

Staff Senate Minutes

July 20, 2006, Noon – 1PM

1810 Litton Reaves

- Call to order by Judy Alford at 12 noon, Welcome given and the agenda adopted.
- Present: Judy Alford, Kevin Ayoub, Linda Correll, Walter Hartman, Denise Jones, Delbert Jones, Lori Lee, Maxine Lyons, Jimmy Martin, Tracy McCoy, Christy Porterfield, Wyatt Sasser, Robert Sebek, Louellen Sharp, Lori Anne Sheppard, Chris Thomas, Ken Wieringo, Judy Jones, Christina Brogdon, Mary Scheaffer, Joyce Randall, Lori Berry, Deanna McCrudden, Jennifer Hundley, Tom McAvoy, Travis Hundley.
- Excused: Robin Atkins, Jean Brickey, Jessie Eaves, Cathy Gelis, Becky Saylor, Tess Sentelle, Bradley Scott.
- Guests: Linda Woodard
- Updated Senate notebooks and inserts were passed out as the meeting progressed
- The resolution from CCSA to change the name to Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs was noted.
- Committee sign up sheets were passed around for McComas Leadership, Nominations, Communications, and Policies and Issues for members to select a committee to serve on this year
- The resolution to change the Staff Senate Constitution was distributed and explained and will be voted on in August. With the passage and acceptance of the Higher Education Restructuring Act, new staff at Virginia Tech hired on or after July 1, 2006 are designated as University Staff. This change made it necessary for the Staff Senate to make a change in its Constitution to better reflect the employees the Staff Senate represents at Virginia Tech. The first change is in Article II Section A which will remove classified staff and more clearly define staff and non student wage employees. Other changes are in Article IV Section D which have been made to clarify occupational classification and in Article V Section C to clarify a Senators status when changing jobs. All Staff Associations and the Staff Senate will need to approve the constitutional changes by then end of August. The resolution will then be brought before University Council for a first reading and a second reading hopefully by Oct. 2, 2006. Then the University President must approve the resolution and send it on to the Board of Visitors. It is the Staff Senate Executive Board's hope that this resolution will be on the Agenda for the November Board of Visitors meeting.
- Judy stated that there are now enough NCAA compliance committee volunteers
- September 15th is the Multi-Cultural reception

- It was moved and seconded that the Senate approve the changes to the By-laws for Research. It was passed by unanimous vote
- Lynn Robinson is leaving the University and Jennifer Hundley will be her replacement on the Employee Benefits Committee.
- Linda Woodard discussed the notebooks
 - She will send updated links to the various websites regarding governance at VT
 - She showed the Special Spectrum article regarding the Higher Education Restructuring Act. There are extra copies in her office.
 - Staff Governance history is in the notebook and notes benefits of participation
 - The by-laws & constitution are in the notebook
 - Wage and salary personnel are both represented by the Staff Senate
- Discussion was had on the various sections of information contained in the notebook and on the update to the University webpage
- There was no old business
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- It was moved & seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:15

Respectfully Submitted
Maxine Lyons, Secretary