

STAFF SENATE MINUTES

March 17, 2016

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, Lida Mitchell, Mike Roche, Lynn Arnold(Alt) Kara Pfaff as a consultant

Advisors/Liaisons Present: Larry Ashby

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

Marie Testerman called the meeting to order

A quorum was present

Agenda for March 17, 2016 was approved

Minutes for November 19, 2015 and January 21, 2016 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:

Karen Montgomery needs more information and articles for the News Letter.

Staff Senate Picnic will be on May 18, 2016 on the quad at Heth; Muse is reserved in case of rain. Picnic time is twelve o'clock noon to three o'clock pm.

Music needs to be approved since we will be on campus.

Need suggestions on games. Will not be able to have horse shoes, but corn hole will be available.

New business

Marie Testerman introduces Kara Pfaff – VGEA representative

Kara Pfaff – VGEA stands for Virginia Government Employee Association. Founded in 1959, but with roots traced to 1939, the VGEA has won many [legislative victories](#) to improve the lives of State employees and retirees, enhance public services and protect retirement benefits. With public employee pay and benefits under attack, protecting these hard won victories is now more important than ever. Go to the VGEA website <http://vgea.org> to learn more about discounts that you can get as a member. Membership dues are payroll deductible. You can contact Kara Pfaff for more information.

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Marie Testerman introduces Andrew G Blanks and Christopher McCown – New York Life Representatives. State of Virginia has agreed to let New York Life offer state employees whole life insurance with low premiums. These policies belong to the employee and they take them when they retire or leave the university. They will be here on campus through March 24, 2016 in different areas each day. Check your email from Human Resources for the locations.

Jaime Hillman is the contact person at Barnes and Nobles, Radford University bookstore location. Items need to be purchased at the store, not online, to get discounts. Online purchases create problems in Accounts Payable, and holds up payment of the invoice.

Christina Brogdon announced May 1 – 23, 2016 is open enrollment. The Radford Early Learning Center held an open house on March 19 for the Radford University community.

Marie Testerman stated FY2016 close is June 30, 2016. Start checking your budgets and open purchase orders to make sure all the paper work is complete and the invoices are turned into Accounts Payable, and receiving has been completed before the cut off.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Hurlburt Hall 249/250.

/s/ Pamela R Duncan, Recording Secretary