

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020

✓ Huda Aden	✓ Maryann Keith	✓ Christina Turnbull
✓ David Amos	✓ Denise Maggard	✓ Dana Sibrel
✓ Neva Bryan	✓ Kelly Mullins	✓ Sass Sheppard
✓ Mitzi Cassell	✓ Jennifer Partin	✓ Sarah Smith-Carlson
✓ Crystal Fleming	✓ Laura Pritchard	✓ Debbie Vanover
✓ Randall Gabbert	✓ Irene Robinson	

**a. Call to Order**

Chair, Debbie Vanover, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. virtually via a zoom meeting.

**b. New Business**

- a. The Endowed Fund is now at \$11,399.06. The Staff Scholarship is currently at \$1,748.67. The Staff Council Budget has \$795.96.
- b. Because we are unable to do any Holiday related events this year, Staff Council proposes doing a “Countdown to Giving Week” (Dec. 7-11). During this week, the staff would challenge the faculty for donations to be given to the food bank since there will be no Holiday luncheon this year where we usually donate to food bank. The week would consist of M&M Monday, “Toe”tally Tuesday, Wear Red Wednesday, Thankful Thursday Bingo, and Favorite Cavalier Shirt Friday.
- c. Debbie Vanover reported the following updates from the last Cabinet meeting:
  - 26 of the eligible 52 staff members are retiring in 2021. There are 33 eligible faculty members that can choose the retirement package when it comes out soon.
  - Home for the Holiday COVID tests are available for staff in the month of December.
  - Two home basketball games are scheduled before Christmas break. If staff wish to attend, they must contact Kendall Rainey to be put on a list.
  - Enrollment for Spring is on target.
  - There is an upcoming campus-wide book read for MLK day in the Spring. More details at a later date.
  - Alumni Association is selling calendars for \$12.00.
- d. In an effort to foster collaboration and better communication between faculty and staff, Faculty Senate would like to attend some Staff Senate meetings maybe semesterly, yearly or at a summit. It was decided to invite Trever Makal, Chair of Faculty Senate, to our December meeting as a presenter to the Staff Senate to talk about this.
- e. Tami Ely from the Twin Leaf Society will also be a guest presenter at the December meeting.
- f. Staff Senate will now meet the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

**c. Old Business**

- a. Sarah Smith Carlson did an outdoor guided stretch and stress-relieving session on Oct 14 by the lake. It went well.
- b. Update on elections—4 new people have joined staff senate, Irene Robinson, Dana Sibrel, Kelly Mullins, and Sass Sheppard.
- c. The staff newsletter will be posted first week of December.
- d. Cova Care not an option for UVA WISE employees.

**d. Adjournment**

Debbie Vanover adjourned the zoom meeting at 10:18 a.m.