Present:
- Eric Ackermann, President
- Rosemary Bowden, Secretary
- Stephanie Collins
- Lucy Cox
- Pat Elliott, Vice President/President Elect
- Christian Pascasio
- Debbie Scott, Secretary Elect

Absent:
- Diane Kaufman

Minutes:
The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm June 25, 1997, by Eric Ackerman, President. Minutes were approved for the meeting of June 11, 1997.

Travel Requests
None. The new travel budget has not yet been approved, so LSA really does not yet have money to disburse for travel.

Old Business
The first coffee went extremely well, with around 100 people attending. Some people complained that we ran out of food, however, that kind of crowd was not expected. Thanks to Rosemary and Diane for planning and making this a successful event.

No other unit has yet volunteered to sponsor the next get together. The next party will be in the afternoon, so that those with evening schedules can attend. We will try to find out about posting a sign-up with dates (so that units can volunteer) on the LSA web page.

Lucy Cox mentioned that the library used to have a social committee, and we wondered if this might be a good idea. We also mentioned that LSA has sponsored some social events, so maybe we are filling that need.

New Business
We discussed the lack of requests to use LSA travel funds, and possible reasons for this. We wondered if the programs offered were not of interest, or if there are too many restrictions. Christian mentioned a
common concern seems to be other obligations outside of work that prevent people from asking to attend 1-2 day programs. We also wondered if publicity has been a problem and suggested places for advertising staff development programs, including the staff lounge, individual units, and our web page.

We considered the following ways to get staff interested in staff development programs: provide more on-site workshops or one day workshops, use NRCC programs for computers and software (but Stephanie noticed the Christiansburg site has not yet updated their computers), and use the New Media Center.

We also addressed the problem of how to respond to anonymous concerns posted to the LSA web page. We decided that we should "hash out" a response to anonymous suggestions, talk it over with the Dean, and then post the response on the LSA web page.

Pat Elliott will take over as President at the next meeting, July 9 at 2pm. With no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Scott
Secretary