

Present:

William Anderson, Ev Barrett, Kristina Boggan, Blake Bostick, Martina Brewer, Kelli Coleman, Jessica Coker, Jeremy Cook, Gazel Giles, Alicia Goodson, Shellie Harrison, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Christy Isom, JeLisa McGee, Michael Moseley, Jean Munson, EJ Presley, Steven Ridout, Erin Ridout, Cynthia Rimoldi, Sovent Taylor, Tiffany Webb, Christy Wright

Absent-Excused: Bradley Baker, Premalatha Balachandra, Gazel Giles, Alicia Goodson, Robert Metzger, Joanne Mitchell, Kara Parham, Pam Smith, Precious Thompson, Jacqueline Vinson, Deetra Wiley

Absent-Unexcused: James Corner, Ryan Miller, Johnny Price

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order

The May Staff Council meeting was called to order by Sovent Taylor at 10:30 AM, May 12, 2016.

A. Report from Meeting with the Chancellor

- The officers met with the Chancellor on Tuesday, May 10th.
- The raises this year will be 1% and we expressed our gratitude.
- The Chancellor wants to make sure that we are working as efficiently as possible. He is asking for input as to how technology can make staff jobs more efficient so we don't have to add staff.
- If we received the state funding according to the funding formula, we would receive 20% more money. We receive the least amount of funding per student than any other IHL institution.
- Dr. Vitter would like to grow our graduate school enrollment from 12% to 25% of our student population.
- He wants to grow international student enrollment from 5% to 10% of our student population.
- Contextualization of historical spaces:
 - Dr. Vitter is going to put together a new committee to address all of these issues at one time.
 - He is asking for input from many different groups to determine who should be on the committee and how the committee can gather info.
 - Dr. Vitter gave us five questions to consider (see p. 4). He would like for us to focus on questions #1, #2, and #5. Sovent will send the questions to the Staff Council members by email. Staff council members are encouraged to send their feedback on these questions to Sovent as soon as possible.
 - Dr. Vitter stressed that the nickname "Ole Miss" is here to stay. He will soon be publishing the results from years of researching the national perception of our university.

B. Approval of April Minutes and Treasurer's Report

1. April Minutes

- Motion to approve by Tiffany Webb.
- 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. April Treasurer's Report
 - Motion to approve by Tiffany Webb.
 - Seconded by Carl Hill.
 - 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 May

- Ballot nominations are taken from the Staff Council website through staff member emails and from the Staff Council members at the meeting.
- There were no nominations mailed in this month. Nominations from the floor:
 - Kevin Cozart, Staff Assistant, Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies
 - Kathy McMinn, Administrator Coordinator II, Desoto campus
 - Cheryl Armstrong, Custodial Services
- 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 May is Kathy McMinn.

New Business

A. Staff Appreciation

1. Events (Sign-up Sheets were passed around):
 - The deadline for kickball and basketball registration was extended from May 12th to May 18th. Several groups have signed up for kickball!
 - The tshirts will be delivered to the location on Thursday so that Trucking will be able to participate in the Friday activities.
 - The Friday lunch will be from 11:00 – 1:00 at Rebel Market and is ready to go.
 - Sovent will send out the sign up sheets to all Staff Council members (see pp. 5 – 7 for the final sign-up sheets).
2. Staff Awards ceremony, 9:00 at the Ford Center:
 - The awards for the Awards Ceremony will be available on the 1st floor of the Ford Center.
 - University Communications is supposed to send an invitation to all award winners through campus mail, and Sovent will double check on that.
 - There will be some changes to the ceremony. Dr. Vitter will give a short presentation prior to recognizing the award recipients. Five and ten year award winners will stand to be recognized. Fifteen and twenty year award recipients will each come to the stage as a group and have their picture taken with the Chancellor. The twenty-five and above award winners will have special seating and will come to the stage individually to receive their certificates and have a picture taken with the Chancellor.
3. Door prizes:
 - Sovent needs door prizes as soon as possible.
 - Chick Filet donated 500 free milkshakes.
 - Thank you to Prema and the Mississippi Federal Credit Union for donating two \$50 bills which will be given out at the Awards Ceremony and lunch.
4. Friday attire:
 - Staff Council members are to wear their name badges and polo shirts.
 - Kristi Boggan will order any new name badges or polo shirts that are needed.

B. New Officer Elections

- Secretary: Ev Barrett was the only nominee and the Council voted unanimously to accept her in this position.
- Textbook Scholarship Coordinator: Prema Balachandra was the only nominee and the Council voted unanimously to accept her in this position.
- Treasurer: Kristi Boggan was the only nominee and the Council voted unanimously to accept her in this position.
- Marketing Coordinator: Deetra Wiley was the only nominee and the Council voted unanimously to accept her in this position.
- President-Elect: Cindy Rimoldi was the only nominee and the Council voted unanimously to accept her in this position.

D. Membership changes

- We have a new member: Christy Wright, Recruiting Coordinator, Career Center
- William Anderson is leaving the University.

E. Exam Breakfast for Fall 2016

- The breakfast was a success this year, but we could have given more publicity.
- We will try to jazz it up a little bit next fall with music and vendors with give-aways.

Old Business

A. Staff Council Website

- Our new website is up and everything seems to be running smoothly.
- The address is staffcouncil.olemiss.edu – the Blog is gone.
- Sovent will upload the Staff Member of the Month picture of Kathy McMinn as soon as he receives it.

Committee Updates - none

Announcements/Concerns

- Kristi asked for members to sign up for polo sizes and name tags if they need them.

Meeting adjourned 11:07 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Facilities Management Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on May 16, 2016.

Questions regarding Chancellor's Advisory Committee on History and Context:

1. What do you think are the most important criteria I should use in appointing members of the Advisory Committee?

2. What do you think are the most crucial areas of expertise and/or knowledge that members of the Committee should have?

3. What would you consider to be the optimal size of the Committee?

4. What other stakeholder groups should I ask for input and advice?

5. What are some ways the Committee could/should engage the broader UM community?

Staff Appreciation Sign-up Sheet

Monday, May 16th

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Lecture (Union Ballroom)

_____ Kelly Houston _____

_____ Kristie Boggan _____

_____ Ev Barrett _____

11:00 a.m.-Noon Yoga/Walk to Manning Center

_____ Erin Ridout _____

_____ Kelli Coleman _____

_____ Jean Munson _____

_____ Steven Ridout _____

5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Aqua Aerobics

Tuesday, May 17th

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Aid and CPR (Yerby Conference Room)

_____ Jean Munson _____

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Zumba (Grove Stage)

_____ Jean Munson _____

_____ Deetra Wiley _____

_____ Tiffany Webb _____

5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Aqua Aerobics

_____ Cindy Rimoldi _____

Wednesday, May 18th

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Music and Meditation (Paris-Yates Chapel)

_____ Kelly Houston _____

_____ Gazel Giels _____

2:00-3:00 p.m. Belly Dancing (Union 405)

_____ Deetra Wiley _____

_____ Je'Lisa McGee _____

Thursday, May 19th

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Plant Swap (Student Union Porch)

Precious Thompson

Pam Smith

Steven Ridout

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Yoga and Yogurt (Union 404)

Erin Ridout

Tiffany Webb

5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Aqua Aerobics

Cindy Rimoldi

Friday, May 20th

9:00 a.m. Staff Awards Ceremony (Ford Center)

Precious Thompson

Jeremy Cook

EJ Presley

Kelly Houston

Christy Isom

Martina Brewer

Deetry Wiley

Prema Balachandran

Staff Lunch

11:00 a.m.

EJ Presley

12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Erin Ridout

Kristi Boggan

Christy Isom

Cindy Rimoldi

Martina Brewer

Kelli Coleman

Je'Lisa McGee

Michael Moseley

Blake Bostick

Shellie Harrison

James Corner

1:30-3:30 Bingo (Union Food Court)

Prema

Ev Barret

1:30-3:30 Karaoke (Union Lobby)

Johnny Price

Bradley Baker

1:30-3:30 Basketball (Turner Center)

James Corner

Precious Thompson

1:30-3:30 Kickball (Intramural Fields)

EJ Presley

Deetra Wiley

1:00-3:00 Field Day (Intramural Fields)

Jeremy Cook
