

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**STAFF SENATE**  
**1810 Litton Reaves**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 11, 2000**

Senators present: Jeannie Baker, Becky Barlow, Sue Ellen Crocker, Jackie Davis, Lynne Ellis, Gwen Ewing, Judy Fielder, Janet Francis, Cathy Hansen, Cindy Harrison, Delbert Jones, Jimmy Martin, Ben Poe, Pam Raines, Virginia Viers, Debbie Wilson, Jon Wooge, Kathryn Young

Alternates present: Pat Donohoe (representing Reba Crawford)

Excused: Reba Crawford, Elva Douthat, Jessie Eaves

The Virginia Tech Staff Senate meeting was called to order by President Delbert Jones.

The minutes of April 20, 2000 were approved electronically.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved. Cathy Hansen served as officially our recorder; Cindy Harrison is temporarily Staff Senate secretary.

Ms. Hansen called the roll (18 senators, 1 alternate; 3 senators excused).

**Elections** - Today is election day for Staff Senate officers and for submission of seats on University Council, Commissions and Committees. The following were elected:

Staff Senate President: Delbert Jones

Staff Senate Vice President: Jimmy Martin

Staff Senate Parliamentarian: Becky Barlow

Staff Senate Secretary: Depending upon the status of Ms. Hansen, we will elect this position at the next meeting.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STAFF SENATE OFFICERS FOR 2000-2001!!**

Results of elections for University Council, Commissions, Committees:

University Council: Debbie Wilson

Commission on A/P Faculty Affairs: Becky Barlow

Commission on Classified Staff Affairs: Suzanne Piovano, Mary Whitlock, Wyatt Sasser

Commission of Faculty Affairs: Jackie Davis

Commission on Outreach: Deb Williams

Commission on Student Affairs: Sue Ellen Crocker

Commission on University support: Jeannie Baker  
Commencement Committee: Reba Crawford  
Computing and Communications Resources Committee: Jodi Vandervort  
Intellectual Properties: Mark Sumner  
Transportation and Parking Committee: Wyatt Sasser

**REMINDER:** The persons elected by Senate are only recommendations to the President of the University. When approved by the President, the persons elected to University Council, Commissions and Committees will receive a letter of confirmation.

### **Standing Committees:**

**Communications Committee** - Senator Harrison reminded the senators/alternates that if any staff association would like to put news in the newsletter, the deadline for submitting information is critical. Please get this news to Pat Donohoe, Jeannie Baker, Cindy Harrison or Elva Douthat.

**Elections and Nominations Committee** - Senator Barlow distributed the ballots for Staff Senate officers, University Council, Commissions and Committees. An Election Committee counted the ballots and the results were announced.

**McComas Leadership Seminar Committee** - Senator Eaves was not present. The final report on the McComas Seminar was tabled until the next meeting.

**Policies and Issues Committee** - Senator Martin distributed two resolutions and gave the second reading of each. **Resolution No. 1999-5** reads, "H. Alternates may serve on University Councils, Commissions, Advisory Councils, and Committees when appointed." **Resolution No. 1999-6** reads, "I. All members shall attempt to attend meetings of University Councils, Commissions, and Committees. If unable to attend the member shall send an alternate, if possible." These resolutions were seconded (Senator Harrison and Senator Raines, respectively) and approved.

President Jones reminded senators/alternates to wear their Staff Senate t-shirts to Staff Appreciation Day on May 18, 2000.

**Summer Staff Senate Meetings - Staff Senate will meet during the summer months.** President Jones mentioned that one speaker will inform how companion animals have been shown to relieve stress.

**Gated Parking Lot Pilot** - Senator Harrison announced that Steve Mouras held an informational session on May 5, 2000 concerning a pilot project to install a gated parking lot at the location of the Media Building and Architectural Annex Building, across from the Donaldson Brown H&CC. The experiment is designed to keep students from parking in F/S areas. Employees will notice many construction sites across campus, new buildings being built. Unfortunately, there will not be additional parking areas to handle the expansion. There is a parking "squeeze." A proposed

intermediate-length term project to build a bus pub on Perry Street is planned, Mr. Mouras announced, which will be a central hub for buses to come on campus. Then, smaller shuttle buses will carry passengers around to campus locations. Of all of the income that comes from parking violations, 72% comes from students. The gate is to be installed sometime in August 2000.

Access to the pilot parking lot will be by Hokie Passport or a "transponder," plus a F/S parking hang tag. Transponders will automatically open the gate, will be sold for about \$20 each and the batteries in them last 4-5 years. F/S hangtags will be required of all vehicles or special access for emergency vehicles, service vehicles and certain visitors. The parking lot will be gated from 7:00am-5:00pm, weekdays to permit the town citizens to use the area after hours to access businesses. Anyone with a question that needs to be addressed, please send them to [canoe@vt.edu](mailto:canoe@vt.edu) or contact Richard McCoy at 231-3200.

**Boots for Vehicles** - Senator Harrison announced that beginning in August, anyone (faculty, staff, student) who has 5 parking violations and comes back on campus, the car will be booted. This information is included in the new parking registration form. The only way to remove the boot is to personally go to the Bursar's office in Burruss Hall, pay \$50 cash (only) to remove the boot, pay cash for any unpaid parking tickets, and return to the location of the car, show the pay documents to the Parking Service attendants, and then the boot will be removed. Any questions need to be forwarded to Richard McCoy at 231-3200.

Senator Harrison also brought to our attention that the parking lot across from the Donaldson-Brown Hotel will not longer be available for faculty/staff once the gated parking lot opens.

**Volunteer Needed** - President Jones asked for a volunteer to commit to serving on the subcommittee for Cheathan Hall Addition Project. Senator Poe announced that this would be a one- or two-day commitment. Lynne Ellis volunteered to serve, if needed.

**Reviving Inactive Staff Associations** - President Jones stated that one of the major focuses for Staff Senate will be to revive or combine inactive staff associations.

Staff Senate adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hansen  
Staff Senate Recorder

