The University of Mississippi

Staff Council Minutes of Meeting

July 14, 2017
Facilities Management Conference Room

Present:
Bradley Baker, Premalatha Balachandran, Anne Scott Barrett, Blake Bostick, Kevin Cozart, Kelly Houston, Mohamed Ali Ibrahim, Christy Isom, Anne Klingen, Joanne Mitchell, Michael Moseley, Danielle Noonan, Sheila Padgett, Johnny Price, Cindy Rimoldi, Deetra Wiley

Absent:
Ev Barrett, Jessica Coker, Kelli Coleman, Jeremy Cook, James Corner, Erica Covington, Gazel Giles, Alicia Goodson, Shelia Goolsby, LeTosha James, Natcha Knight-Evans, JeLisa McGee, Robert Metzger, Ryan Miller, EJ Presley, Erin Ridout, Steven Ridout, Jason Shirkey, K.T. Short, Pam Smith, Precious Thompson, Jacqueline Vinson, Christy Wright

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order
The July Staff Council meeting was called to order by Johnny Price at 10:34 AM, July 13, 2017.

A. Approval of June Minutes and Treasurer’s Report
   1. June Minutes
      • The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Ev Barrett (ebarrett@olemiss.edu).
      • Motion to approve as corrected (add “e” to Anne Klingen’s name) by Kevin Cozart.
      • Seconded by Anne Klingen.
      • The June Minutes were approved.
   2. June Treasurer’s Report
      • The Treasurer’s Report is sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Je’Lisa McGee (hairston@olemiss.edu).
      • Motion to approve by Blake Bostick.
      • Seconded by Prema Balachandran.
      • The June Treasurer’s Report was approved.

B. 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.
   • Anne Klingen, Kelly Houston, and Prema Balachandran have formed a Staff Member of the Month subcommittee. They will work with Deetra to design a certificate to give to our Staff Members of the Month and to consider ways to publicize the winners each month.
   • The June Staff Member of the Month was Lele Gillespie, College of Liberal Arts.
   • The July nominations include Blake Adams, Douglas Alford, Linda Arrington, Brooke Barnes, Amanda Blair, Kim Carr, Holly Coffey, Jessica Coker-Hughes, Janie Cole, Samantha Dismuke, Elizabeth Dixon, Rogelio Escbedo, Anne Freeman, Kevin Gates, Collen Gilman, Jerry Harden, Barbara Hoggard, Julia James, Kelley Jenkins, Joseph Kennedy, Denise Knighton, Lynann Lawrence, Michelle Martin, Janet McBride, Sirena Morgan, Melanie Munns, Suzy Norwood, Randall Pinion, Lynn Reece, Cassidy Savage, Harley Saxton, Ellen Shelton, Joy Shideler, Susan Stevens,
Laura Vaughn, Matt Ward.

- The Staff Council members submitted paper ballots to vote on the member of the month.
- The Staff Member for the Month of July will be announced at a later date.
- Future ballots will be submitted by Google forms. Tie breaker votes will be conducted at the meeting.

Committee Updates – no reports

Old Business

- Anne Klingen made a motion to continue to post approved minutes online without any further documents.
- Seconded by Cindy Rimoldi.
- Approved by majority.

New Business

1. The director from the regional campuses has invited the Staff Council to host a Staff Council meeting at the Desoto campus.
   - Johnny Price will look into the possibility of transportation.
   - Anne Klingen made a motion to investigate the possibility of holding Staff Council meetings at regional campuses.
   - Kevin Cozart seconded.
   - Approved by majority.
2. The members discussed ways to provide custodial staff with Christmas bonus money.
3. Annual Staff Council group photo – will be planned after Jeremy returns from his training.
   - New staff members need to order Staff Council shirts and name tags.
   - Kevin Cozart volunteered to send a google form to collect shirts sizes and name tags.
4. Anne Klingen and Kevin Cozart presented an idea of hosting a ceremony to give cords to staff members graduating. They will research this and have a proposal to present at a later meeting.
   - The Council may want to look at advocating for updating pay raises for continued education and making it mandatory.
   - The Council should look at using committees more to hash out details. Committees could present proposals to the Council members for vote.
5. Johnny Price asked the Council to brainstorm and submit ideas for a philanthropic or community event for council to raise funds for. A subcommittee will be formed.

Concerns and Announcements

- Chancellor is soliciting ideas for ways to reduce costs at the University level.
- History will be hiring a new secretary.

Upcoming Events

- Staff Council Ice Cream Social, Thursday, August 10, 1-3 in Bryant Hall
- Within the next few months, we will host a breakfast for staff members who work the 3:00 am – 11:45 am shift.

Meeting adjourned 11:37 a.m.

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

Minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on July 20, 2017.