

**STAFF SENATE**  
**1810 Litton-Reaves**  
**Thursday March 16, 2007**  
**12:00noon-1pm**

**Attending:** Judy Alford, Susan Archer, Robin Atkins, Kevin Ayoub, Jean Brickey, Catherine Caldwell, Lisa Cotting, Sue Ellen Crocker, Jessie Eaves, Laurie Good, Walter Hartman, Travis Hundley, Jennifer Hundley, Delbert Jones, Denise Jones, Rob Lowe, Jimmy Martin, Tom McAvoy, Tracy McCoy, Suzanne Piovano, Carrie Reed, Wyatt Sasser, Becky Saylor, Bradley Scott, Tess Sentelle, Louellen Sharp, Lori Sheppard, Joyce Smith, Sara Smithers, Chris Thomas, Tom Tucker, Hubert Walker, Vicki Walter.

**Excused:** Velva Groover, Cindy Koziol, Ken Wieringo, Lori Lee

**Photos:** Josh Armstrong, University Relations Photographer, attended the meeting and photographed the Senate in action. These photos will be used in the newly revised Senate Brochure as well as other public relations media.

**Board of Visitors:** Jean Brickey reported that next Board of Visitors Meeting is March 25-26, 2007. The Constituency Reports would be given on March 25, 2007 instead of on March 26, 2007. Jean Also reported that on Feb. 22, 2007 VCU's Board of Visitors followed Virginia Tech and approved appointing a nonvoting Staff member to their Board of Visitors.

**Resolution CSPA:**

Judy Alford reported the CSPA resolution 2006-07B was approved Feb. 5, 2007 and should go to the Board of Visitor at their March meeting. This is the resolution to put the Staff Senate President as a nonvoting member of University Council.

**Resolutions:**

The College of Agriculture & Life Science & the College of Architecture & Urban Studies Staff Associations By-laws were voted on and approved.

**Announcements:**

- The National Capitol Region has requested they have their own Staff Association but still interact with their main colleges. Jean has discussed this with Linda, and the suggestion is to let them proceed and bring this to a vote of the full Staff Senate. They do have issues that are different and need to be addressed.
- Senators were urged to sign up for the elections that was described in the email sent out by Jon Wooge.
- There is a need for substitutes for one Commissions - Commission on Research.
- McComas Staff Leadership Seminar will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and there will be 20 visitors from other Universities attending.
- Virginia Tech will be 135 years old on March 19, but the students are celebrating today March 15.
- Carolyn Pratt will be the speaker in April, President Steger in May, and Jim Wyatt in June.

**Guest Speaker :**

Dr. Richard Benson, Dean of The College of Engineering( COE), addressed the group and spoke of the changes that are being brought about in his College with the renovations and additional buildings being constructed. HE mentioned that Engineering would like a Signature building across the street from the Inn at Virginia Tech in B Lot. It would have a parking garage. Dr. Benson spoke of his interest in Land Grant Universities and his past experience with Xerox Co. in Rochester, NY and Penn State University, PA. He spoke of their strategic plan which includes no growth in undergrad students but expansion in the graduate program and research. The COE is increasingly involved with International studies and now requires all students to own a tablet computer and team work is used as a model of learning. The college is more than half way to their goal in the Capital Campaign.

**Elections and Nominations,** Jon Wooge sent an email asking for nominations and elections will be held the last week in April.

**Next** month's meeting will be April, 19<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment  
Maxine Lyons, Secretary

