

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021

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✓ David Amos	✓ Maryann Keith	✓ 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

**Call to Order**

Chair, Debbie Vanover, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. virtually via a zoom meeting.

**New Business & Reports from Officers**

- A. The Endowed Fund is now at \$12,374.62. The Staff Scholarship is currently at \$2,288.67. The Staff Council Budget has \$873.48.
- B. Debbie mentioned to the Senate that there are several job openings on campus right now. She encouraged us all to share those positions with others we know who are looking for a job.
- C. Staff Senate is collecting toys and/or monetary donations for Sarah Smith Carlson whose little boy was recently diagnosed with cancer. Any member of Staff Senate wishing to donate should have it to Mitzi Cassell by October 28<sup>th</sup> and it will be then delivered to St. Jude's Hospital for them.
- D. The deadline for anyone doing the *Who's Well* program is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Employees have until that date to collect and spend rewards.
- E. The Social & Programing Committee will plan to do another small incentive to all staff at the beginning of December. Packs of hot chocolate and candy canes in a Christmas cup will be distributed to all staff with a note of encouragement attached to it from Staff Senate.
- F. David Amos announced to the Staff Senate as an FYI that the New Vendor Registration is now up and running for those departments who do an Honoria or payments to outside vendors/people.
- G. Debbie Vanover gave an update from a recent Chancellor's Cabinet meeting. She reported the following from the meeting:
  - Valerie Lawson discussed the Foundation and current Campaign. She said the 6-year plan had gone to SCHEV.
  - It was reported that enrollment numbers are "ticking up".
  - It was announced that the strategic plan had been approved and also the BOV from Charlottesville would be meeting on the UVA WISE campus in November.
  - Gail Zimmerman will now be sending out weekly COVID emails to students and employees. A COVID protocol for a return to campus after Thanksgiving is being looked at. Details are still in the works.

**Old Business**

- A. A follow-up to Staff Senate elections: The elections are still a work in progress as we transfer the way we use to do elections to an electronic version. Hopefully, the elections will take place soon.

**Adjournment**

Debbie Vanover adjourned the zoom meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tammie Hale