

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
STAFF SENATE
Owens Banquet Room
Minutes of the "VGEA Reception" Meeting
Thursday, October 21, 1999

Senators present: Becky Barlow, Harry Biggs, Reba Crawford, Jessie Eaves, Gwen Ewing, Judy Fielder, Janet Francis, Cathy Hansen, Cindy Harrison, Delbert Jones, Jimmy Martin, Hilda Reynolds, Virginia Viers, Jon Wooge

Excused: Jackie Davis, Elva Douthat, Aaron Hill, Bruce Lytton, Christy Porterfield, Debbie Wilson, Kathryn Young

Alternates present: Patrick Donohoe, Terry Lawrence, Joy Thorn

The reception at Owens Banquet Hall began at 5:00pm. At 5:30pm, Senate President Jones call the Staff Senate meeting to order. Roll call was taken. The minutes from September 16 were approved.

First order was business was the passing of two (2) resolutions:

Resolution 1: Bylaws Admendment to Article VII
Resolution 2: Presidential Search Resolution

Next we had two elections:

- 1) **Harry Biggs** was elected to serve on the Commission on University Support.
- 2) **Mark Sumner** was "elected" to serve on the Intellectual Property Committee.

Cindy Harrison introduced our guests from the Virginia Governmental Employees Association (VGEA) in Richmond, Virginia. The introduction began by defining what a lobbyist does, how s/he works, how necessary it is to listen accurately as a part of persuading senators and representatives to believe in what you are trying to say to them. Mary Kornwolf, Program Director and lobbyist for VGEA, distributed a true-false handout on current legislation and lead a discussion on each piece of legislation. Joan Dent, Executive Director and lobbyist for VGEA, spoke on the state of the General Assembly and expectations for legislation in the January session. A question and answer period followed.

Members of the planning committee for the reception were thanked for their hard work: Jessie Eaves, Cathy Hansen, Cindy Harrison, and Christy Porterfield.

Linda Woodard was awarded a certificate honoring her work with Staff Senate as a mentor who has shown exceptional caring.

Staff Senate Standing Committees Reports: No reports were given. Committee chairs were asked to submit written reports to Cathy Hansen, Secretary of Staff Senate.

Door prizes were given before the conclusion of the meeting at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hansen, Secretary
Staff Senate