VCCA Annual Conference 2024
Support Staff Commission Meeting
Thursday, September 19th, 2024, 3:15pm-4:00pm

Attendees were welcomed by Stacey Lyon of Brightpoint Community College, our Support Staff Commission Chair.

Short business part of our meeting was conducted. The commission's mission was shared with the group to ensure new attendees understand its purpose.

The mission of the Support Staff Commission of the VCCA is to enhance communication and networking among its VCCS institution membership, offer professional development opportunities through workshops and presentations to promote and support new and effective practices throughout the VCCS, and serve as a voice for the support staff of the VCCS in support of the community college mission.

Each VCCA commission is responsible for planning its annual commission meeting and it is customary to assist and refer 1-2 presenters for the concurrent sessions at the annual conference.

The group was encouraged to keep an eye out for strong presentations they attend throughout the year, as well as interesting topics that could be valuable to the commission and others. The group was also prompted to consider potential presenters—such as campus colleagues who frequently give presentations—and share their contact information with the Commission officers for possible inclusion in future conferences.

The Commission Officers positions were discussed and volunteers were asked to step up for the next years term. Stacey Lyon announced that she is stepping down from the Chair position. Additionally, the Secretary position needed to be filled following Ms. Jones's earlier resignation. After a brief discussion from the floor, the motion was received to accept the panel of officers as presented below.

Officers of the Support Staff Commission for the next years term are:

- Chair: Ilona Bolotova-Diamond
  Brightpoint Community College, 804-706-5084, ibolotova-diamond@brightpoint.edu
  Volunteered, voted, and appointed to the position of Chair.
- Co-Chair: Stacey Lyon
  Brightpoint Community College, 804-594-1464, slyon@brightpoint.edu
  Volunteered, voted, and appointed to the position of Co-Chair.
- Secretary: Amy Colander
  Brightpoint Community College, 804-594-1480, acolander@brightpoint.edu
  Volunteered, voted, and appointed to the position of Secretary.
- Liaison to the Executive Committee: Susan Simmers (BRCC)
  Blue Ridge Community College, 540-453-2223, simmersS@brcc.edu
  Ms. Simmers will remain our Liaison to the Executive Committee.

Attendees showed appreciation and support of each of these Officers for their willingness to continue to actively represent the Support Staff Commission.

Commission Presentation

How do you listen?, Ms. Daveta Saunders, Associate Professor, Brightpoint Division of Arts, Humanities and Social Services, Department of performing arts/communication studies.

The presentation included live interactive exercises to enhance understanding of communication and practice listening skills. Based on the participants reactions and comments, the presentation proved to be helpful and fun.

The Concurrent Session Presenters, that the Support Staff was sponsoring this year, were:

- Taking the "Bored" out of Discussions, Dr. Shauna Mayo, Thursday, 9/19/24, 11:00-11:45am
- Scheduling Success, Victoria Brame (submitted proposal, accepted and scheduled, but was unable to attend, session cancelled as a result).

In conclusion, attendees were encouraged to regularly check the VCCA website and stay alert for email updates and announcements.

Submitted by:

Amy Colander, Secretary