

Present:

Premalatha Balachandra, Ev Barrett, Kristina Boggan, Blake Bostick, Martina Brewer, James Corner, Gazel Giles, Carl Hill, JeLisa McGee, Joanne Mitchell, Kara Parham, Johnny Price, Erin Ridout, Cynthia Rimoldi, Sovent Taylor, Tiffany Webb

Absent-Excused:

Bradley Baker, Kelli Coleman, Jessica Coker, Jeremy Cook, Alicia Goodson, Shellie Harrison, Kelly Houston, Robert Metzger, Ryan Miller, Michael Moseley, EJ Presley, Steven Ridout, Pam Smith, Precious Thompson, Jacqueline Vinson, Deetra Wiley, Christy Wright

Absent-Unexcused: Christy Isom, Jean Munson

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order

The June Staff Council meeting was called to order by Sovent Taylor at 10:30 AM, June 9, 2016.

- A. Report from Meeting with the Chancellor (No Report)
- B. Approval of May Minutes and Treasurer's Report
 - A. May Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Blake Bostick.
 - Seconded by Prema Balachandra.
 - The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Ev Barrett (ebarrett@olemiss.edu).
 - B. May Treasurer's Report
 - Motion to approve by Kara Parham.
 - Seconded by Cindy Rimoldi.
 - 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 June
 - 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 Ernest Dees, Library Specialist, and Chris Melton, Financial Aid Advisor
 - 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 June is Chris Melton.

New Business

- A. Overall EEO Selection Process
 - A few people have complained about using the committee for the Overall EEO Selection

- Process.
- The reason that we decided to use a committee because some larger departments were block voting and staff members from smaller departments don't have the same opportunity.
 - The Council decided to continue using the committee process to select the Overall EEO award winners.
- B. Standing Committees – Gazel has been in touch with the Chancellor's Office about changes in our council membership; the Chancellor's Office will contact each of us with the new assignments.
- C. Officer Transition – new officers begin serving officially on July 1, 2016.
- Sovent continue on the Executive Committee as past president.
 - Carl Hill will be rolling off of Staff Council. Sovent expressed his appreciation to Carl for his service.

Old Business

- A. Staff Appreciation - thank you to everyone for all of the good help!
- Overall we received great feedback for the events of the week.
 - Bingo needs to be tweaked for next year.
 - The Council members agreed that it was a good idea to allow all participants of afternoon activities to be included in the grand prize drawing.
 - We need to make sure that we provide water for outdoor events. Next year we could use water coolers from Ole Miss Outdoors.
 - The food was good.
 - The t-shirt process needs to be fine-tuned. Aramark employees should **not** receive t-shirts. One idea is that we could have a t-shirt ticket as part of the lunch ticket.
 - We received good door prizes!
 - The Bike Maintenance activity may need to be taken off of the schedule next year.
 - Some male staff members would like to have more activities geared toward men. We can ask for suggestions.
 - The Karaoke sound system was not very good. We can ask Bradley to check on this for next year.
- B. Fall Exam Breakfast
- The students that came to the Spring Exam Breakfast enjoyed it.
 - We need to work with Aramark to advertise better.
 - We could expand it with music and vendors.
 - We could talk to Dr. Vitter early in the fall about having his senior leadership team participate.

Committee Updates - none

Announcements/Concerns

- Blake Bostick asked: Do we usually have a few nominations for staff member of the month? It is advertised monthly in the UM Today announcement and Inside Olemiss article about the current month winner.

- Sovent turned the gavel over to Gazel Giles.

Meeting adjourned 11:03 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Facilities Management Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on July 7, 2016.