The University of Mississippi  
Staff Council  
Minutes of Meeting  
June 12, 2014  
Physical Plant Conference Room

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).
  - Be supportive and aware of issue
  - Do not speak with the press without going through the President of Staff Council
- Mail Center moving to Crosby
  - Office mail will still be handled by Campus Mail
  - No exact details available as of meeting
- Possible increase in pay
  - Not publicized
  - 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.