

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

North End Center, Room 2420 and via Zoom: virginiatech.zoom.us/j/89618402157

Present: LaTawnya Burleson (presiding), Callan Bartel, Lisa Bishop, Robin Cooley, Denise Crawford, Pat Donovan, Kari Evans, Nikki Gland-Turpin, Amy Ingram, Frank Kerr, Steve Nagle, Eric Newton, Sarah Owen, Tasia Persson, Amanda Pester, Jennifer Pike, Michelle Raines, Amber Robinson, Sally Shupe, Becki Smith, Tamarah Smith, Chris Whitlock, Christina Winkeler, Marty Wyatt, and Serena Young.

Absent with Notice: Saadia Ali, Lida Mitchell, and Judy Taylor.

Absent: Zai Cook, Kristen Cox, Amanda Hill, Tracy Jones, Amy Linkous, Katrina Lockhart-Elfeky, Petie Martin, Ron Mecham, Dennie Munson, Janet Murphy, Amie Pendleton, Jasmine Phillips, Mary Sullivan, and Eric Tysor.

Guests: Elia Amegashie, Brandy Barrow, Becky Burns, Debbie Cash, Leslie Cherry-Marshall, Kelly Crist, Chelle Darr, Kayla Dean, Laura Gazda, Gwen Ghee, Andrea Green, Amber Hagan, Allison Hamborsky, Candace Hicks, Dee Hopkins, Robena Hughes, Lynda King, April Myers, Erin Olson, Sharon Peart, Alicia Pierce, Lauren Pollard, Tracy Price, Julia Ross, Alyssia Schwenke, Dee Dee Somervall, Elizabeth Watson, Kaleia Williams, Chenaye Woods, and Bradley Yost.

President Burleson called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of September 21, 2023

President Burleson noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the web (<http://www.governance.vt.edu>).

3. New Business

CSPA Resolution 2023-24A

Resolution to Add a Statement of Support for Participation in Governance and Professional Development to Staff Job Descriptions

Callan Bartel presented the resolution for first reading. A discussion was had regarding the addition of verbiage naming non-student wage workers in the definition of staff.

4. Presentation

Dr. Julie Ross, Dean of the College of Engineering and special advisor to the President, spoke to the Senate on behalf of the Office for Strategic Affairs and the Beyond Boundaries Vision. Dr. Ross has been tasked with revisiting the Beyond Boundaries 2047 vision and identifying potential opportunities for realignment to the realities of the world and current strategic initiatives of Virginia Tech. She posed two questions to the Senate: "From your perspective, what other components might be missing from this vision for a university in 2050?" and "When you think of an agile university, what comes to mind?" A recording of the meeting is posted on the Staff Senate's website.

5. Announcements

- The November Staff Senate meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. and President Sands will be joining.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Burleson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.