

The University of Virginia’s College at Wise

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2021

✓ 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	✓ Tammie Hale

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 \$12,015.12. The Staff Scholarship is currently at \$1,906.17. The Staff Council Budget has \$791.76.
- b. Update from Chancellor’s Cabinet Meeting:
 - A 3% tuition increase is expected for the Fall of 2021.
 - The state bonus for all employees in the second half of the year is still being considered.
 - Vice Chancellor searches for Jewell Worley and Sim Ewing are underway.
 - Twenty-six staff and six faculty have announced that they are retiring in 2021.
 - SACS reporting in underway on our campus.
 - Student member of the board nominations are due soon.
 - The UVA WISE spring magazine will be out soon.
 - The College has two new department chairs, VPAR—Ben Mays & Nursing—Nancy Haugen
 - The Economic Forum will be virtual this year.
 - Student athletes have raised over \$5000.00 this year for the “Make a Wish Foundation”.
 - There were 65 student athletes on the Dean’s list last semester.
 - The Endowment is currently at \$131.2 million.
 - The Office of Advancement raised over \$2000.00 on the UVA WISE calendar sale.
- c. Laura Pritchard encouraged everyone to participate in the Hoo’s Well Program in which each staff member can receive up to \$500.00 in gift card rewards when they do certain initiatives.
- d. I pads: The ideal was proposed to allow retiring staff to be able to purchase their i-pads when retiring. Debbie is going to ask the Twin Leaf Society if that could be included with the staff retirement package offered for Twin Leaf members in the future.
- e. Vaccines: A possible campus-wide vaccination could be offered in the Spring semester on our campus for faculty, staff, and students that would like the COVID vaccine. The specifics are being looked at to determine if it is possible.

f. Staff Senate Scholarship: Someone asked if there was a possibility that the children of staff could be included on the staff scholarship opportunity. After a short discussion, it was determined that there are not enough funds to do so at this time.

g. Debbie asked the Senate members to be thinking of ways to boost morale in the near future. Any ideas are welcomed.

c. Old Business

a. None

d. Adjournment

Debbie Vanover adjourned the zoom meeting at 9:58 a.m.