

STAFF SENATE MINUTES

October 15, 2015

The Staff Senate General Meeting was called to order by the Staff Senate President Marie Testerman at 9:00 a.m. in the Hurlburt Combo Room.

Senators and Alternates Present: Marie Testerman, Karen Montgomery, Pam Duncan, Gloria Tuckwiller, Michael Roche, Lida Mitchell, Lynn Arnold

Advisors/Liaisons Present: none present

Number of other attendees: List to be made available upon request

Marie Testerman called the meeting to order

A quorum was present

Agenda for October 15, 2015 was approved

Minutes for September 17, 2015 was not approved

Reports from Standing Committees:

- a. Policies & Issues – No report.
- b. Elections and Nominations - No report.
- c. Communications - No report.
- d. Staff and Community Relations – No report.

Reports from University-Wide Committees:

- a. Diversity & Equity Action – No report.
- b. Intercollegiate Athletics – No report.
- c. Parking and Traffic – No report.
- d. Budget and Planning – No report.
- e. University Executive – No report.
- f. Dining Services Advisory committee – No report.
- g. Bookstore Advisory Committee – No report.

Old business:

The Staff Senate cards are available on the desk for anyone who wishes to pick one up.

Reminder about the NRV Card to do survey

Sheets for the free classes by Academic Technology are available on the desk

Most committees are covered still need someone for Athletics

Lida announced anyone getting a new computer with 8.1 Windows should take the class offered that covers all the upgrades.

President Kyle will not be able to speak at the October meeting. She will make plans to speak at the November meeting.

New business:

Marie Testerman introduces **Barry Miller** – Director of Dept. of Student Recreation & Wellness- The Christiansburg Aquatic Center is free to all Radford University Employees. Present your RU ID and they will give you an ID card. Go to the website Christiansburg.org to get information on the Aquatic Center. Be sure to check the events that are taking place so you will know when the center is not available. Radford has a 3 year contract which will be renewed annually. At this time we are unsure if family members of Radford University employees are eligible to be members, can ask at the Aquatic Center. The cost is \$5.00 a day for non-members.

Marie Testerman introduces **Doug Wohlstein** – Director of Faculty Fitness- He discussed the benefits employees have at the Peters Hall Fitness Lab C-035.

Hours for Faculty and Staff are: Morning Hours 6-8am Monday and Wednesday
Mid-day hours 12-2 Monday – Friday
Afternoon Hours 5-7 Tuesday and Thursday

Lockers and showers are available. Several different classes are offered and special topics are discussed, for more information you can contact Doug Wohlstein wohlstein@radford.edu

Karen Montgomery is working on a News Letter from the Staff Senate that would be sent out campus wide on a monthly basis. Any campus events or informational topics your department would like to have shared in the newsletter can be emailed to Karen.

Christine Brogdon said that the Human Resource News Letter is in the process of going digital and should be available in the future.

President Kyle will speak at the November 2015 meeting. Marie Testerman will meet with President Kyle to discuss information, concerns and questions the staff have. Marie is excepting questions from the staff that you would like President Kyle to address at the November meeting.

Christine Brogdon will speak in January 2016

The Benefits Fair went well this year. Staff Senate gave away a basket filled with pumpkins, gourds and other goodies. Thanks to everyone who contributed items for the giveaway. Carolyn Sutphin was the winner of the basket.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Hurlburt Hall 249/250.

/s/ Pamela R Duncan, Recording Secretary

