

MINUTES

AP Faculty Senate Wednesday, April 15, 2026 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Zoom

Present – Marlena Lester (presiding), Janice Austin, Jennifer Jones, Juliet Dadras, Alix Guynn, Amanda Covey, Brock Burroughs, Elissa Waybright, Ginny Wagg, JC Whidden, Jenny Vincent, Jes Davis, Judy Alford, Keri Swaby, Lynn Byrd, Nick Woods, Nicole Akers, Rob Emmett, Ruth Wallace, Sarah Armstorng, Shelton Norwood, Susan Gill, Erin Poff, Erica Cooper, Kirsti Moose-McConkey, Shelley Seckers

Absent with Notice: Terri Pecoria, Eric Bowen

Absent: Chad Proudfoot, Julie Carlson, Julie McClafferty, Jessica Crawford, Ariana DiFillippo

Guests: Carl Harris, Alberto Cano, Dee-Dee Somervell, Holi Gardner Drewry, Sharon Pitt, David Raymond, Ryan Weller, April Myers, Brandy Morse, Bryan Mitchell, Cherrie Rose, Chris Tysor, Christie Dalton, Chris Allen, David Raymond, Gracie Akers-Utt, Heather Whedbee, Iris Jenkins, Jenni Gallagher, Kayla Ryan, Lauren Thomas, Melissa Wright, Nasim Schwab, Roberto Silva, Ryan Wellar, Sarah Bechtel, Trevor Hughes, Cheri Warren, Chris Allen, David Raymond, Aaron Bond, Melissa Wright, Ryan Sands,

Marlena Lester called the meeting to order at 10:03AM. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approval or Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of March 18, 2026

A motion was made by Jes Davis and seconded by Rob Emmett to approve the March 18, 2026 minutes.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Treasurer's Report - Nikki Connors - We submitted a request to use some of our budget for the walking tour next week.

CAPFA Updates - Jennifer Jones - Our resolution to revise our constitution and representation areas continues to move through the process. Policies and Issues is working on the bylaws language.

Senate Committee Reports

Communication - Susan Gill - We will have a table for the Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day on campus. Please stop by if you are planning to attend.

Elections and Nominations - Jes Davis - Thank you to everyone who voted in this election. The

committee will be working to verify the results. The Executive Committee election should be next week.

Policies and Issues - Kirsti Moose-McConkey and Rob Emmett - The group did meet last week but did not have quorum so they looked at the Bylaws. There was some discussion about having a presentation on having someone from HR come to talk to the senate about VT's educational benefit.

Professional Development - Sarah Armstrong - Spring professional development opportunity next week, please sign up and join us if you can. This walking tour will include a tour and discussion at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Currently not a lot of people are registered to attend so please bring your colleagues.

5. Reports

- Transportation— Amanda Covey: Updates on parking services and safety concerns. Virtual Permit system in the fall which will use the license plate recognition system. Year round payroll deduction. The license plate needs to be 100% correct or you could get a fine. There will be a change to the Park Mobile App so it will be restricted to certain lots. Meters will go away and only Park Mobile will be available. Lots will be changing next fall to hopefully ease up confusion. North End Gate you will need your hokiepass port to exit. Everyone is invited to participate in the campus safety walk on Tuesday April 21.
- Staff – Judy Alford: This committee is still working on a resolution for grievance leave for members of staff. They are also working on professional development for the staff. They would like to clarify language on authorized closing and veteran's day leave. They would like to work on reestablishing staff appreciation day. They would like service added to their annual evaluation process.
- Campus Development - Jenny Vincent - The committee toured the athletics center. Also wanted to remind the senate about campus safety walk. Their work has concluded for this cycle.
- Climate Action Committee - Susan Gill - They have been working through their statement and goals. Last week time was spent on Goal 12.
- Faculty Affairs - Rob Emmett - Faculty Affairs are working on revising the collegiate faculty series and the resolution regarding this will be seen next fall.

6. Presentation

- Carl Haris, Chief Technology Architect - What is Hokie AI? A brief discussion followed.
- Alberto Cano, Associate Vice President for Research Computing - AI Offerings in Advanced Research Computing
- Ryan Wellar, Executive Director for IT User Experience Engagement - University Survey Platform Project
- David Raymond, Associate Vice President for Security Identity - IT Security Model and Ongoing Initiatives

- Sharon Pitt, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer- My Virginia Tech Update. A brief discussion followed.

7. Announcements

- Marlena Lester - If you supervise staff, please encourage them to participate in the Staff Senate. Please also encourage your A/P faculty colleagues to attend Senate meetings. Next month, we will have a presentation on the Manager's Compass. In June, HR will present on pilot performance evaluations for A/P faculty. She had a meeting about restricted appointments. There are approximately 500 A/P faculty currently on restricted appointments, and work is underway to determine whether a process exists for converting A/P faculty to regular appointments after they have been on restricted appointments for a significant amount of time. Marlena shared her report with the BOV.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jennifer Jones and Erica Cooper to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 AM.