

Staff Senate minutes: Noon, May 21, 2015, 2420 North End Center

Attending: Bonnie Alberts, Blair Allen, Susan Archer, Velva Groover, Alex Guest, Anna Hawthorne, Robena Hughes, Rob Jacks, Steve Nagle, Alex Parrish, Heather Parrish, Danielle Poole, Wyatt Sasser, Robert Sebek, Louellen Sharp, Llyn Sharp, Quinn Steen, Sue Teel, Tom Tucker, Amy Tunison , Christine Watkinson, Tami Watson, Jon Wooge

Excused: Cyndi Booth, LaTawnya Burleson, Cathy Hill, Janet Murphy, Katie Reaves, Amy Tanner, Judy Taylor, Leslie Thornton-O'Brien, Sally Wieringa, Ken Wieringo

Mr. Cook gave an updated on the Employee's Spouse and Dependent Scholarship fund. Our contest with Faculty Senate runs through June 30, 2015. You can participate using the [form online](#). Our contest is not based on money given, but number of participants. Please share this with your constituents. Anyone who contributed before we announced the contest will count towards our total.

Presentation: Becky Morris, Insurance Coordinator, spoke on [insurance and open enrollment issues](#). Employees had until the day after the meeting to complete changes in insurance using Employee Direct.

There were few changes in insurance this year, including a slight increase in Anthem's premiums and a slight decrease in Aetna's. The booklet mailed to every employee detailed all changes.

Employees have until June 30 to do the health assessment at the My Active Health Site (use the wizard). Save or print the report in case of issues receiving your insurance premium benefit. Look at your July 16 pay check to see changes in premiums.

Look at VT News and the HR website for updates to insurance benefits. New benefits are coming:

- New life insurance option
- Legal resources open enrollment in August and September with additional lawyers participating
- Afflack policies coming in August/September

Retirement planning workshops will be held in September and October.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sebek
Staff Senate Secretary