

**Present:**

Premalatha Balachandra, Ev Barrett, Kristina Boggan, Blake Bostick, Martina Brewer, Kelli Coleman, Jeremy Cook, James Corner, Gazel Giles, Shellie Harrison, Kelly Houston, JeLisa McGee, Ryan Miller, Michael Moseley, Jean Munson, Kara Parham, EJ Presley, Johnny Price, Steven Ridout, Erin Ridout, Cynthia Rimoldi, Sovent Taylor, Precious Thompson, Jacqueline Vinson, Tiffany Webb, Christy Wright

**Absent-Excused:** Bradley Baker, Jessica Coker, Alicia Goodson, Pam Smith, Deetra Wiley,

**Absent-Unexcused:** Christy Isom, Robert Metzger, Joanne Mitchell

**Roll call:** (Sign-in sheet)

**Call to Order**

The August Staff Council meeting was called to order by Gazel Giles at 10:40 AM, August 11, 2016.

A. Report from Meeting with the Chancellor (next meeting on August 16, 2016)

B. Approval of July Minutes and Treasurer's Report

1. July Minutes

- Motion to approve by Jackie Vinson.
- Seconded by Martina Brewer.
- The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Ev Barrett (ebarrett@olemiss.edu).

2. July Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve by Tiffany Webb.
- Seconded by Precious Thompson.
- The Treasurers Report is sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Kristi Boggan (kboggan@olemiss.edu).

C. Nominate and Vote on Staff Member of the Month for August

- Ballot nominations are taken from the Staff Council website through staff member emails and from the Staff Council members at the meeting.
- The nominations included Jennifer Taylor, Program Coordinator for NCNPR.
- In selecting a Staff Member of the Month, the Staff Council voted on the nominees and declared that the Staff Member for the Month of August is Jennifer Taylor.

**New Business**

A. Chronicle of Higher Education Interviews

- Ms. Martinez from the Chronicle would like to speak to staff council members about the Contextualization Committee.
- Staff members can interview if they would like to give their personal opinions.

B. Benefits Fair 2016 Confirmation Sign-up Sheet

- Staff Council will have a table at the fair which will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Gazel is going to have new brochures and a presentation board for this event.
- Members are encouraged to email Gazel to let her know what times they can man the table.

C. United Way Workplace Campaign Coordinator Training Meeting

- Lucile McCook is the chair of the Workplace Campaign.
- Staff Council is going to work with her committee to get the word out about the campaign.

**Old Business**

A. Council Annual Ice Cream Social

- This event is today at 1:00.
- Members are encouraged to come by and help serve.
- Gazel will coordinate with Blake Bostick to do something for the regional campuses.
- Gazel will also try to provide a social opportunity for the staff members who get off work at 11:00am.

B. Update on Marketing Ideas

- Gazel will be meeting with printing services soon.
- We are working with Human Resources to have a table at the New Employees Orientation.

C. Fall Exam Breakfast

- Sovent is working on the details for this event which will be on Tuesday, December 6.

**Committee Updates**

A. Inauguration for Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter – November 10, 2016

- Gazel serves on this committee as our representative.
- Staff Council needs to plan an event related to the inauguration.
- The theme is “The Power of Higher Education to Transform Lives and Communities.”
- The coordinator for the events subcommittee is Alice Clark.

B. Parking Committee

- Faculty/staff permits are available now. There are more F/S parking spots than employees.
- Residential parking is running out and moving to park-n-ride buses.
- We have purchased 5 new buses and new accessibility technology.

**Announcements/Concerns**

- There is a concern about new labor laws. Gazel will ask the Chancellor about this at our next meeting.
- The “Working Mothers’ Support Group” meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at noon in Lamar 323.

**Meeting adjourned 11:25 a.m.**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 10:30AM in the Facilities Management Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on August 11, 2016.