

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2020

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| ✓ 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 \$11,409.06. The Staff Scholarship is currently at \$1,816.17. The Staff Council Budget has \$795.96.
- b. Trevor Makal from Faculty Senate addressed the Staff Senate seeking suggestions for ways that the two Senates could collaborate and communicate better for the good of the College and to build a strong relationship between both faculty and staff. He stated that maybe an increase of communication needed to happen between the two different Senates to improve employee relations and for the betterment of the college as we provide stability while promoting the students first. There is a lot of shared interest between the two groups. It was suggested that someone from Faculty Senate and also someone from Staff Senate could come together quarterly with perhaps someone in administration to discuss ideas, issues, shared interests, and etc.

c. Old Business

- a. Debbie reminded the Staff Senate members of the "Countdown to Giving" week coming up. An email will go out to all employees with the week's activities soon.
- b. Tami Ely was unable to speak at this month's Staff Senate meeting about the Twinleaf Society, but will address the Staff Senate in January.

d. Adjournment

Debbie Vanover adjourned the zoom meeting at 10:16 a.m.