

Staff Senate Constituency Report  
Virginia Tech Board of Visitors  
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Presented by Dan Cook, Staff Senate President

Good afternoon Rector Petrine, members of the Board of Visitors, President Sands, administrators and distinguished guests: thank you once again for this opportunity to speak with you about events in the recent months with regard to Virginia Tech's staff.

Since the last time I spoke to you, a number of guests have visited with the Staff Senate to bring informative presentations about a number of topics. As mentioned last time, we did have Dr. Plummer come speak to us about shared governance and Beth Lancaster presented on several topics relating to computer security and keeping an eye out for phishing and other layers of "social engineering". We also had Dr. Midkiff and his office present on the Scholar replacement. We heard presentations from Outdoor Recreation, as well as from Parking Services on offerings from their respective departments. We have a number of great topics on the agenda for the future months.

The executive board of the Staff Senate has met with their peers on the Faculty Senate side in the hopes to create a collaborative effort between the two for addressing mutual concerns and issues. The thinking is to establish a working group that can air topics of interest in a constructive and mutually beneficial environment before they are elevated and or perhaps morphed into an unrelated problem altogether. It is very early in the process at this point in time, but we look forward to many great things to come out of it.

I would also like to give you the final update on this past summers faculty/staff competition to rally around the "Employee's Spouse and Dependent Scholarship" drive as hosted by the Office of Annual Giving. At the conclusion, the staff stepped up to the plate and drove home the win. We had a higher percentage of folks to donate to this worthy cause, and in the end there was a combined total of over \$8100 raised. Mr. Holden seemed to think it was the most raised to date and that it would go to help a good number of students here at Va Tech.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak to the Board on behalf of the staff of Virginia Tech and welcome any questions or comments that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,  
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