

**Present:**

Bradley Baker, Premalatha Balachandra, Ev Barrett, Kristina Boggan, Kelli Coleman, Jeremy Cook, James Corner, Gazel Giles, Kelly Houston, Christy Isom, JeLisa McGee, Robert Metzger, Joanne Mitchell, Michael Moseley, Jean Munson, Kara Parham, EJ Presley, Johnny Price, Erin Ridout, Cynthia Rimoldi, Sovent Taylor, Jacqueline Vinson, Tiffany Webb, Deetra Wiley, Christy Wright

**Absent-Excused:** Blake Bostick, Martina Brewer, Jessica Coker, Alicia Goodson, Shellie Harrison, Ryan Miller, Steven Ridout, Pam Smith, Precious Thompson

**Absent-Unexcused:**

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

**Call to Order**

The July Staff Council meeting was called to order by Gazel Giles at 10:30 AM, July 14, 2016.

A. Meeting with Chancellor Vitter

- Dr. Vitter would like to support the Final Exam breakfast in the future and will encourage other administrators to assist.
- Gun control was mentioned as a topic that is a priority for him.
- There will be a town meeting on August 29 at the Inn at Ole Miss from 10:00 – 3:00. Gazel asked for volunteers to attend as Staff Council representatives.
- Dr. Vitter is supportive of the different campus groups – Staff Council, Faculty Senate, Graduate Student Council, and ASB. Gazel is going to reach out to some of these groups to see if there is interest in having some kind of combined regular meeting of the leadership of these groups to discuss common issues.

B. Approval of June Minutes and Treasurer's Report

1. June Minutes

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

2. June Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve by Cindy Rimoldi.
- Seconded by Sovent Taylor.
- 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 July

- 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 Kim Byrd, Senior Secretary for the Department of Biology.
- 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 July is Kim Byrd.

## **New Business**

### **A. Updating bylaws**

1. The Executive committee would like to update the bylaws.
2. Members can send any ideas or changes to Gazel or Sovent.
3. One addition to the bylaws will be information about our textbooks scholarship program.

### **B. Staff Council pictures**

These will be taken on the Lyceum steps on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Gazel will locate a place for our meeting in the Lyceum or in the library. Wear your polos.

### **C. New Marketing ideas – Deetra Wiley**

1. Visibility – ideas include
  - providing blazers (or something similar) for the executive committee;
  - advertising with large floating styrofoam boards;
  - continuing to use social media;
  - promoting events with flyers, button pins, business cards – the idea is for the council to be visible every day
2. We have brochures that are given out to all new hires at new hire orientation. We could also have a staff council representative at each of these orientations. Gazel or Deetra will contact Andrea to see if this is a possibility.
3. We discussed the possibility of having something like a “monthly staff council report” for *Inside Ole Miss*.
4. Deetra is continuing to update the website.

### **D. Staff Council Ice Cream Social**

1. We need someone to take pictures.
2. In the past, we have had it in Bryant Hall or the Circle before the students come back.
3. Gazel will contact Aramark.
4. We need to include some non-dairy options like popsicles, cookies, brownies.
5. We are looking for August 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 on 4:00.

## **Old Business**

### **A. Fall Exam breakfast**

1. This is scheduled for the Tuesday of exam week.
2. Sovent will talk to Aramark about the details.
3. We could have outside vendors, music, etc.

## **Committee Updates**

### **A. Parking committee**

1. Major change: A new residential park and ride facility will be provided at the Whirlpool location for one year while the new parking garage is under construction.
2. There is also a new park and ride lot at the old Danver’s location.
3. The lot across from the track is behind schedule. This will be a small commuter lot.
4. They are installing new technology for the commuter lots that will enable commuters to know

- where the parking spots are located.
5. The Kincannon parking garage will be seven stories and will be open in fall 2017. This will open up faculty/staff parking behind Kinard.
  6. The new stop sign on All American Drive in front of the Starnes Center has been fixed.
  7. The stop sign on Fraternity Row in front of Guyton has been moved to the new Rebel Drive.
  8. The hill portion of the road in front of Guyton (used to be Rebel Drive, now called Guyton Drive) that hits Fraternity Row will be gone soon.
  9. There is a new four-way stop sign where Rebel Drive crosses Guyton Drive by the water tower.
  10. The parking lot behind the Turner Center is going to be reopened by fall 2016 for faculty/staff.
  11. Eventually there will be a walking/bike bridge over highway 6 connecting Whirlpool with campus.

#### **Announcements/Concerns**

- Sovent gave out leftover t-shirts.

**Meeting adjourned 11:12 a.m.**

**Next meeting:** Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at a location TBD.

Minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on August 3, 2016.