

MINUTES

May 19, 2022

9:00 a.m. – Zoom

All meetings are recorded

Welcome

1. **Determination of Quorum and Call to Order** – There was not a quorum for the meeting. Christi Wayne opened the meeting at 9:03am.
2. **Minutes for April 21, 2022** could not be brought to the floor because there was not a quorum.
3. **Agenda for May 19, 2022** was followed for the meeting but not approved because there was not a quorum.
4. **Executive officer report was given by Christi Wayne**

- Welcome to all senators and staff
- Updates and Announcements:

Announcement about Senators:

President Sharon Proffitt
Vice President Fallon Kreye
Parliamentarian Connie Leathers
Secretary Clint Eaton

Retiring senators are:

Ann Marie Cox and Lynn Arnold (Thank you so much for serving our senate)

We welcome new senators:

Amanda Lawson
Katie Smith
Clint Eaton
Fallon Kreye
Scott Shaffer
Lin Martin

Announcement about Picnic which will be held on May 8th at Muse Hall Banquet Room

Announcement about Zoom Rooms for meetings being added. If you would like to attend the Staff Senate meeting in person, you can watch from a Zoom Room in McConnell Conference Room 170 or Armstrong Room 231

5. Reports from Standing Committees

- Elections & Nominations, Chair: Christi Wayne Already announced (see above)
- Policies & Issues, Chair: Sharon Proffitt—No Report
- Communications, Chair: Ann Marie Cox –No Report
- Staff & Community Relations, Chair: Ruby Dwyer – Need members. If anyone interested, please contact Ruby.

Reports from University-Wide Committees/Internal Governance

- Diversity & Equity Action, SS Representative: *Connie Leathers*
- Intercollegiate Athletics, SS Representative: *Ann Marie Cox - Chair Prof. Betty Dore – No report*
- Parking & Traffic, SS Representative: *Nate Swistock—No report*
- University Executive, SS Representative: *Christi Wayne—No report*
- Dining Services Advisory Committee, SS Representative: *Christi Wayne—No report*
- Bookstore Advisory Committee, SS Representative: *Kara Pfaff—No report*
- Library Committee, SS Representative: *Noelani Hall—No report*

6. Senators announcements (news from Divisions, concerns from constituents):

- Tracy Jones reported on our QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan). More information can be found [here](#).

7. Guest Speakers- Kara Pfaff – VGEA – Virginia Governmental Employee Association

- Advocacy organization group for active and retired public employees in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Began in 1939 – Celebrating 63 years
- Issues that our lobbyists are currently working on include: Salary issues, health benefits issues, retirement issues, leave issues, job security issues, equal employment issues, employee privacy issues, and so many more.
- In Feb, 2022, Kara Pfaff and Tracy Jones traveled to Washington DC to experience first hand how our lobbyists worked for us.
- VGEA is a membership driven organization and any full-time employee (Faculty or Staff) can be a member. There are only 22 members at RU right now out of 1625 full time employees. If you think you are a member, please reach out to Kara so she can get you back on board.
- Why is VEGA important: Our membership determines our legislative issues and priorities, there is strength in numbers, workplace protection, lobbying representation, college scholarships, auto and home insurance, legislative reports and newsletters.
- Kara explained how to become a member by signing up on line.

8. Adjournment – Close Staff Senate Meeting- there was not a motion because there was not a quorum

9. Next Staff Senate meeting:

June 16 , 2022

Guest Speaker: Sammy Shumate, RUPD

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