

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY  
STAFF SENATE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1993  
ROOM 102 - PHASE IV - VETERINARY MEDICINE

SENATORS PRESENT: Carolyn Alls, Pat Ballard, Lisa Barroso, Clara Cox, Marge Dellers, Kathy Eschenmann, Spencer Foster, Betty Greene, Jane Hrrison, Don Massie, Sherilyn McConnell, Bhaba Misra, Margie Murray, Fred Phillips, Carlile Price, Bill Ranck, Peggy Rasnick, Kathy Reynolds, Widget Shannon, Barbara Shelor, Charlie Stott, Deb Williams, Lola Yelverton.

ALTERNATES IN ATTENDANCE: Wyatt Sasser for Pat Worrell.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President McConnell, who welcomed senators, alternates, and guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President McConnell announced that due to the lack of a quorum, caused by inclement weather, Staff Senate would adjourn after a few announcements and a brief presentation by the guest speaker. She reported the Staff Senate was sponsoring a workshop, "How to be Heard Effectively in the Workplace," at the Donaldson Brown Center for senators, alternates, and association officers. The sessions are February 10, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m., and February 11, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. She also announced that Superbowl Sunday reportedly is the country's single worst day each year for domestic violence. She provided an address and fax number for contacting NBC Sports to urge them to carry public service announcements about the problem during the game.

GUEST SPEAKER

President McConnell introduced Martin Daniel, a personnel analyst with Personnel Services.

Mr. Daniel explained that changes are being made in the clerical pool that should match applicants with jobs more effectively. Active status in the pool will be changed from six months to three months. Applicants will no longer be able to check all boxes under the interest column. These changes were designed to assist departments in hiring grades 4 and 5 clerical staff.

Senator Williams asked if there is a short form available to applicants wishing to stay in the pool. Mr. Daniel said no such form exists but that applicants may photocopy their applications and sign them since applications always require an original signature.

Several senators made announcements.

Senator Williams assured the senate that payroll deduction for parking is high on the controller's priority list. One problem now is that the wage system does not allow for deductions. Although no target date exists at this time, she said that Dwight Shelton, controller, asked her to emphasize his concern.

Senator Phillips reminded the senate that it will soon be time for spring elections. Staff associations should have new senators elected by March 31. The senate will accept nominations from senators at the April 15 meeting. He said it is important to obtain permission from senators before they are nominated for positions.

Alternate Senator Sasser said the state has approved a leave bank. Personnel Services has a copy, but all the details are not yet available.

Senator Shannon told the senate that the issue of graduate student parking is still alive and that Mr. Goodale has hired a full-time employee to keep the issue alive. Senator Cox stated that COLLEGIATE TIMES ran an article by Mr. Goodale in which he said he wanted 1993 to bring graduate students the right to park in faculty/staff lots and at the same time to bring removal of parking around the Drillfield.

Senator Murray supplied President McConnell with State House Bill #539, which was carried over from 1992. This bill concerns cancer treatment by bone marrow transplant. The summary tells the Governor that this bill should not be added. Senator Harper is looking into the matter. No response has been received from Personnel Services on employee opportunities to receive this coverage. Senator Williams asked if leukemia would be included. She was told that this treatment has been removed as experimental for leukemia.

Senator Barroso informed the senate that gynecological appointments must be made through a referral from one's PCP. Some doctors may not make the referral if they offer such services.

Senator Stott advised everyone to be careful in making PCP changes. Give both Benefits and BC/BS enough time to make sure they are implemented. Senator Greene warned not to make an appointment before a referral is received and to use that referral within thirty days.

President McConnell announced a meeting in Norris 136 at 11:00 a.m. on January 27, 1993, to discuss the status of the legislative budget process and Council of President's work with the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV). The meeting is open to administrative staff, deans, directors, and department heads.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Barbara Hise Shelor  
Secretary