

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
STAFF SENATE
1810 Litton Reaves
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 1998

Senators Present: Spencer Allen, Reba Crawford, Judy Fielder, Janet Francis, Cindy Harrison, Delbert Jones, Milko Maykowskyj, Nancy Phillips, Ben Poe, Peggy Rasnick, Joy Thorn, Janet Town, Virginia Viers, Debbie Wilson, Kathryn Young.

Alternates: Rebecca Barlow voting for Jack Davis, Billie Cline voting for Jon Wooge, Jessie Eaves, Mary Whitlock voting for Mary Pennington.

Excused: Jack Davis, Terry Lawrence, Mary Pennington, Jon Wooge

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Minutes of the May 21, 1998 and June 18, 1998 meeting were approved.

President Ben Poe introduced the new Senators – Debbie Wilson and Katherine Young – and new Alternates – Billie Cline, Jessie Eaves and Mary Whitlock. He then asked the Standing Committee Chairs to give a description of the purpose of their committee so that the new members could decide which committee they would like to serve on.

Communications Committee – Chair Cindy Harrison explained that the Communications Committee guides and promotes publications coming out of the Senate. The Committee is working on a Staff Senate brochure that will come out shortly. They are also working on a symbol to represent Staff Senate. They have been working on a letter to give to new employees at orientation informing them about Staff Senate. They are working on a web page for Staff Senate. It can be found at www.staffsenate.vt.edu. They will also be working to establish a history of Staff Senate and keeping it up to date on the web site. This committee meets once a month at lunch.

Elections and Nominations Committee – Past Chair Virginia Viers reported this is the committee that solicits candidates and hold elections on all vacant University Council, Commission and Committee seats. Meetings are held once a month. Jon Wooge will be the new chair.

Policies and Issues – Chair Joy Thorn reported that this committee addresses any policy/issue (guideline) that comes up at the University that affects staff. Also, last year this committee looked into the issue of inactive staff association. One of the goals of the committee this year is to work with interested parties to reestablish inactive associations. The committee will try to meet once a month at lunch.

McComas Leadership Seminar Committee – Chair Judy Fielder reported this committee sponsors the McComas Leadership Seminar that is usually held in the spring of the year. This seminar honors Dr. James McComas, past president of Va. Tech, who was instrumental in organizing Staff Senate. This year we had representatives from UVA, Radford and VCU to attend the half-day meeting. The Committee meets once a month at lunch.

University Council, Committees, Commissions Reports – No Reports from these as the majority finished meeting in April or May.

Old Business -

New Business –

Electronic Distribution of the Staff Senate Meeting Minutes - A discussion was held concerning adding the minutes of the Staff Senate meetings to the web site. Milko Maykowskyj made a motion to place the minutes on the web. Cindy Harrison seconded the motion. President Ben Poe then made an amendment to the motion to have only “approved” minutes placed on the web site. Spencer Allen seconded this motion. Both actions were then voted on and approved by the Senate.

Cindy Harrison informed us of the Surplus Property sale that was to be held July 23, 1998 and was open to the public. Everything is marked and that is the price. What you see is what you get. State employees can only purchase up to \$500. Anything not sold will be auctioned on July 25, 1998. Personal checks are allowed up to \$1000 only.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 20, 1998, 5:30 PM, in 1810 Litton Reaves.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Thorn, Secretary