

Present:

Bradley Baker, Premalatha Balachandra, Ev Barrett, Kristina Boggan, Martina Brewer, James Corner, Gazel Giles, Shellie Harrison, Kelly Houston, Christy Isom, Michael Moseley, Jean Munson, Kara Parham, Johnny Price, Steven Ridout, Erin Ridout, Pam Smith, Sovent Taylor, Precious Thompson, Christy Wright

Absent-Excused: Blake Bostick, , Jessica Coker, Kelli Coleman, Jeremy Cook, Alicia Goodson, JeLisa McGee, Robert Metzger, Ryan Miller, Joanne Mitchell, EJ Presley, Cynthia Rimoldi, , Jacqueline Vinson, Deetra Wiley

Absent-Unexcused:

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order

The December Staff Council meeting was called to order by Gazel Giles at 10:30 AM, December 8, 2016.

A. Report from Meeting with the Chancellor

1. Supervisor evaluation – Gazel is following up with that.
2. FSLA – We are going to move forward with the plans to make changes even with the injunction. Gazel asked for anyone to email her if they have feedback on this.

B. Approval of October Minutes and November Treasurer's Report

1. October Minutes (we did not have a November meeting)
 - Motion to approve by Precious Thompson.
 - Seconded by Johnny Price.
 - The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Ev Barrett (ebarrett@olemiss.edu).
2. November Treasurer's Report
 - Motion to approve by Kara Parham.
 - 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 Months of November and December

- 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 Tish Mariano procurement and Susan Tyler financial aid.
- 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 November is Tish Mariano and December is Susan Tyler.

New Business

- A. Holiday Reception December 14

1. Gazel passed out a sign up sheet and has posters for members to put around campus.
 2. The Chancellor's office is funding treats from Holli's Sweet Tooth.
 3. Aramark will provide the food.
- B. Chancellor and Mrs. Vitter reception tonight
- C. Children of the Staff Scholarship
1. Gazel is updating the form.
 2. The balance is \$8,000
 3. Gazel is working with Donna Patton to give out five \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 per semester).
 4. We will need to have a fundraiser to replenish the fund.
 5. Gazel will appoint a scholarship committee to make the selection.
 6. We could get a list of eligible students in January.
- D. United Way fundraiser ideas
1. Ryan Miller is in the process of planning a fundraiser for this.
 2. Staff Council will participate.
- E. Undocumented students
1. Gazel has been meeting with campus administrators to discuss this issue.
 2. The upper administration does not want to send a letter of support for undocumented students. They feel that this would harm the undocumented students, not help them.
 3. JT Thomas sent Gazel a petition for Staff Council to sign but she did not sign on behalf of Staff Council.

Old Business

- A. University Senate update
1. There will be a meeting in January to continue discussions.
- B. Fall Exam Breakfast update
1. Sovent did a fantastic job!
 2. We gave out about 70 door prizes.
 3. The flyer did not have enough information – Aramark will fix this next time.
- C. Bylaws update
1. This committee met and will propose changes in the spring.
 2. Gazel would like to update the roles of the executive committee members.
- D. Childcare update
1. Kelly has heard that we are hiring a current employee as a half-time fellow who has fundraising experience.
 2. This individual will start on January 1st.
 3. Afterschool care is also a possibility. Tony Ammeter (Outreach) may begin a pilot program soon.
- E. Masco Meeting update
1. Deetra and Gazel attended the meeting at MSU last month.

2. Each school provided a powerpoint presentation.

F. Contextualization committee update

1. This committee has made recommendations for the Chancellor to consider.

Committee Updates

A. Parking committee update – Sovent Taylor

1. The parking garage spaces will be lowered to \$400 annually.
2. Metered parking at old athletics, next to Turner
3. All American Drive will be closed from the Pavilion to Coulter.
4. New 7 story garage will open in Fall 2017.

Meeting adjourned 11:37 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Facilities Management Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on January 11, 2017.