

MINUTES

Staff Senate

February 20, 2025

12:00 p.m.

<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/88942085525>

Present: LaTawnya Burleson (presiding), Benjamin Alden, Kristen Cox, Angel Carter, Pat Donovan, Kari Evans, Joseph Goodman, Andrea Green, Amber Hagan, Amanda Hill, Wendy Hodge, Amy Ingram, Petie Martin, Sarah Owen, Amanda Pester for Brian Huddleston, Gabe Petry, Michelle Raines, Amber Robinson, Sally Shupe, Mary Sullivan, Chris Whitlock, Christina Winkeler, and Serena Young.

Absent with Notice: Denise Crawford, Frank Kerr, and Nikki Gland-Turpin.

Absent: Misti Acosta, Zai Cook, Robert Cooley, Alma DeLeon, Dee Hopkins, Ron Mecham, Dennie Munson, Eric Newton, Amie Pendleton, Stephanie Picado, Sasha Simpkins, and Eric Tysor.

Guests: Sherri Albert, Callan Bartel, Lee Bishop, Jasmine Boyd, Allison Hamborsky, Annie Machner, Brandy McCoy, April Myers, Amber Pifer, Tamarah Smith, Dee Dee Somervell, Chenaye Woods, and Marty Wyatt.

President Burleson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of January 16, 2025.

President Burleson noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website: governance.vt.edu

2. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

3. New Business

President Burleson presented for first reading the Resolution to Update the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee to the Staff Engagement and Access Committee (SEAC) which better aligns the name and committee focus.

4. Presentation

Amber Robinson, chair of the Policies and Issues Committee, provided a comprehensive report on the Staff Survey, administered in March 2024. Her report highlighted key themes including staff morale, organization, compensation, and support for an office dedicated to staff. Amber will share next steps for the survey results at a later meeting.

5. Announcements

The next Staff Senate meeting is March 20, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. An Outlook calendar invite will be sent out prior to the meeting.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m.