

STAFF SENATE
1810 Litton-Reaves
Thursday January 18, 2007
12:00noon-1pm

Meeting was called to order.

Attendance Judy Alford, Susan Archer, Kevin Ayoub, Christina Brogdon, Catherine Caldwell, Lisa Cotting, Jessie Eaves, Velva Groover, Walter Hartman, Travis Hundley, Jennifer Hundley, Delbert Jones, Denise Jones, Joyce Landreth, Lori Lee, Jimmy Martin, Tom McAvoy, Wyatt Sasser, Becky Saylor, Mary Schaeffer, Bradley Scott, Louellen Sharp, Lori Sheppard, Chris Thomas, Tom Tucker, Hubert Walker, Kimberly Weeks, Ken Wieringo, Jon Woogie, Carrie Reed, Sara Smithers.
Excused: Shelby Cole, Linda Price, Joyce Smith, Vicki Walter, Joyce Smith, Robin Atkins and Sue Ellen Crocker

Agenda was adopted

Approval of minutes (electronically)

Updates CSPA Resolution 2006-07B Approved Faculty Senate First reading University Council Dec. 4, 2006 and will have its second reading on February 5th.

Two Association By-law updates have arrived so far. All are due by the end of January.

Election of officers will be in March 2007.

Anyone interested in serving on the Employee Advisory Committee should volunteer but the committee will be made up of representation from all areas of employees at VT.

Staff representatives from VCU and RU will be invited to the McCommas Leadership Seminar along with some other State supported schools.

Board of Visitors Report:

VCU has asked for information on how to get their Staff Association President on their Board of Visitors

Announcements:

The two new Staff Associations are still in the works.

SACS QEP Committee Report:

Mike Ellerbrock, Chair of SACS QEP Committee presented the University's plan to *Enhance Student Engagement*.

A committee representing many different departments and positions has been formed that will improve the undergraduate's involvement in the University during the time that student attends Tech. They QEP must develop a focused course of action based on empirical data to enhance student learning using a forward-looking approach aimed at undergraduate education that will transform campus culture and is measurable and accountable. There will be a Town Hall Meeting January 30, 2007 that anyone may attend.

NCAA Certification Report:

Lori Ann Sheppard, representing the NCAA Certification process, gave an overview of the certification process that is an internal self-study mandated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to insure integrity in intercollegiate athletics. This is the second time VT has been certified with the first being in 1998. The certification can be found on the web at: web site <http://www.ncaacert.vt.edu>

Guest Speaker

Larry Hincker, Associate Vice President University Relations, discussed crisis communications at Virginia Tech. He noted that there are so many more ways to communicate emergency messages to the whole campus now as opposed to the past when there was only a telephone tree and the media. Now, though we still use the telephone and the media, we also utilize e-mail, website announcements, weather-line, and cell phones. The structure to be followed by the University is that the crisis command unit will decide what to say so that the information is accurate and will use the appropriate vehicle to send it in a timely manner.

Old Business:

Reminder to Staff Associations to have by law changes to Staff Senate by January 31, 2007 for final approval.

Reminder to send Staff Association pictures to Maxine for use in the updated brochures.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by
Maxine Lyons,
Staff Senate
Secretary

Senate Standing Committee Report

Communications, Lori Ann Sheppard

Elections and Nominations, Jon Wooge

McComas Staff Leadership Seminar Committee, Christine Brogdon

Christine Brogdon is chairing McComas. Hold May 3rd for Seminar.

Policies and Issues, Jimmy Martin

University Council, Commission, Committee Reports

University Council

University Advisory Council-Strategic Budgeting
& Planning .

Commission on Staff Policy and Affairs

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Commission on Faculty Affairs

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs

Commission on Research

Commission on Student Affairs

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Commission on University Support

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty

Academic Support Committee

Athletics Committee

Building Committee

Commencement Committee

Computing and Communication Resources Committee

Employee Benefits Committee

Intellectual Properties Committee

Library Committee

Transportation/Parking Committee

Faculty Senate Liaison

Next meeting

February 15, 2007 Guest Speaker Bonnie Sutphin.

Adjournment