

**Present:**

Ashley Smith Baker, Premalatha Balachandran, Pauline Beard, Kristina Boggan, Joey Brent, Kim Chrestman, Jessica Coker, Missy Downey, Judy Hart Forester, Alicia Goodson, Paul Goolsby, Sheila Goolsby, Valerie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Natcha Knight-Evans, Jeff McManus, Kara Parham, Ginger Patterson, Patricia Stewart, Sovent (Suave) Taylor, Amanda Walker, Nicki Weaver

**Absent-Excused:**

Eric Blakely, Shannon Dixon, Jamie Irby, Dawn Jeter, Robert Metzger, Raymus Purnell, Felisa Redmond, Pamela Smith, Johnette Taylor, Jacqueline Vinson

**Absent-Unexcused:**

**Roll call:** (Sign-in sheet)

**Call to Order:** The September Staff Council meeting was called to order by Natcha Knight-Evans at 10:34 AM, October 17, 2013.

**Update on Meeting with Chancellor:**

- Laramie Project Incident
  - o Town Hall Meeting scheduled with actors and audience involved
- Cross walk needed at Jackson Avenue and Fraternity Row
- Concerns regarding University Band playing Dixie at games
  - o Chancellor stated that Band can play the version that they played

**Approval of September Minutes:**

- Motion to approve by Jessica Coker
- 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](mailto:kboggan@olemiss.edu)).

**Approval of August Treasurers Report**

- Motion to approve by Sovent Taylor
- Seconded by Amanda Walker

The treasurer report will be sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be sent to Kelly Houston ([kbhousto@olemiss.edu](mailto: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 *Denise Hill*

**New Business:**

- Kevin Cozart email asking to support the LGBTQ
  - o Since Staff Council would not meet before the deadline, Natcha forwarded the email to each individual Staff Council member so that they could decide if they support this on an individual basis
- Valerie Ross asking Staff Council to support the Huddle up for Babies campaign for the March of Dimes. T-shirts are \$20 each.
- Amanda Walker – “Everybody’s Tent” in need of volunteers for the November 16 game versus Troy
- Amanda Walker – Volunteers are still needed for Thanksgiving Meal on November 27
  - o 4 people per shift needed: 6:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM

**Committee Updates/Reports:**

- Information Technology Committee (Missy Downey) met. This committee accepts requests from different departments on campus requesting upgraded technology in classrooms. Out of \$267,000 requests, a little less than half was approved. Majority of the classrooms approved for upgrades were in the following buildings: Brevard, Coulter, Croft, Farley
- Lecture Series (Carl Hill) met. This committee offers financial assistance to departments and organizations that are bringing speakers or different events to campus. Request forms are available.

**Announcements:**

- Adopt-A-Basket
- October 29-30 – Mississippi Association of Staff Council Organizations (MASCO) Conference will be held at the University of Southern Mississippi. Several of our officers will be in attendance and will meet with representatives from other universities.
- Terry Kitchens is in rehab. Still have some numbness and trouble walking but is in PT and doing very well.
- Street lights on Hwy 6 and Old Taylor Road are out.

**Meeting adjourned 11:00 A.M.**

Next meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes recorded by Kristi Boggan.