

**Present:**

Premalatha Balachandran, Kristina Boggan, Judy Forester, Gazel Giles, Valerie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Jamie Irby, Natcha Knight-Evans, Jeff McManus, Kara Parham, Sovent Taylor

**Absent-Excused:**

Donna Berryhill, Martina McBride, Terrance Brown, Jessica Coker, Shannon Dixon, Alicia Goodson, Robert Metzger, Jean Munson, Raymus Purnell, Felisa Redmond, Patricia Stewart, Christy Cox White

**Absent-Unexcused:**

Pauline Beard, Eric Blakely, Bryan Davis

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

**Call to Order:** The February Staff Council meeting was called to order by Carl Hill at 10:31 AM, February 12, 2015

**Meeting with the Chancellor:**

- Met with Provost
  - o Update on Chancellor
    - Is doing really great
    - Responding extremely well to treatment
    - Should return on a part-time basis in April
    - Hopefully return full time by Commencement
  - o Construction on Campus
    - Parking Garage
      - Waiting on seismic test
      - No official date for opening
    - Other Construction
      - Pavilion and new dorms on schedule
      - Project Coordinator hired to oversee construction

**Approval of January Minutes:**

- Motion to approve by Judy Forester
- Seconded by Valerie Haynes

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 January Treasurers Report**

- Motion to approve by Sovent Taylor
- Seconded by Jamie Irby

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 February:**

- 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 February Staff Member of the Month is Mary King.

### **Old Business:**

- Childcare on campus
  - Kelly and Carl met with Faculty Senate
    - Faculty Senate definitely in favor of childcare on campus
    - Discussed Paternity and Maternity Leave
    - Passed resolutions
    - Will discuss further in March meeting
  
- MASCO
  - Dr. Hanks Bounds announced that he is leaving
    - Accepted a position at University of Nebraska
  - Will continue to push for tuition waivers to attend other sister institutions
  - Carl and Natcha will attend MASCO meeting on March 3 at Delta State University
  - Hoping to have representative from State Insurance plan
  - Provost does support the tuition waiver
  
- Staff Council Elections
  - 21 spots available
    - 7 in Category 3
    - 8 in Category 4
    - 1 in Category 5
    - 1 in Category 6
    - 4 in Category 7
  - Received 9 nominations
    - 5 in Category 3
    - 2 in Category 4
    - 2 in Category 7
  - Reopening nominations and voting
    - Need to come up with more creative ways to get information about nominations and elections
    - Need to encourage all employees to participate and vote
    - Will keep current nominees and votes cast
  
- Staff Scholarship Amendment Proposal
  - Will vote in March meeting
  - PT Employee eligibility
  - FT will still get 1<sup>st</sup> priority

### **Committee Updates**

- Chancellor Standing Committee Updates
  - Parking and Transportation

- Residential Area Parking Garage idea has been scrapped due to cost
  - 900 students have been displaced for this coming fall due to new dorms
  - Committee has been created to come up with ideas
    - Whirlpool area – 24 hour shuttle service
  - Reminder that we will have another semester of growing pains
  - Shelters on Gold Route will be getting ETA signs
    - Waiting on electricity
  - Some meters at Grille/Manning Center removed
    - Spots turned to Faculty/Staff
    - Possible relocation to front of Martindale
  - Visitor spots on Circle will remain Visitor Pass only
- Strategic Planning Committee
    - Still no resolution about PPD Building
    - Wants Staff Council to spearhead an amendment to our bylaws to help a Faculty/Staff disaster victim

**Meeting adjourned 11:05 A.M.**

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Kristi Boggan.