

Staff Senate minutes: **August 21, 2014**

Noon – 1:00pm, 2420 North End Center

Attending: Susan Archer, Dan Cook, Velva Groover, Amanda Grose, Anna Hawthorne, Valerie Henderson, Cathy Hill, Robena Hughes, Albert Moore, Janet Murphy, Alex Parrish, Heather Parrish, Katie Reaves, Wyatt Sasser, Robert Sebek, Louellen Sharp, Amy Splitt, Judy Taylor, Sue Teel, Tom Tucker, Jon Wooge.

Excused: Cindy Booth, Ken Wieringo

Guests: Steven Glosch: Bookstore

Opening: The agenda was adopted and the minutes of the last meeting were approved electronically.

Katie Reaves has been appointed as chair of the Communication Committee.

Both open committee spots, Parking Appeal Hearing Committee & University Council on International Affairs, were filled.

Staff Senate standing committees: Senators were asked to sign up for one of the four standing committees.

Ms. Hawthorne announced that the Policies and Issues Committee would meet the first Thursday of each month from 12:15 to 12:45 in Hahn Hall North.

New business: Presidential Installation events held over Thurs-Sat, Oct 16-18. A procession from chapel to Burruss Auditorium will be held Fri Oct 17. Staff can participate, need to wear business attire, [register in advance](#). Participants will have a reserved seating area in Burruss. Meet in Torg 1100 then get in line at chapel. Not a requirement, but an opportunity. All groups (staff, faculty, students) will march mixed together.

Tom Tucker is a VGEA representative and shared info on what VGEA is discussing concerning the budget shortfall.

Hal Irvin shared that 175 classified staff converted to university staff, and 40 staff have converted to AP faculty.

Please send corrections to the Staff Senate roster or the staff associations list to Robert Sebek.

Program: Steven Glosch, Assistant Director of the University Bookstore presented on the bookstore's operations:

- VT Services, Inc is an independent, nonprofit, affiliated corporation
 - Founded in 1968
 - Receives no funding from school or state
 - Surplus (\$45 million since 1968) goes back to school/VT Foundation
 - Funds dedicated to student purposes
 - Scholarships
 - Student health
 - Facilities like Squires
 - Arts Center
 - Partnered with Combined VA campaign, \$6000 last year
 - Works with local food bank
 - Operates eating facilities separate from Dining Services
 - New Starbucks in NEC
- New services
 - Textbook rentals

- Healthy vending options
- Supplies have 25% discount for departments
 - Free delivery on campus
 - Available in Hokie Mart

Next meeting: September 18, 2014, Noon, 2420 VBI Conference Center (go in main doors, then bear right).

Speaker: Dr. Timothy Sands, Virginia Tech President

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sebek

Staff Senate Secretary