

**STAFF SENATE Minutes**  
**117A Randolph Hall**  
**April 18, 2013**  
**Noon – 1:00 pm**

**Attending:** Susan Archer, Dan Cook, Amanda Grose, Valerie Henderson, Dennis Herron, Robena Hughes, Hal Irving, Denise Jones, Maxine Lyons, Karen Nicholson, Heather Patel, Donna Raines, Ashley Roberts, Angie Robinson, Wyatt Sasser, Becky Saylor, Robert Sebek, Llyn Sharp, Amy Tanner, Judy Taylor, Sue Teel, Leslie Thornton-O'Brien, Tom Tucker, Nick Vaught, Sally Wieringa, Ken Wieringo, Beverly Williams, Amanda Williams, Jon Wooge, Lise Visser, Cathy Hill, Kristin Gilbert, Brandy McCoy, Kristin Cox,

**Excused:** Judy Alford, Velva Groover, Lori Greiner, Alex Parrish

**Guest:** Carolyn Farrow, Nathan Hall, Steve Myers

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

**Opening:** Adoption of Agenda approved, Changes to Minutes

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

June meeting moved to June 27<sup>th</sup> because we have an opportunity to meet with Dr. Steger. Place TBD.

**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 *Went well, any opposition to the time of event? (No) Time frame for next year will be announced soon.*

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

**University Council, Commission, Committee Reports:**

University Council – too numerous to list

University Advisory Council - Strategic Budgeting and Planning – Sue Teel

Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs – 10 Senators, including Chair

Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity – Bill Ortega, Cris Thompson, Susan Rosebrough

Commission on Faculty Affairs – Velva Groover

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty – Jon Wooge

Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies – Janice Austin

Commission on Outreach and International Affairs – S. Llyn Sharp

Commission on Research – Leslie Thornton-O'Brien

Commission on Student Affairs – Robert Sebek

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies – Anna Hawthorne

Commission on University Support – Maxine Lyons, Tom Wertalik

Academic Support Committee – Cindy Koziol

Athletics Committee – Robena Hughes

Building Committee – Daniel Marion

Commencement Committee – Eric Winger

Employee Benefits Committee – Amanda Grose, Dan Cook, Judy Taylor

Energy & Sustainability Committee – Becky Saylor, Tom Tucker

Intellectual Properties Committee –

Library Committee – Louellen Sharp

Transportation/Parking Committee – Ben Poe, Bruce Harper, Patricia Williams

IT Support (inactive)

**Program:**

**Nathan Hall, Institutional Repository Librarian**

- Discussion on Repository
- VT Works (provides access to all the work)

- Tool suite of software that allows preservation and unrestricted access to information (research, admin docs, cultural information)
- Allows ways to find the information
- As a land grant, we have a charter to provide state with knowledge and professionals to build the economy and improve lives and improve agriculture, etc.
- A lot of the research gets funneled into peer review journals and is not accessible to everyone
- Research disseminated through private hands and it's copyrighted so not everyone has access
- A lot of journals don't print hard copies anymore, they only have electronic copies and those prices are going up
- We are providing access to the articles ourselves
- This is a permanent infrastructure to provide access
- Library has to invest resources to keep records up to date
- Journals back to 1993
- Free online access to thesis and dissertations
- Library is de-binding and scanning thesis and dissertations from 40 – 50 years ago
- Trying to provide support for people to produce their research and have it accessible to the masses
- Will eventually be able to track citations
- Fits in with NSF data management plans
- Wants information to be useful for people looking for information
- Not every discipline has their own repository
- Nathan can help with data management plans if needed
- Might not always be in the best efforts for researchers to use the VT repository. Depends on what they are working on.
- You would contact Nathan and ask for access to the repository that you would be working on.
- Growing movement for this and there is legislation in Congress for federally funded research providing public access to peer reviewed articles
- If we want more grants, having this kind of data management and access will make it easier for PI's to propose research
- Still have over 2 million microfiche pieces with fast readers

**Next Meeting:** May 16, 2013

**Speaker: Becky Morris, Insurance Coordinator, Department of Human Resources**

Location: 117A Randolph Hall

Respectfully submitted,  
 Leslie Thornton-O'Brien  
 Senate Secretary