

Present:

Kristina Boggan, Jessica Coker, Gazel Giles, Valerie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Jamie Irby, Kara Parham, Patricia Stewart, Sovent Taylor

Absent-Excused:

Premalatha Balachandran, Martina Brewer, Judy Hart Forester, Shellie Harrison, Jeff McManus, Robert Metzger, Jean Munson, Felisa Redmond, Christy Cox White

Absent-Unexcused:

Pauline Beard, Donna Berryhill, Eric Blakely, Terrance Brown, Bryan Davis, Shannon Dixon, Alicia Goodson, Natcha Knight-Evans, Raymus Purnell

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order: The January Staff Council meeting was called to order by Carl Hill at 10:30 AM, January 8, 2015

Meeting with the Chancellor:

- Executive Council will meet with Provost next week

Approval of December Minutes:

- Motion to approve by Kelly Houston
- Seconded by Sovent Taylor

The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Kristi Boggan (kboggan@olemiss.edu).

Approval of December Treasurers Report

- Motion to approve by Patricia Stewart
- 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 January:

- 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 January Staff Member of the Month is Walter Flaschka.

Old Business:

- Childcare on campus
 - o Carl, Kelly and Gazel met with Nina Jones
 - Received some good and not so good information
 - Researching alternative ways to provide childcare

- Season Tickets
 - o Possibility of extending the length of payroll deduction
 - o This is not up to HR but will need to come from the higher powers to be

- MASCO
 - o Dr. Glenn Boyce is looking into three issues before pushing this through
 - Financial Implications
 - Designed only for degrees not offered at the employees current institution
 - Create a pilot program or a policy change necessary
 - Should know something for the February meeting

New Business:

- Staff Council Elections
 - o Nominations will be the week of February 2-6
 - o Elections will be the week of February 9-13
 - o Stations will be set up at PPD
 - o Elections Committee will need to meet

Announcements/Concerns

- Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Community Engagement
 - o Applications are being accepted
 - o Provost has asked employees to actively recruit

- Holiday Reception
 - o Had a good turn out
 - o CD's still available for employees that were unable to attend

- OMBUDSMAN
 - o Applications are being accepted

Meeting adjourned 10:59 A.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Kristi Boggan.