

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

STAFF SENATE

1810 Litton Reaves

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 19, 1999

Senators present: Becky Barlow, Reba Crawford, Judy Fielder, Janet Francis, Cathy Hansen, Cindy Harrison, Delbert Jones, Jimmy Martin, Milko Maykowskyj, Ben Poe, Christy Porterfield, Pam Raines, Jon Wooge

Excused: Jackie Davis, Holli Drewry, Jessie Eaves, Lynne Ellis, Hilda Reynolds, Tina Shanklin, and Virginia Viers

The minutes from July 15 1999 were approved with one change made – add Nancy Phillips as an Alternate who attended.

Staff Senate Standing Committees Reports:

**Communications** – Cindy Harrison spoke for Patrick Donohoe in his absence. Senators are invited to attend the Communications Committee's meeting August 31 at noon in the Sterrett Center. The quarterly newsletter for Staff Senate is being considered. Staff Senate has a phone mail box: 231-2585 for concerns and questions. The Staff Senate website is [www.staffsenate.vt.edu](http://www.staffsenate.vt.edu).

**Policies and Issues** - Jimmy Martin, as the new chair of Policies and Issues, is charged to hold a meeting concerning the by-laws – look at them to make changes: 1) succession (ex. if John Doe has been elected for 3 years and after serving two of those years, is no longer a senator, does he continue to be in that position?); 2) Can alternates serve on committees and commissions? 3) The by-laws state that it is changed the same way in which the constitution is changed, which requires it to go forward to University Council and to go to all of the colleges for acceptability. This statement needs to be changed so that it is handled only by Staff Senate.

**Announcements:**

Linda Woodard will be the keynote speaker at the meeting of the Commission on Classified Staff Affairs, September 8 from 1:30-3pm in Conference Room G in Donaldson Brown to review the status of personnel policies. Staff senators and officers are invited to attend. Questions or concerns, facts, data, statistics, etc., that you want to know can be forwarded in advance to Delbert Jones (dejones), Cathy Hansen (cathyh) or Cindy Harrison (canoe) and we will make sure that Linda gets these. These questions will be anonymous.

Cindy showed us the new motor vehicle insurance form from Employers Insurance of Wausau. There are two accident forms (green) placed in each state vehicle.

Linda Woodard has requested that Staff Senate submit a budget for the next year. Delbert Jones will see to this matter.

Spencer Allen will be resigning and moving (CONGRATULATIONS! We will MISS you!!). We need to replace him on several committees.

According to Milko, the listserv is active. All members of the Staff Senate will be added to the listserv immediately. The motion was made and approved.

The Staff Senate alias is on Milko's PID and will be also be placed on Cathy Hansen's PID.

Peggy Rasnick needs to be replaced on the Commission on Research. By consensus of the Staff Senate, Jimmy Martin is to replace her.  
CONGRATULATIONS, JIMMY!

In accordance with our e-mailed votes, the Staff Senate meeting time will now be 12n-1pm, even though there will be times in which we will need to meet at 5:30pm. Our next meeting is September 16 in 1810 Litton Reaves (bring your lunch). Our keynote speaker will be Steve Mouras, Director of Transportation, who will speak to us for 15 minutes with questions you might have to follow.

Staff Senate will be host to the Virginia Governmental Employees Association's (VGEA) Executive Director, Joan Dent, on October 21 at 5:30pm...location to be announced. Director Dent will present details on bills and legislative issues directly affecting state employees.

The Staff Senate meeting of November 18 will be held at 12n-1pm. The featured speaker will be Del. James Shuler.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hansen, Secretary  
Staff Senate