

**Present:**

Ashley Smith Baker, Pauline Beard, Eric Blakeley, Kristina Boggan, Joey Brent, Missy Downey, Judy Hart Forester, Alicia Goodson, Paul Goolsby, Valerie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Jamie Irby, Natcha Knight-Evans, Robert Metzger, Kara Parham, Raymus Purnell, Felisa Redmond, Pamela Smith, Sovent (Suave) Taylor

**Absent-Excused:**

Premalatha Balachandran, Kim Chrestman, Jessica Coker, Jeff McManus, Ginger Patterson, Patricia Stewart, Amanda Walker

**Absent-Unexcused:**

Shannon Dixon, Shelia Goolsby, Jacqueline Vinson, Nicki Weaver

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

**Call to Order:** The February Staff Council meeting was called to order by Natcha Knight-Evans at 10:34 AM, February 20, 2014

**Update on Meeting with Chancellor:**

- Closing of the Post Office – Joint decision between University and USPS
  - o Address will be left up to the USPS
  - o Will be given ample notice if an address
- James Meredith Statue Incident
  - o UPD contact FBI
  - o Alumni Association offering award
  - o Sensitivity and Respect convened
  - o Departments are reaching out to students

**Approval of January Minutes:**

- Motion to approve pending changes by Pam Smith
- Seconded by Sovent Taylor

The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Kristi Boggan ([kboggan@olemiss.edu](mailto:kboggan@olemiss.edu)).

**Approval of January Treasurers Report**

- Motion to approve by Judy Forester
- Seconded by Joey Brent

The treasurer report will be sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be sent to Kelly Houston ([kbhousto@olemiss.edu](mailto:kbhousto@olemiss.edu)).

**Nominations for Staff Member of the Month for February:**

- Ballot nominations are taken from the Staff Council website, through staff member emails.
- In selecting a Staff Member of the Month, the Staff Council voted on the nominees and declared that the January Staff Member of the Month is *Tom Anderson*

### **New Business:**

- Staff Appreciation
  - o May 12-16, 2014
  - o Sign-up sheets available
  - o Location TBA
  - o Updated Vendor list will be available
  
- Nominations and Elections for Staff Council Members
  - o Nominations will be held February
  - o Elections will be held March 3-6, 2014
  - o Volunteers needed for PPD
  
- Upcoming Elections: EEO Category & Overall Outstanding Elections
  - o Nominations will be held April 7-10
  - o Elections will be held April 14-17
  
- James Meredith Incident
  - o Close to questioning suspect(s)
  - o How will this affect recruitment/retainment
    - Talk to students
    - Offer encouragement

### **Old Business:**

- Amendment to Bylaws
  - o Election Committee will make necessary corrections then vote

### **Committee Updates/Reports:**

- Sovent Taylor asked to serve on OMBUDSMAN committee
  - o OMBUDSMAN will serve as a safe-zone for faculty and staff to go to if feeling under pressure
  - o Chancellor is supportive of having this position filled
  - o Many schools have someone in this position
  - o Committee is in the research stage
  
- Natcha Knight-Evans - Recruitment, Admissions, Orientation and Advising Standing Committee
  - o Due to the potential of growth again next year, non-freshmen are being asked to find alternative housing off campus
  - o If anyone (i.e. contractors, apartment complexes, etc.) contacts you regarding student information, refer them to the Dean of Students Office or the Registrar's Office
  - o Growth Management
    - Plans are in place to accommodate more students

**Announcements:**

- Nicki Weaver will continue to collect pull tabs. Please contact her if you have pull tabs to donate. Delivery will be made on Good Friday, April 18.
  
- Recognition of Staff Council Members that will roll off this year
  - o Joey Brent
  - o Kim Chrestman
  - o Missy Downey
  - o Paul Goolsby
  - o Sheila Goolsby
  - o Ginger Patterson
  - o Pam Smith
  - o Jacqueline Vinson
  - o Nicki Weaver
  
- Kelly Houston – Sr. Secretary position open in History Department

**Meeting adjourned 10:56 A.M.**

Next meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes recorded by Kristi Boggan.