The University of Mississippi
Staff Council  Minutes of Meeting
August 14, 2014  Physical Plant Conference Room

Present:
Premalatha Balanchandran, Kristina Boggan, Jessica Coker, Gazel Giles, Shellie Harrison, Valerie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Jamie Irby, Natcha Knight-Evans, Kara Parham, Sovent Taylor, Christy Cox White

Absent-Excused:
Judy Hart Forester, Jeff McManus, Robert Metzger, Jean Munson, Felisa Redmond

Absent-Unexcused:

Roll call:  (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order:  The August Staff Council meeting was called to order by Carl Hill at 10:32 AM, August 14, 2014

Meeting with the Chancellor:
- Update on Parking Garage – will be complete by January 2015
- Parking Decals
- Textbook Scholarship Report
  - Very excited that we have so many staff members furthering their education
- Post Office Closed
  - Address will stay the same
- LGBTQ Committee
  - Partner Benefits and Plus 1 Benefits for Staff Members
- New Initiatives
  - Student of Staff Scholarship – more funding
  - More events for staff throughout the year (besides Staff Appreciation)

Approval of July Minutes:
- Motion to approve by Sovent Taylor
- Seconded by Jessica Coker
The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Kristi Boggan (kboggan@olemiss.edu).

Approval of July Treasurers Report
- Motion to approve by Jamie Irby
- Seconded by Kara Parham
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 July:
- 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 July Staff Member of the Month is Clara Rock.
**New Business:**
- Clarification in discount for Season Tickets Discount
- Parking Issues
  - No reported Faculty/Staff issues with decal purchases

**Old Business:**
- MASCO
  - Initiatives still being lobbied or discussed:
    - Change IHL Policy to allow two free classes at 8 sister universities
    - Allow 50% discount for children at all 8 sister institutions

**Committee Updates/Reports**
- Sign-up Sheets still available for the following committees
  - Public Relations and Marketing Committee
  - Staff Appreciation Committee
  - Elections Committee
  - Fundraising Committee
  - Hospitality Committee

**Announcements**
- Group photo will be taken at next meeting

**Meeting adjourned 10:59 A.M.**

Next meeting: Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Kristi Boggan.