## STAFF SENATE Graduate Life Center Room F Tuesday June 19, 2007 12:00 noon-1pm

Attendance: Judy Alford, Susan Archer, Robin Atkins, Kevin Ayoub, Sara Castle, Shelby Cole, Dan Cook, Lisa Cotting, Catherine Caldwell, Paul Davis, Jessie Eaves, Velva Groover, Walter Hartman, Travis Hundley, Jennifer Hundley, Denise Jones, Cindy Koziol, Lori Lee, Rob Lowe, Deborah Morgan, Linda Price, Becky Saylors, Bradley Carrie Reed, Scott, Louellen Sharp, Joyce Smith, Sara Smithers, Christa Thomas, Tom Tucker, Hubert Walker, Ken Wieringo, Jon Woogie, Mary Young.,

Agenda: The agenda was accepted after being amended to note that Mr. James Hyatt was unable to attend as guest speaker due to an unexpected emergency.

## **Approval of Minutes (electronically)**

- **Board of Visitors:** The CSPA resolution 2006-07B was voted on and passed by the Board of Visitors (BOV), thus making the Staff Senate President a non-voting member of the University Council. The BOV has asked all staff to greet new students and make them feel a part of the University without subjecting them to the loss that the tragedy of 4/16 brought to VT. All memorial items are to be archived.
- Announcements: Bylaws for Provost, Outreach and International Affairs Staff Association were voted on and passed with the clarification of what constitutes a quorum. The clarification was determined as: A simple majority of the executive board shall constitute a quorum for handling business and noted that for an official vote, a quorum shall be required.

The employee Advisory Committee (EAC) Status letters have been sent out to notify selected members. Lou Ann Phipps will organize the first meeting soon.

The Senate discussed and voted to send all the memorial materials relating to the incident of 4/16, to the University archivist instead of keeping them in the Senate's possession and passing them on to newly elected Senate officers as the offices change.

## **Guest Speaker**

Mr. James Hyatt, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, was unable to attend the meeting due to an unexpected meeting, but he sent copies of 3 handouts to be distributed to the senators. One of the handouts was the letter from Dr. Steger, that is being sent to parents of incoming students which welcomes the student's parents and assures them that safety and security is a number one focus of VT. Another handout was a draft listing of safety and security upgrades that have been and are being addressed on campus. The last handout listed comments by Jim McCoy to the Virginia Tech Review Panel that focuses on the University's building security infrastructure.

## **New Business:**

Jean Brickey expressed her thanks to the Senate for all their support during her term as president. She then turned the gavel over to incoming president Judy Alford who will start her term on July 1<sup>st</sup>

The meeting was then adjourned.

Next meeting July 19, 2007 Speaker Linda Woodard, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources