

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
STAFF SENATE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1992
ROOM 102 - PHASE IV - VETERINARY MEDICINE

SENATORS PRESENT: Carolyn Alls, Pat Ballard, Larry Blankenship, Clara Cox, Patrick Donohoe, Kathy Eschenmann, Spencer Foster, Linda Haney, Jane Harrison, Barbara Hise, Lisa Jansen, Eileen Keeney, Sherilyn McConnell, Margie Murray, Charles Paige, Diane Patty, Fred Phillips, Rocky Price, W. T. Price, Bill Ranck, Peggy Rasnick, Kathy Reynolds, Buddy Shaver, Sonja Stone, Charlie Stott, John Strauss, Keith Tignor, Sarah Wheeler, Deb Williams, Pat Worrell

ALTERNATES IN ATTENDANCE: Janet Bryant for Janis Brown, Patty Hall, Bruce Harper, Richard Hayman, Mary Ann Johnson, Dianne Kauffman for Doug Jones, Linda Jones, Dean Miller, Kim O'Rourke for Carolyn Ramsey, Wanda Garrison for Widget Shannon, Chuck Shorter for Valerie Myers-Jones, Sherri Turner, Shannon Worryingham.

FACULTY SENATE LIAISON: Roy Jones.

GUESTS: Margie Lawrence - Residential Programs, Marge Dellars - Health and Safety, Dolly Connor - Division of Student Affairs.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President McConnell, who welcomed guests, liaisons, senators, and alternates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President McConnell announced that elections for Staff Senate officers and for positions in the university governance structure would be held first to allow the Elections and Nominations Committee time to tally votes before the close of the meeting.

STAFF SENATE ELECTIONS

Senator Phillips, chair, Elections and Nominations Committee, conducted elections for Staff Senate officers for the 1992-93 term and for representatives to serve on various university councils and commissions. Senator Phillips expressed appreciation to all who helped during the nomination procedure, especially Senators Rasnick, Patty, and Murray and President McConnell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 20, 1992, Staff Senate meeting were approved.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- POLICIES AND ISSUES--Senator Stott, chair, reported that the committee has been trying to identify as many issues as possible. He solicited input for the committee with the exception of issues relating to salaries. Suggestions or comments can be directed to Senator Stott or Senator Eschenmann.
- POLICIES AND ISSUES/STAFF ASSOCIATIONS--Senator Murray, chair, reported that suggestions for changes to the area staff associations' bylaws are being sent to selected associations.
- LONG-RANGE PLANNING--Senator Blankenship, chair, reported that the committee had not met.
- COMMUNICATIONS--Senator Cox, chair, reported that members have been assigned to verify senator User ID's and that the list will soon be completed. She also reported that the editor of SPECTRUM. is interested in staff-written columns on graduate teaching assistants parking in faculty/staff lots and increased job responsibilities for staff resulting from budget cuts, with the columns running in the summer and before semester's end, respectively. The committee is working on the columns. In highlighting the March 5 Classified Staff Affairs Committee meeting, Senator Cox said that the CSAC final report would go to Minnis Ridenour for review and comment on March 24 and would be published in SPECTRUM on April 16. The report will also be presented to University Council. An announcement was made that CSAC representatives would discuss health and safety issues with Minnis Ridenour and Richard Alvarez in late March. The final regular meeting of CSAC will be held May 7, with plans under way for CSAC representatives to meet with Staff Senate on May 21.
- CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS--Senator Tignor, chair, reported the committee's work is completed and that members will be absorbed into the Policies and Issues Committee.
- ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS--Senator Williams reported that a correction needed to be made in the committee minutes to read "newly elected officers will take office at the end of the June meeting."

OLD BUSINESS

- MOVIES--President McConnell introduced Joyce Smith, CSAC Parliamentarian, who explained why parliamentary procedure is such an important part of every meeting. A movie was shown demonstrating various scenarios that can occur and how they would be addressed according to Robert's Rules of Order. The video is available for checkout through University Libraries.
- EDUCATIONAL AID TASK FORCE--Senator Cox reported that four decisions have been made regarding tuition waivers and educational leave:

- (1) that persons on educational leave with partial pay and who are working for wages would not be expected to earn more than received through regular salary,
- (2) that part-time classified staff and faculty should receive waivers and tuition reimbursement for six hours a year with up to four hours in any one semester,
- (3) that wage employees would not receive educational aid, and (
- (4) that persons on leave status would not be eligible for waivers.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION RESULTS--Senator Phillips, chair, Elections and Nominations Committee, reported that the Staff Senate Constitution was ratified, with 27 percent of the staff voting. The tally was 924 in favor, 34 opposed. Senator Phillips made a motion that Staff Senate present a resolution requesting University Council ratification of the Staff Senate Constitution. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Phillips announced that Staff Senate officers for the next term include President Sherilyn McConnell, Vice President Charlie Stott, Secretary Barbara Hise, and Parliamentarian Betty Greene.

The following were elected to serve on university councils and commissions:

University Council Senators Fred Phillips, Clara Cox, Margie Murray
Commission on Classified Staff Affairs Staff Senate: Senators Pat Ballard, Pat Worrell, Mary Mertz Academic Departments: Pam Orcutt, Bill Aliff, Carolyn Alls Administrative Departments: John Ashby, Wyatt Sasser, Wanda Garrison

Commission on Faculty Affairs Senator Joyce Smith

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies Senator Linda Haney

Commission for Public Service and Extension Senator Patty Hall

Commission for Research Senator Peggy Rasnick

Commission for Student Affairs Senator Spencer Foster

Commission for Undergraduate Studies and Policies Senator Sarah Wheeler

Commission for University Support Senators Pat Donohoe and Charles Paige

University Advisory Council on Human Rights and Social Responsibilities

Senator Kathy Eschenmann.

The names of Bill Aliff and Nancy Feuerbach will be forwarded to President McComas, who will select one as representative.

Additionally, the University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning will include a Staff Senate officer, who will be appointed by President McComas.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Barbara Hise
Secretary