

Present: Mohammed Ali, Bradley Baker, Premalatha Balachandra, Ev Barrett, Kristina Boggan, Blake Bostick, Kelli Coleman, Jeremy Cook, Kelly Houston, Christy Isom, Jean Munson, Sheila Padgett, Kara Parham, Johnny Price, Steven Ridout, Erin Ridout, Cynthia Rimoldi, Sovent Taylor, Jacqueline Vinson, Deetra Wiley

Absent-Excused: Martina Brewer, Jessica Coker, Gazel Giles, K.T. Short, Pam Smith, Precious Thompson

Absent-Unexcused: James Corner, Alicia Goodson, Shellie Harrison, JeLisa McGee, Robert Metzger, Ryan Miller, Joanne Mitchell, Michael Moseley, EJ Presley, Christy Wright

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order

The January Staff Council meeting was called to order by Erin Ridout at 10:30 AM, January 11, 2017.

A. Report from Meeting with the Chancellor

- There has not been a meeting since our last Staff Council meeting.
- The next meeting will be January 20, 2017

B. Approval of December Minutes and Treasurer's Report

1. December Minutes (need to update membership)

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

2. December Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve by Kara Parham.
- Seconded by Steven Ridout.
- 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 January

- Ballot nominations are taken from the Staff Council website through staff member emails and from the Staff Council members at the meeting.
- Blake Bostick nominated Erin Garrett from the Desoto Campus.
- 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 January is Erin Garrett.
- We discussed the fact that we are could publicize the Staff Member of the Month more effectively. One option would be to put announcements on UM Today. We can also include information about how to nominate staff members as part of the monthly Inside Ole Miss profile of each month's winner.

New Business

A. Events for Staff Appreciation

- We need to be thinking about alternate locations since the Union will not be available.
- Ideas: Bondurant 204C, Bishop stage, JAC, Tad Pad, Farley Hall 202, Brevard, Yerby auditorium, Turner center, Circle (karaoke)
- Plant swap areas: Grove Stage, the quad area, Tad Pad
- The Staff Appreciation Standing committee meeting will be on January 30th.

B. Fundraiser Idea for Children of Staff

- The idea is to sell \$1 raffle tickets for \$100 gift card.
- We could try to get Walmart/Kroger to donate the card.
- The members discussed the possibility of having this take place along with Staff Appreciation Week. We could publicize the raffle along with all of the Staff Appreciation publicity. We could sell raffle tickets throughout the week at every event.
- There was discussion about using the Bingo extra card money for the Children of Staff scholarship. We decided that this money could be split 50-50 between the scholarship and the winner of the drawing.

Old Business

A. Bylaws Committee Update

- The committee has met several times.
- Proposed amendments will be sent to the Staff Council members in the next week.

B. Childcare Update

- Laura Antonow is the Child Care Fellow and will work 50% on these issues.

B. Scholarship Committee Update – Gazel is still working on this with Financial Aid.

C. Holiday reception – This event went well, had good turnout, and the left over food went to NMRC.

Committee Updates

A. Parking

- The committee has not met lately.
- Question: Can people who have garage hang-tags be allowed to park in faculty/staff slots at other places? Sovent will follow up on this.

Announcements/Concerns

- Erin would like to ask Dr. Vitter about the insurance difference in doctor visits on campus and off campus. Could we have a general practitioner on campus in addition to a specialist?
- Carl Hill has presented a proposal for gender neutral bathrooms and is waiting to hear from Vitter on this. He has asked us to follow up on this with Dr. Vitter.
- Another question for the Chancellor: Could Staff Council have a dedicated space on campus?
- Faculty senate president receives a course reduction. Could we provide staff council presidents with financial incentives?

Meeting adjourned 11:14 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Facilities Management Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on January 12, 2017.