STAFF SENATE Minutes
117A Randolph Hall
February 21, 2013
Noon – 1:00 pm


Excused: Bonnie Alberts, Judy Alford, Lori Greiner, Amanda Grose, Dennis Herron, Donna Raines, Elizabeth Visser, Ken Wieringo

Remote Attendance: Northern Virginia Center in the National Capital Region connected.

Opening: President Sue Teel called the meeting to order. The agenda was adopted without change and the Minutes were approved electronically.

Announcements: Please send Leslie Thornton-O’Brien (lthornto@vt.edu) a note if you will not be in attendance at the Staff Senate meeting so that she may mark you excused.

Staff Senate Standing Committees - Updates
Policies and Issues – Anna Hawthorne
Communications Committee – Robert Sebek
Elections and Nominations Committee – Jon Wooge
McComas Leadership Seminar Planning Committee – Leslie Thornton-O’Brien

All Senators are expected to sign up for one standing committee, per Staff Senate by-laws.

University Council, Commission, Committee Reports:
No updates

Program:
Laura Neff-Henderson, Communications Manager, Human Resources (please see attached)
State dept. picking up some of the content; featured stories being picked up by local media
New Vet to Vet program
Virginia values Veteran’s (August conference) coming up

Stephen Capaldo, Associate University Legal Counsel – Proposed Changes to Policy 13000 (University IP Policy) (Please see attached)

Motion approved for staff to support the policy with the addition to “staff” on page 5 in first line.

Additional Items:
Brought up the 2 hour authorized closing issue. That staff weren’t allowed to use the two hours but faculty were allowed.
Information went out to the VP’s and Deans regarding the 30 hour employee’s (Affordable care act) on the average over a calendar year (no more than 1450 hours) if you were a 1500 hour employee, you will now be 1450 hour employee
Still waiting on information from the IRS to address Adjunct

Next Meeting: March 21, 2013
Speaker: Dr. Ruth Waalkes, Associate Provost for the Arts
Location: 117A Randolph Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Thornton-O’Brien
Senate Secretary