

STAFF SENATE Minutes
310 ICTAS
September 19, 2013
Noon – 1:00 pm

Attending: Susan Archer, Lori Greiner, Velva Groover, Amanda Grose, Dennis Herron, Anna Hawthorne, Valerie Henderson, Cathy Hill, Denise Jones, Maxine Lyons, Alex Parrish, Donna Raines, Katie Reaves, Ashley Roberts, Susan Rosebrough, Wyatt Sasser, Becky Saylor, Pris Sears, Robert Sebek, Llyn Sharp, Louellen Sharp, Amy Tanner, Sue Teel, Tom Tucker, Sally Wieringa, Ken Wieringo, Amanda Williams, Jon Wooge

Excused: Dan Cook, Kristin Gilbert, Robena Hughes, Brandy McCoy, Steven Myers, Heather Patel, Amy Tunison

Guest: Sherry-Lynne Krawczyk

Remote Attendance: Northern Virginia Center in the National Capital Region did not connect.

Opening: Adoption of Agenda approved. All minutes have been sent out electronically. June and July minutes were approved.

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.*

Announcements:

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 – Dennis Herron & Amanda Williams

(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 – Sue Teel

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

- *Special guest was Pat Mason, new head baseball coach, who talked about the team and the upcoming season.*

- *Jon Jaudon reviewed the anticipated student-athlete missed classes report*

- *Jermaine Holmes discussed the Student Athlete Academic Support Services Spring 2013 Grade Report*

- *Question and answer session with Jim Weaver, Athletic Director*

Building Committee – Daniel Marion

Commencement Committee – Eric Wininger

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)

General Information:

- Introductions made around room
- Sign-up sheet distributed for standing committee's and introductions given for each committee
- Tom Tucker gave a VGEA update (voting can be done without attending meeting in Richmond; VT has 45 members on roster)
Contact Tom for additional information regarding VGEA.

Program – Emergency Planning – Mike Mulhare, Director, Emergency Management, and

Kevin L. Foust, Deputy Chief and Assistant Director of Security

- Please see the presentation at <http://www.emergency.vt.edu/help/resources-help/CSSP-presentation.pdf>.
- Any contractors or vendors can sign up for alerts
- All communication for the alert system will be clearly identified meaning that it will either show as a 'Test' or it will give pertinent information.
- Download "Emergency Information Desk Reference"
(http://www.threatassessment.vt.edu/Documents/emergency_desk_reference.pdf)
- Can get an app called VT Gemini that will include information from "Emergency Information Desk Reference" (only available on iPhones; coming soon to Android's)
- Threat assessment team meets weekly – please provide any information regarding potentially threatening or disruptive behaviors and situations. (540.231.7194 or ThreatAssessment@vt.edu)
- Via the www.police.vt.edu website, you can view individuals (with pictures) who are banned from campus.

Next meeting:

October 17, 2013

Speaker: Major General Randal Fullhart, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets

Location: 2420 North End Center

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Thornton-O'Brien
Senate Secretary