

Minutes, Apr. 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Serena Young at 12:00 p.m.

Vice President LaTanya Burleson introduced the speaker, Dr. Scott Midkiff, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer. Dr. Midkiff started with an introduction to the IT Transformation Project that grew out of a university-wide review of information technology operations and security. He then focused on the cybersecurity aspects of the program, parts of which, mainly Endpoint Protection, have raised concerns across the campus. Dr. Midkiff explained in detail how that plan works as it applies only to university-owned computers and equipment, is set to monitor network traffic that might include links to malicious websites, malware installations, and sensitive data such as Social Security numbers or credit card numbers. Personal information is not viewed or tracked nor is there any impact to a personal computer or phone that connects to the Virginia Tech network.

The Improved Endpoint Protection program is explained on this site, including an extensive FAQ section: <https://evpcoo.vt.edu/Initiatives/ittransformation/projects/cybersecurity/improved-endpoint-protection.html>

The only announcement was that the revised Staff Senate Constitution and Bylaws were approved on second reading by University Council on April 17. The revised document now goes to President Sands and the Board of Visitors for final approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce B. Harper
Staff Senate Secretary