

**Staff Senate meeting, September 17, 2015, 2420 North End Center**

Attending: Bonnie Alberts, Cyndi Booth, Tom Czamanske, Velva Groover, Robena Hughes, Albert Moore, Janet Murphy, Steve Myers, Steve Nagle, Alex Parrish, Danette Poole, Allie Price, Robert Sebek, Louellen Sharp, Judy Taylor, Tom Tucker, Tami Watson, Beverly Williams, Pat Williams, Jon Wooge

Excused: Blair Allen, Dan Cook, Rhonda Hawley, Wyatt Sasser

Alex Parrish called the meeting to order. He gave a brief update on issues before the Commission on Staff Policy and Affairs, including animals in buildings/offices and a potential change to the campus smoking policy.

Megan Donald and Cathy Kropff spoke on Hokie Wellness opportunities and Recreational Sports, including gym memberships for staff, intramural sports opportunities, and exercise classes.

Dr. Bernice Hausman, former president of Faculty Senate, spoke on a proposed change to university governance structure that would send resolutions before the research, faculty affairs, and undergraduate and graduate studies and policies to Faculty Senate for review, but not necessarily approval. A similar change for the Staff Senate and staff policies and affairs commission could be proposed. Faculty Senate is asking for Staff Senate's concurrence on this change; it will be discussed at a future meeting once the resolution is finalized.

Tom Tucker noted that the next regional meeting of VGEA would be in Roanoke and he would be attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sebek  
Secretary, Staff Senate