

STAFF SENATE Minutes
Torgersen Hall, Room 1100
Thursday, January 21, 2010
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Attending: Becky Saylor, Scott Bradley, Jennifer Hundley, Lori Greiner, Velva Groover, Karen Hall, Tim McCoy, Jon Wooge, Anna Hawthorne, Louellen Sharp, Dan Cook, Ken Wieringo, Jean Brickey, Robert Sebek, Andy French, Jim Baker, Stella Price, Tom Tucker, Lori Anne Kirk, Carolyn Furrow, Joseph Goodman, Delbert Jones, Hal Irvin, Travis Hundley

Excused: Pat Williams, Sue Teel, Maxine Lyons, Carolyn Dudding, Susan Archer, Robin Atkins, Judy Alford, Dan Cook, Lisa Cotting,

The meeting was called to order, agenda approved, and minutes accepted.

Announcements:

Commission on University Studies and Policies (CUSP) - Tom Tucker reported a replacement is needed for the Commission on University Studies and Policies. The representative must be either a senator or an alternate. If interested, please contact Tom by email.

Senate Parliamentarian Position – Tom Tucker reported that Jean Brickey and Delbert Jones will assist with the Parliamentarian position.

VT Engage – Tom Tucker reported that the food drive held in December went well and that information about the Letters to Soldiers program was sent by email. Tom mentioned it would be good to bring supplies to make care packages for soldiers to the February meeting.

McComas Leadership Seminar – Lori Anne reported that a meeting will be scheduled to start planning the event. Lori Anne is looking into the possibility of using Staff Senate's Scholar site to coordinate the planning process.

Budget – Tom Tucker reported that the Executive Budget Bill contained a one day furlough for state employees, the retirement age for new employees could increase, and state employees could contribute 1% of the employer share into VRS in fiscal year 2011 and increase to 2% in FY 2012. The letter from President Steger on the 2010-12 budget can be found at <http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/story.php?relyear=2010&itemno=29>. An analysis of the Executive Budget Bill for 2010-12 by Dwight Shelton can be found at http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/documents/budget_letter.pdf.

Proposed Holiday Policy Change - A quorum was not available at the January meeting. A vote of confidence for the proposed holiday policy change was tabled until the February meeting.

Program:

Teresa Craig, Membership Development Director of the Virginia Governmental Employee Association (VGEA) gave a very informative presentation on VGEA's history and mission. The Virginia Governmental Employee Association is an advocacy organization for current and retired state employees in Virginia. They were started in 1943 by retirees and became a formal association in 1959. Currently approximately 22,000 state employees are members of VGEA. VGEA's position on 2010 legislative items can be found at <http://www.vgea.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3493>. Their website is located at <http://www.vgea.org>.

The Next meeting will be **February 18, 2010**. The speaker will be Hal Irvin, Associate Vice President for Human Resources. The meeting locations will be sent by email as soon as it is determined.

With no more discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Hundley
Senate Secretary