

**STAFF SENATE**  
1810 Litton-Reaves  
Thursday April 19, 2007  
12:00noon-1pm

**Meeting was called to order.**

**Attendance** Judy Alford, Susan Archer, Jean Brickey, Christina Brogdon, Sue Ellen Crocker, Travis Hundley, Delbert Jones, Rob Lowe, Jimmy Martin, Becky Saylor, Bradley Scott, Louellen Sharp, Lori Sheppard, Tom Tucker, Ken Wieringo, Jon Woogie, Carrie Reed

Excused: Jessie Eaves, Jennifer Hundley, Joyce Landreth, Maxine Lyons, Christie Porterfield, Tess Sentelle, Joyce Smith

**Agenda was adopted**

**Approval of minutes (electronically)**

Staff Senate observed a few moments of silence in remembrance of the tragedy at Virginia Tech on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Staff Appreciation Day has been moved to May 17<sup>th</sup>. With this change, Jean will contact President Steger in order to reschedule the Staff Senate meeting scheduled also for May 17<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made and approved that the Senate initiate a resolution of expression of sympathy for those lives lost of April 16<sup>th</sup> and also a resolution of support for the President, police, EMS. Jimmy Martin will write the resolution. A motion was made and carried to go forward with the McComas Staff Leadership Seminar on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. Jean will contact the people from outside to let them know we will still have the Seminar.

CASE changes to by laws and constitution were tabled until the May 2007 Staff Senate meeting.

A request was made to have Staff Senators serve on a committee to develop a proposal for a National Staff Leadership Conference at Virginia Tech.

Pat Burton, Employee Relations Counselor, reviewed the support services that are on campus to help students, staff and faculty with the events of April 16<sup>th</sup>. A team of counselors from Value Options are stationed in Squires to assist anyone that needs help.

Ray Plaza, Project Specialist for Diversity Initiatives, requested staff input on the roles staff play in supporting the Principles of Community.

Ann Mason, Benefits Specialist, gave a brief overview of the benefits changes for 2007-2008. One important change is the addition of the services of a nurse who will be available 24/7 beginning in July. Please note open enrollment ends May 16<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Submitted by  
Judy Alford