The University of Mississippi  Staff Council  Minutes of Meeting
November 21, 2013  Physical Plant Conference Room

Present:
Ashley Smith Baker, Pauline Beard, Eric Blakely, Kristina Boggan, Joey Brent, Kim Chestman, Missy Downey, Paul Goolsby, Carl Hill, Jamie Irby, Natcha Knight-Evans, Jeff McManus, Kara Parham, Felisa Redmond, Pamela Smith, Patricia Stewart, Sovent Taylor, Jacqueline Vinson

Absent-Excused:
Premlatha Balachandran, Jessica Coker, Judy Hart Forester, Alicia Goodson, Sheila Goolsby, Valerie Haynes, Kelly Houston, Robert Metzger, Ginger Parham, Raymus Purnell, Amanda Walker, Nicki Weaver

Absent-Unexcused:

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order: The November Staff Council meeting was called to order by Natcha Knight-Evans at 10:31 AM, November 21, 2013.
- Changes:
  - 2 members have resigned due medical reasons
    - Dawn Jeter
    - Johnette Taylor
  - Since there are no alternates for these two positions the Executive Council will meet to decide if we want to contact Human Resources to select a staff member within that EEO Category
  - Natcha is back in Registrar’s Office – Direct Number 1789

Update on Meeting with Chancellor:
- Holiday Events
  - Thanksgiving Luncheon
  - December 19 Holiday Breakfast
- PPD Issue
  - If staff members feel like they have been mistreated or any there are any other issues contact your direct supervisor
  - You may also contact the RIF Board
- MASCO (Mississippi Association of Staff Council Officers)
  - Attended by Natcha Knight-Evans, Carl Hill, Amanda Walker
    - USM, Hattiesburg, MS – October 29-30, 2013
    - Will travel to a different campus each year
    - Chancellor offered to host
  - Pay Increases
    - Chancellor is hoping to provide a raise (not guaranteed)
  - Parking
    - Losing 150 parking spaces for construction of parking garage
    - Will lose 450 spaces but gain 850 once garage is built
    - Parking permits are still lower here than any other university

Approval of October Minutes:
- Motion to approve by Sovent Taylor
- Seconded by Joey Brent
The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Kristi Boggan (kboggan@olemiss.edu).
**Approval of August Treasurers Report**
- Motion to approve by Joey Brent
- Seconded by Sovent Taylor

The treasurer report will be sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be sent to Kelly Houston (kbhousto@olemiss.edu).

**Nominations for Staff Member of the Month for September:**
- Ballot nominations are taken from the Staff Council website, through staff member emails.
- In selecting a Staff Member of the Month, the Staff Council voted on the nominees and declared that the September Staff Member of the Month is *Cindy Remald*.

**New Business:**
- Holiday Luncheon
  - Volunteers still needed for various shifts
  - Lift Every Voice Award Nominations need to be sent to Val Ross or if before December 10 send to Lindsey Wright (lwright2@go.olemiss.edu)
  - No Final Exam Breakfast this year due to limited space

Old Business
- Adopt-A-Basket
  - Staff Council donated 2 baskets
  - Over 460 families serviced

**Committee Updates/Reports:**
- Natcha will send out emails regarding Staff Council committees letting us know who all is on what committee
- Ashley Smith Baker attended the Standing Committee for Accessibility
  - 3 Sub Committees
    - IT
    - Awareness
    - Physical Aspect (Denny Buchanan)
  - Will send us information regarding this committee

- Staff Appreciation
  - May 12-16, 2014

**Announcements:**
- Landscaping Services – National Award for Excellence
- Books and Bears
  - Jackie Vinson will send info to Natcha

**Meeting adjourned 10:53 A.M.**

Next meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes recorded by Kristi Boggan.