

## MINUTES

**Staff Senate**  
**March 20, 2025**  
**12:00 p.m.**

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

**Present:** LaTawnya Burleson (presiding), Benjamin Alden, Zai Cook, Robert Cooley, Denise Crawford, Alma deLeon, Pat Donovan, Kari Evans, Nikki Gland-Turpin, Amber Hagan, Amanda Hill, Wendy Hodge, Sarah Owen, Amy Pendleton, Amanda Pester, Stephanie Picado, Jennifer Pike, Michelle Raines, Sally Shupe, Mary Sullivan, Chris Whitlock, and Serena Young.

**Absent with Notice:** Jasmine Boyd, Joseph Goodman, Amy Ingram, Frank Kerr, Gabe Petry, and Amber Robinson.

**Absent:** Misti Acosta, Kristen Cox, Angel Carter, Andrea Green, Dee Hopkins, Brian Huddleston, Petie Martin, Ron Mecham, Dennie Munson, Eric Tysor, and Christina Winkeler.

**Guests:** Lee Bishop, Diane Bonsall, Tetyana Early, Vickie Earthman, Jody Humphreys, Sammi Kent, Annie Machner, Daniella Miller, Alicia Pierce, Ronna Reed, Becki Smith, Tamarah Smith, and Marty Wyatt.

President Burleson called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. A quorum was not present until 12:06 p.m.

### **1. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of February 20, 2025.**

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

### **2. Unfinished Business**

#### **Resolution to Update Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee to become Staff Engagement and Access Committee (SEAC)**

President Burleson presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken on the motion, and the motion passed.

### **3. Other Items**

- McComas Staff Leadership Seminar is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 12. A save-the-date with more information will be sent out soon.
- Elections/Nominations Committee will be seeking new Senators for the 2025-26 term. More information to come at the next meeting.
- Employee Appreciation and Hokie Wellness Fair is on Wednesday, May 21 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### **4. Announcements**

- The next Staff Senate meeting is April 17, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. An Outlook calendar invite will

be sent out prior to the meeting.

## **5. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 p.m.