

Present:

Pauline Beard, Donna Berryhill, Jessica Coker, Judy Hart Forester, Gazel Giles, Alicia Goodson, Shellie Harrison, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Jamie Irby, Natcha Knight-Evans, Jean Munson, Kara Parham, Felisa Redmond, Patricia Stewart, Sovent Taylor, Amanda Walker, Christy Cox White

Absent-Excused:

Premalatha Balachandran, Eric Blakely, Kristina Boggan, Martina Brewer, Bryan Davis, Jeff McManus, Robert Metzger, Raymus Parnell

Absent-Unexcused:

Terrance Brown, Shannon Dixon, Valerie Haynes

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order: The June Staff Council meeting was called to order by Natcha Knight-Evans at 10:30 AM, June 12, 2014

Guest Speaker: Richard from Ole Miss Dining

- New structure of meal plans for Faculty/Staff
- 3 basic block plans
 - o 25 Meals - \$185 (\$7.40 per meal) – payroll deducted over 2 pay periods
 - o 50 Meals - \$350 (\$7.00 per meal) – payroll deducted over 2 or 4 pay periods
 - o 100 Meals - \$675 (\$6.75 per meal) payroll deducted over 2 or 4 pay periods
- Available Stations
 - o Pizza and Pasta Station
 - o Salad Station/Allergy Sensitive Station (Nut free/Gluten Free, etc.)
 - o Comfort Station
 - o Flavor Fusion Café
 - o Stir Fry Station
 - o Sushi Station
 - o Bakery Station
 - o Grill Station
 - o Deli Station
- To Go Options
 - o Reusable container available for approximately \$5.00
- Sustainability Goal is to be a zero consumer waste facility in 3-5 years

- Questions:
- Will there be any diabetic dessert options available?
 - o Most likely will be available at the Allergy Station
- Will we still be able to use our meal plan for guests?
 - o It should still work the same as it has in the past.

Meeting with the Chancellor:

- Faculty Senate has proposed an amendment to the Smoking Policy to include smokeless tobacco and E-Cigs (including vaporizers).
 - o Be supportive and aware of issue
 - o Do not speak with the press without going through the President of Staff Council
- Mail Center moving to Crosby
 - o Office mail will still be handled by Campus Mail
 - o No exact details available as of meeting
- Possible increase in pay
 - o Not publicized
 - o We do not rely on legislature for increases as other schools do
 - We receive ours due to increases in enrollment and in our retention rate
 - Our retention rate is approximately 12 points higher than other schools

President Update (Natcha Knight-Evans):

- Thankful for the opportunity to meet staff that would not normally meet
- Fortunate to not have to deal with hard issue this year (except for closing of Post Office)
- Appreciative of all the support
- Please continue support for Carl as President
- Get involved with other organizations across campus
- Do not be afraid to voice your opinion
- No update on zip code as the Post Office is still in flux

Approval of May Minutes:

- Motion to approve by Jessica Coker
- Seconded by majority vote

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

Approval of May Treasurers Report

- Motion to approve by Jessica Coker
- Seconded by majority vote

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 May:

- 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 March Staff Member of the Month is Evan Williams

New Business:

Reintroduction of Staff Council Executive Officers for 2014-2015

President: Carl Hill

President Elect: Sovent Taylor

Secretary: Kristi Boggan

Treasurer: Kelly Houston

Textbook Scholarship Coordinator: Premalatha Balachandran

Communications and Marketing Coordinator: Kara Parham

President-Elect Update (Carl Hill):

- PPD Conference Room is not available for normal meeting time
 - o Carl would like to move meetings to the 2nd Thursday of the month in order to keep it at PPD Conference Room
- Initiatives for upcoming year
 - o Focus on service
 - Hard to get things done alone
 - Really good to build relations with other organizations on campus (i.e. Faculty Senate)
 - Encourage members to join other committees on campus

COMPASS

- Natcha was contacted concerning COMPASS
- Human Resources took this over last year but has not done much with it
- This project is extremely time consuming for those involved

Staff Appreciation

- Attendance for Events
 - o Jeff McManus Presentation – 31
 - o Jump and Juice – 28
 - o Aqua Aerobics – 15
 - o Plant Swap – 39
 - o Yoga and Yogurt – 54 registers (74 showed up)
 - o Karaoke – 13
 - o Basketball – 6 teams
 - o Bingo – 104
 - o Luncheon – 1,094
 - o \$92 raised for Children of Staff Scholarship Fund
- Thank your staff for all their help and attendance
- Be thinking of ideas for next year
 - o RebelMarket interested in hosting again
 - o New t-shirt design already in the works
 - o Someone suggested possibly having Golf for next year (4 man or 2 man scramble, Cart path only)
 - o Opening up tennis courts for possible tournament
 - o Bunko Tournament
- Amanda challenged Staff Council to come up with additional ideas for yearly socials with staff
 - o End of year Christmas Social

Standing Committee Updates/Reports:

- Parking and Transportation
 - o Increase in Faculty/Staff Decals
 - \$140 for Faculty/Staff Parking
 - \$70 for Park and Ride
 - o No date set for ordering
- OMBUDSMAN – Sovent Taylor
 - o Recommendations sent to Chancellor and position has been approved
 - o Search will begin in the fall

Meeting adjourned 11:22 A.M.

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

Minutes prepared by Kristi Boggan.