Present: Jennifer Mauler (SYS), Rita Kostoff (DO), Amanda Tingle (BME), Peggy Gibson (CE), Jim Danberg (CE), Kim Doerr (ChE), Wendy Morris (CS), Lisa Stanton (MAE), Patricia Ashley (DO), Alex Lobo (ECE), Barry Baber (MSE), Lewis Steva (MAE), Bill Ordel (CE), Peggy Reed (CS)

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Jennifer Mauller.

Old Business:

New SEC Representatives - This was a transition meeting for the outgoing SEC representatives and incoming representatives and alternates. Rita distributed the list of new Council members and the calendar of meetings for next year. These will also be posted on the SEC website: http://www.seas.virginia.edu/admin/empcouncil/

New Business:

Bonus for State Employees – Just prior to the start of this meeting, we received an email from State officials announcing a surplus in the budget and plans for a 3% bonus for State employees in December. We’ll wait for other details to come from Human Resources.

Day of Caring – Jennifer has asked Eric Newsome to head up the “Day of Caring” for SEAS. He will be making announcements and organizing groups of volunteers.

Construction Complaints – There’s a new issue of cigarette butts being thrown on sidewalks where construction workers congregate. They should at least use ash cans and abide by the same smoking rules as employees.

Continuing complaints include inconvenience of all the detours; parking spaces taken up by construction vehicles and construction employee vehicles; extra traffic on Whitehead Road and difficulty in crossing the street; blocked sidewalks; noise and more noise. Jennifer pointed out the good side, that Rice Hall is due for completion next August. We assume a lot of the other work (with resulting street closings) will be completed by the time students return.

Election of Officers for 2010-2011 – An informal election of officers for next year was held, after some suggestions, convincing, or volunteering. Jennifer Mauller will continue as Chair; Wendy Morris will be Co-Chair; and Lisa Stanton will be Secretary.

Suggestions for Speakers during Next Year -

Human Resources (changes in Benefits)
Recreational Sports
Parking & Transportation
Dean Aylor
School Supplies Drive – Discussed having a Council project, such as a school supplies drive as a way of contributing to the community. First step was to identify a school. It was suggested to start with Greene County, and if that didn’t work out, to go to other schools, such as Nelson. Lisa Stanton will make the contact, find out what types of supplies would be needed, and then prepare flyers to post.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the Rodman Room.

Submitted by Rita Kostoff, Secretary