

Present:

Ashley Smith Baker, Pauline Beard, Eric Blakely, Kristina Boggan, Joey Brent, Kim Chrestman, 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:

Premalatha 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:
 - o 2 members have resigned due medical reasons
 - Dawn Jeter
 - Johnette Taylor
 - o 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
 - o Natcha is back in Registrar's Office – Direct Number 1789

Update on Meeting with Chancellor:

- Holiday Events
 - o Thanksgiving Luncheon
 - o December 19 Holiday Breakfast
- PPD Issue
 - o If staff members feel like they have been mistreated or any there are any other issues contact your direct supervisor
 - o You may also contact the RIF Board
- MASCO (Mississippi Association of Staff Council Officers)
 - o 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
 - o Pay Increases
 - Chancellor is hoping to provide a raise (not guaranteed)
 - o 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 Remaldi*

New Business:

- Holiday Luncheon
 - o Volunteers still needed for various shifts
 - o 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)
 - o No Final Exam Breakfast this year due to limited space

Old Business

- Adopt-A-Basket
 - o Staff Council donated 2 baskets
 - o 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
 - o 3 Sub Committees
 - IT
 - Awareness
 - Physical Aspect (Denny Buchanan)
 - o Will send us information regarding this committee
- Staff Appreciation
 - o May 12-16, 2014

Announcements:

- Landscaping Services – National Award for Excellence
- Books and Bears
 - o 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.