

STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2007

Attending: Judy Alford, Susan Archer, Robin Atkins, Kevin Ayoub, Jean Brickey, Christina Brogdon, Catherine Caldwell, Sarah Castle, Lisa Cotting, Reba Crawford, Karen Hall, Jennifer Hundley, Travis Hundley, Denise Jones, Lori Lee, Rob Lowe, Tom McAvoy, Tim McCoy, Christy Porterfield, Sharon Proffitt, Carrie Reed, Wyatt Sasser, Becky Saylor, Bradley Scott, Louellen Sharp, Sue Teel, Tom Tucker, Hubert Walker, Jon Wooge, and Linda Woodard (HR speaker).

Excused: Shelby Cole, Cindy Koiziol, Joyce Landreth, Jerry Surface

Judy Alford opened the meeting, the agenda was adopted, and the minutes were approved electronically.

Business:

The new staff senate National Initiative committee was discussed. The committee currently consists of Judy Alford, Susan Archer, Jean Brickey, Maxine Lyons, and Tom Tucker. Jean Brickey volunteered to set up the first meeting. The committee will begin working on a proposal for a national leadership conference.

Linda Woodard described the status of the Employee Advisory Committee. The committee has met one time and currently has two meetings scheduled in August. Staff from across the university as well as a few faculty members are serving on the committee.

Maxine Lyons, speaking for the Communications Committee, noted that the Staff Senate brochure had been updated and printed. The Communications Committee takes care of Staff Senate publications and maintains the website.

Jon Wooge, of the nominations committee, stated that the roster was now updated with the new senators and association officers. The nominations committee is responsible for handling elections of the Staff Senate.

Christina Brogdon summarized the 13th annual McComas Leadership Seminar that was held earlier this spring. The seminar was a great success. Virginia Tech is the first to host a seminar that invited staff from different universities to come together in a seminar of this type.

Tom Tucker reported the Staff Policy & Affairs committee is working on the Employee Leadership Recognition award, the Staff Emeritus award, and the Employee of the Week write-ups. The commission will schedule its first meeting of the new year in August.

Jimmy Martin gave a report of the Policies & Issues committee. Since Jimmy will be leaving VT to attend graduate school elsewhere, Delbert Jones will replace him. This committee handles policy issues with the senate.

There was discussion concerning the press and media representatives attending the senate meetings. It was determined that in Article 4 Section D of the Senate By-Laws, the word "Public" is defined as VT employees & students. Press may attend upon invitation only.

The Senate will again donate \$500 to the 3rd Annual Multicultural Faculty Staff Luncheon. The event will be September 7th, 2007, in the GLC Multicultural Room from 11:30 – 1:30.

Sign up sheets were passed out so that senators could volunteer on specific committees.

Guest Speaker:

Linda Woodard, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources, gave a presentation on governance at VT. Handouts were distributed. One was a graph which outlined the organizational structure of VT and described the function of the offices. Another handout detailed the history and overview of the governance system. These handouts and other information will be posted on the senate website.

Next meeting will be August 16, 2007.

Respectfully submitted:
Maxine Lyons, Secretary