

MINUTES

AP Faculty Senate
May 20, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Zoom

Present – Marlena Lester (presiding), Nick Woods, Nicole Akers, Rob Emmett, Ruth Wallace, Shelton Norwood, Terri Pecora, Eric Bowen, Erica Cooper, JC Whidden, Jenny Vincent, Judy Alford, Julie McClafferty, Keri Swaby, Kristi Moose-McConkey, Molly Wilson, Monica Crouse, Nikki Connors, Janice Austin, Jennifer Jones, Sarah Armstrong, Caitlin Fanning, Chad Proudfoot, Ehren Hill, Elissa Waybright,

Absent with Notice:

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Guests: Nasim Schwab, Patricia Cardenas, Sarah Bechtel, Gracie Akers-Utt, Jenni Gallagher, Larry Cox II, Meghan Jester, Melanie Fox, , Michelle Carter, Holli Gardner Drewry, April Myers, Bryan Mitchell, Candice Albert, Dee-Dee Somervell,

Marlena Lester called the meeting to order at 10:05. 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 May 20, 2026.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 20, 2026, minutes. The vote passed.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Treasurer's Report

Nikki Connors: No report.

CAPFA

Jennifer Jones: CAPFA had its last meeting. We are wrapping up one grievance that will be finalized this week.

Communications

Susan Gill: Report given by Susan Gill. Communications is working on the newsletter.

Elections and Nominations

Jes Davis: Report given by Jance Austin. Elections for Officers have been completed! Congratulations to all who have been elected. Elections and nominations will help with identifying individuals for committee assignments for next year.

Policy and Issues

Krisit Moose-McConkey & Rob Emmet: The resolution has passed and our constitution has officially changed. We now start working on the bylaws. We need to have two readings before we

can vote to amend our bylaws. We think that vote should take place at the July meeting. We would like to submit the draft for a first reading today.

First Reading A/P Faculty Senate Bylaw Revisions

Rob Emmet suggested a motion to amend the agenda to include an item related to amending the A/P Faculty Senate Bylaws and to hold a first reading of the proposed new A/P Senate Bylaws. The motion passed, and the Senate proceeded to a first reading. A brief discussion followed.

Professional Development

Eric Bowen: Professional Development has a survey they would like senators to complete regarding what type of professional development opportunities we would like to see the senate host.

5. Reports

- Kristi Moose-McConkey – Benefits Committee- There are new requirements for premium rewards. Please make sure to complete your enrollment by the deadline.
- Holi Gardner Drewry – Academic Support Committee – Continues to discuss adding an additional day to fall break.
- Julie McClafferty – IT Governance – was cancelled this month and has no updates.
- Marlena Lester – Athletics Committee – is updating the current substance abuse policies to align Virginia Tech's policies with those of the NCAA and eliminate any double standards.
- Marlena Lester – Campus Security - Update on Flock LPR Cameras on campus.

6. Presentation

Michelle Carter, Talent Development Senior Specialist, presented on Manager's Compass.

7. Other Items

8. Announcements

- Marlena Lester is currently trying to have someone from government relations come to talk with the group. If you have suggestions for other speakers, please reach out to Marlena.
- VT Hotdog Fund Raiser location has changed. It will be held at Lane Stadium and moved indoors for the possibility of rain. Hot dogs for the Special Olympics will be at City Steak.
- At the June meeting, we will install the new executive committee and new senators. The new senators and executive committee will take over at the end of the June meeting.
- The Presidential Search Town Hall was held earlier this month. There is a website about the presidential search that has been launched. There will also be additional town halls. Please reach out to Marlena if you have questions or concerns about this process.
- The Board of Visitors will be meeting in June. Usually, 10 days before the meeting the agenda and other materials will be posted. Living Learning Communities will be discussed at this meeting along with the budget. The budget will be complicated because the state still does not have a budget. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Marlena Lester.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:05.