with record enrollment of 11,703 students.

With the current economy, budget uncertainties continue for the University. The good news is that Tech was able to provide a 3% COLA pay raise, and plans are underway to address employees receiving pay below pay scale targets. Also, Tech employees with 2+ years of service will receive a \$1000 bonus in October.

Campus Safety is always a top priority. Many students are new to the campus and are not familiar with the campus layout. President Bell encouraged the need for caution while driving or walking on campus.

President Bell reiterated that he will retire on June 30, 2012, after 36 years at Tech. He thanked everyone for the support and friendships during his time at the University.

**Service-Pin Presentations**

President Bell led the service-pin presentation that totaled an accumulation of 1060 years of service by Tech staff. Recipients were as follows:

