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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