The University of Mississippi
Staff Council Minutes of Meeting
May 12, 2016
Facilities Management Conference Room

Present:

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:
     o Dr. Vitter is going to put together a new committee to address all of these issues at one time.
     o He is asking for input from many different groups to determine who should be on the committee and how the committee can gather info.
     o 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.
     o 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 Treasurer’s 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 t-shirts 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)

_________________ Kellly 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. ________________________ 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

____ EJ Presley _________________ 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  __________________