The University of Mississippi  Staff Council  Minutes of Meeting
February 20, 2014  Physical Plant Conference Room

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).

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).

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
  - May 12-16, 2014
  - Sign-up sheets available
  - Location TBA
  - Updated Vendor list will be available

- Nominations and Elections for Staff Council Members
  - Nominations will be held February
  - Elections will be held March 3-6, 2014
  - Volunteers needed for PPD

- Upcoming Elections: EEO Category & Overall Outstanding Elections
  - Nominations will be held April 7-10
  - Elections will be held April 14-17

- James Meredith Incident
  - Close to questioning suspect(s)
  - How will this affect recruitment/retainment
    - Talk to students
    - Offer encouragement

Old Business:
- Amendment to Bylaws
  - Election Committee will make necessary corrections then vote

Committee Updates/Reports:
- Sovent Taylor asked to serve on OMBUDSMAN committee
  - OMBUDSMAN will serve as a safe-zone for faculty and staff to go to if feeling under pressure
  - Chancellor is supportive of having this position filled
  - Many schools have someone in this position
  - Committee is in the research stage

- Natcha Knight-Evans - Recruitment, Admissions, Orientation and Advising Standing Committee
  - Due to the potential of growth again next year, non-freshmen are being asked to find alternative housing off campus
  - 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
  - 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.