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# AP Faculty Senate Newsletter Vol. 1

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## Message from the AP Faculty Senate President

Welcome to the first issue of the Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate newsletter. Our goal is to update A/P faculty members on their senate's work and to build relationships. We want to hear your feedback and concerns. I encourage you to connect with your senator(s) to share ideas and concerns. You can use the links in the roster on the [A/P Faculty Senate webpage](#) to find your constituent group's senators.

We also want to encourage A/P faculty to participate in University Shared Governance. If you want to get involved as a senator, commission, or committee member, please let us know by [filling out our interest form](#). A/P faculty are welcome to attend senate meetings. You can join the [A/P Faculty Senate Meetings Google group](#) to receive updates including upcoming meeting agendas.

I am honored to serve as your A/P Faculty Senate President and want to hear from you. I will be hosting office hours starting on January 10 at 801 University City Blvd. Suite 21, Room 2138 from 4 to 5 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Meetings will recur on the second and fourth Tuesdays. If you want to meet via Zoom or phone, contact me at [holli@vt.edu](mailto:holli@vt.edu) or 540-231-3682.

Thank you to the Senate Communications Committee for their work curating the content. [Please submit ideas for future newsletter topics](#).

Respectfully,

Holli





## Get to Know Your Senators

Each newsletter, we will highlight a few of the A/P Faculty Senators so you can get to know them. Feel free to reach out and ask any questions, bring up any concerns, or see if they want to join your banjo band.

### **GET TO KNOW... Senator Holli Gardner Drewry representing General Professional**

#### **Why did you want to be Senator?**

When I converted from classified staff to A/P Faculty I quickly noticed that A/P faculty had limited representation in university shared governance. I wanted to be a senator so that I could expand my understanding Virginia Tech governance while representing the needs of A/P faculty.

#### **What is one thing that you would like to do, one change you would make, or one policy you would like to influence as an AP Faculty Senator?**

I've been lucky to accomplish my initial goal of helping to set up an A/P Faculty Senate. Going forward, I want to spend time listening to the thoughts and concerns of A/P faculty members. One idea I have already heard is to work with the other employee senates to explore possible updates to leave practices

#### **What is one thing that most people don't know about you?**

I worked with the Hokie Passport Office to design the Hokie Passport ID.

#### **If you could only eat one thing the rest of your life and your only choices were the items below, what would it be?**

Dark Chocolate Covered Espresso Beans

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### **GET TO KNOW... Senator Nikeshia Arthur representing Student Affairs**

#### **Why did you want to be Senator?**

To help amplify voices of AP faculty employees

#### **What is one thing that you would like to do, one change you would make, or one policy you would like to influence as an AP Faculty Senator?**

Support for caregivers

#### **What is one thing that most people don't know about you?**

I am a 2007 graduate of Virginia Tech

**If you could only eat one thing the rest of your life and your only choices were the items below, what would it be?**

Lemon Flavored Skittles

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**GET TO KNOW... Senator Chad Proudfoot representing Extension**

**Why did you want to be Senator?**

I wanted to help give a voice to my constituency, and to serve as an advocate for A/P faculty.

**What is one thing that you would like to do, one change you would make, or one policy you would like to influence as an AP Faculty Senator?**

I would like to work to try and equalize the benefits and status of AP Faculty with the T&R Faculty and the Staff.

**What is one thing that most people don't know about you?**

As extroverted as I seem, I'm actually an "extroverted introvert" which is surprising to most people.

**If you could only eat one thing the rest of your life and your only choices were the items below, what would it be?**

Lemon Flavored Skittles

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