

STAFF SENATE MINUTES

1810 Litton-Reaves
Thursday, October, 18, 2007
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order

Attendance: Bonnie Alberts, Judy Alford, Susan Archer, Cindy Booth, Catherine Caldwell, Holly Carroll, Sarah Castle, Shelby Cole, Keohi Council, Lisa Cotting, Reba Crawford, Paul Davis, Jessie Eaves, Carolyn Furrow, Karen Hall, Geraldine Hollandsworth, Jennifer Hundley, Travis Hundley, Denise Jones, Lori Lee, Robin Lucas, Tracy McCoy, Tim McCoy, Linda Price, Wyatt Sasser, Becky Saylor, Mary Schaeffer, Bradley Scott, Chris Thomas, Tom Tucker, Hubert Walker, Jon Wooge, Sue Teel

Excused: Robin Atkins, Jean Brickey, Dan Cook, Vicki Walter, Joyce Landreth

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted

Approval of Minutes (electronically)

Announcements:

The VT-ENGAGE Senate project was discussed. A request was made for staff to submit ideas for volunteer projects that would be selected and worked on as a group. Mary Schaeffer volunteered to collect the ideas and organize them into a list and send to Jean Brickey who would then enter them into survey.vt.edu and the members would vote for their favorite.

Judy Alford stated that the Employee Advisory Committee was making progress and design teams are being selected. She gave instructions for staff on how to nominate themselves or others if they would like to serve on a design team. Interested persons should first contact their supervisor and department head.

The Benefits Fair will be held on October 31, 2007 in Squires. All senators are welcome to assist with the senate table, even if they are not signed up to work.

The January Senate meeting will be "Bring a Guest to Senate" where all senators are asked to bring a person who might be interested in seeing what the Senate is all about to the meeting. The January meeting will be held in 1100 Torgersen Hall.

The Provost and Outreach and International Affairs staff have formed a staff association and named it POIA. Officers for that association are:

President – Anita Price
Vice President – Bonnie Alberts
Secretary – Robin Lucas
1 year Senator – Holly Carroll
2 year Senator – Geraldine Hollandsworth
3 year Senator – Doris Waddell

Judy noted some items regarding the recently announced budget cuts which included: that the 4% raises will not be affected, non-tenured faculty will not be cut, the police department will not be affected, and early buy-outs will not be an option.

Committee Report:

The transportation committee reported that they have been meeting and updates will be brought to the Senate as progress is made. It looks like bicycles will be allowed on the sidewalks.

Guest Speaker:

The guest speaker, James Hyatt, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer and chair of the group looking at infrastructure and security, gave an overview of the report that he gave to the Board of Visitors concerning security on the VT campus. The overview included some security changes that are in progress, some that have already been implemented, and plans for future changes.

Next meeting:

November 15, 2007

Speaker - Mr. Sherwood Wilson, Vice President for Administrative Services

Adjournment:

Respectfully Submitted,
Maxine Lyons, Secretary