

MINUTES

AP Faculty Senate
June 17, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Zoom

Present – Marlena Lester (presiding), Judy Alford, Julie McClafferty, Kristi Moose-McConkey, Lynn Byrd, Nick Woods, Nicole Akers, Rachel Meadows, Rob Emmett, Brock Burroughs, Caitlin Fanning, Elissa Waybright, Ginny Wagg, JC Whidden, Jenny Vincent, Jes Davis, Ruth Wallace, Shelley Seckers, Shelton Norwood, Truitt Elliott, Wendy Stout, Susan Gill, Ashley Carter, Julie Roads, Lynn Byrd, Sarah Dreier

Absent with Notice:

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Guests: Julie Rhoads, Kim Allen, Larry Cox II, Lesile Stevens, M.L. Logan, Melanie Fox, Melissa Wright, Meridith Long, Rachel Meadows, Alison Whittaker, Amy Terry, Bryan Mitchell, Casey Polk, Cherri Warren, Chris Allen, Jenni Gallagher, So-May-uh Lattimore, April Myers, Dee-Dee Somervell, Roberto Silva, Sarah Betchel, Tracy Jones, Trevor Hughes, Truitt Elliott, Alisson Whittaker, Julie Roads, M.L. Logan, Holi Gardner Drewry

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

Second Reading A/P Faculty Senate Bylaw Revisions

A second reading of the proposed new A/P Senate Bylaws. A brief discussion followed.

4. New Business

Treasurer's Report

Nikki Connors: Spent some money from our budget on lunch today for those in the room. That was the last of our spending on this year's budget. The budget will reset next month.

CAPFA

Jennifer Jones: No updates.

Communications

Susan Gill: The communications committee will have a brief meeting possibly today.

Elections and Nominations

Jes Davis: We still need to make an appointment for the Commission on Outreach and Affairs. Thank you for participating in elections and nominations. We will also need to fill the role for secretary treasurer.

Policy and Issues

Krisit Moose-McConkey & Rob Emmet: Nothing to report.

Professional Development

Eric Bowen: Exploring other professional development activities.

5. Reports

- Academic Support Committee – Holi Gardner – Still working on fall break.
- Athletics Committee – Marlena Lester – Hiring the new athletic AD.
- Employee Benefits – Big push on more communication regarding benefits.
- Library – Juliet - Better meeting time next year.
- Parking and Transport – No updates right now.
- Staff – Judy Alford – They will have resolution next year in the fall for bereavement leave. They want Employee Appreciation Day to be a separate day from the Employee Benefit Fair.

6. Presentation

Sarah Dreier, Division of HR – Talent Development, presented on the A/P Faculty Performance Evaluation Pilot.

Ashley Carter, Outreach and Engagement Recruitment Specialist and Jeffrey Cumberland, Director of Talent Acquisition, presented on VT Voice Ambassadors.

7. Other Items

8. Announcements

- Installation of the senators and officers for the next term!
- Presentation of certificates inside the room at Gilbert.
- A/P faculty senate will be able to meet with the chair of the committee and the search firm. The date will be August 27 at 9 a.m. In person location

9. Adjournment

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