

Staff Senate Minutes
July 19, 2001

Senators Present: Jeannie Baker, Becky Barlow, Karen Boone, Linda Correll, Reba Crawford, Sue Ellen Crocker, Jessie Eaves, Lynne Ellis, Delbert Jones, Jimmy Martin, Kathleen Pantaleo, Christopher Peters, Wyatt Sasser, Becky Saylor, Mary Schaeffer, Bradley Scott, Jon Wooge

Excused: Carolyne Dudding and Hilda Reynolds

The Staff Senate met in 1810 Litton Reaves at noon on July 19, 2001. The meeting was called to order by president Jimmy Martin.

A paper was passed to take attendance in the absence of a roll to call.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.

Jimmy welcomed those present, especially Doug Martin who will present a benefits update.

Delbert passed around a box containing coupons for Chick-fil-A that was left from the Staff Appreciation Day.

It was announced that the tuition waiver for staff has been changed to 12 hrs/yr, with no more than 6 hrs per semester for full-time employees and one-half that for part-time employees.

There were no reports from the standing committees.

There were no reports from Councils, Commissions and Committees of the University.

Doug Martin presented a benefits update. Some items he mentioned were:

Check your beneficiaries for life insurance and retirement benefits—people often forget to change these after divorce or deaths.

Check the deductions on your pay stub—you could be paying for things you do not need—additional life insurance for instance.

Be sure to look at buying back any part-time or wage employment. It must be purchased before 2004.

PLOP is a good opportunity for some employees with 30 years of service.

Kathleen Pantaleo gave us an update on the Scholarship Fund for Dependents of Virginia Tech employees. This year they were able to award 4 scholarships. It looks like next year they will be able to award 11.

Robin Adkins announced that the kick-off luncheon for the 3rd year of the Mentoring Program will be August 9 from 11:30-1:30 at Hillcrest. Those interested in being mentors are asked to get in touch and attend.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne K. Ellis