

**Present:**

Evana Barrett, Kristina Boggan, Martina Brewer, Jessica Coker, Melissa Downey, Judy Hart Forester, Gazel Giles, Shellie Harrison, Valerie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Natcha Knight-Evans, Joanne Mitchell, Michael Moseley, Jean Munson, Cynthia Rimoldi, Johnette Taylor, Sovent Taylor

**Absent-Excused:**

Premalatha Balachandran, Kelli Coleman, Alicia Goodson, Jamie Irby, Jeff McManus, Robert Metzger, Kara Parham, Pam Smith

**Absent-Unexcused:**

Judy Hart Forester, Earl (EJ) Presley, Christy Cox White

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

**Call to Order:** The May Staff Council meeting was called to order by Carl Hill at 10:40 AM, May 1, 2015

**Approval of April Minutes:**

- Motion to approve by Cynthia Rimoldi
- Seconded by Natcha Knight-Evans

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)).

**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 May Staff Member of the Month is Matt Klow

**Staff Council Officer Elections:**

- President Elect – Johnette Taylor
- Secretary – Missy Downing
- Treasurer – Kristi Boggan
- Textbook Scholarship Coordinator – Gazel Giles
- Marketing Coordinator – Kara Parham

**New Business:**

- Smoking Attestation and State Law
  - o In February, it was announced that anyone who smoked would be charged a \$50 a month surcharge for their insurance.
  - o March 23 a bill was passed and the Governor signed into law that is was illegal to charge any groups involved with the State of Mississippi Insurance plan a surcharge.

- Cessation programs still available
- If you know someone who is battling with quitting or thinking of quitting, point them to the Health Center or the MS Health Insurance website
- Outstanding Team Service Award
  - New annual award – Daniel W. Jones, MD Team Service Award
  - Each team member will receive a plaque and a plaque will be placed in the Union along with the other Outstanding plaques

**Old Business:**

- Staff Appreciation Week
  - Sign up sheets for Staff Appreciation Week events available
    - Still need lots of volunteers
  - Donor List available
    - Solicitation letters available for donors for tax purposes
    - Keep list of donations you receive
  - May is National Bike Month
  - Activities
    - Monday
      - Lecture by Jeff McManus
      - Walk/Yoga from Lyceum to Manning Center with Athletic Staff
      - Maintenance Monday for Bike Mechanics
    - Tuesday
      - Zumba in the Grove (Rain Location TBD)
      - Bike to Lunch at Noon
      - Aqua Aerobics
      - Blood Drive
    - Wednesday
      - Music and Meditation – Paris Yates Chapel
      - Belly Dancing
      - Blood Drive
    - Thursday
      - Yoga and Yogurt
      - Plant Swap
      - Aqua Aerobics
    - Friday
      - Bike to work day
      - Awards Ceremony
        - 25+ year recipients will be on stage
      - Lunch – Rebel Market
      - Afternoon Activities
        - Field Day
        - Bingo
        - Basketball Tournament
        - Karaoke

### Committee Updates:

- Sensitivity and Respect Committee
  - o Chancellor was very open with the committee
  - o Committee felt like the work that they had done is what had led to the IHL Board to not renew his contract.
  - o A lot of the changes that came about on campus came from recommendations made by the committee.
  - o Chancellor was very open about the fact that we have a very conservative climate in Mississippi
  - o A lot of alumni and people from outside the University had problems with the changes being made and they did voice their concerns.
  - o Update on Chancellor and IHL Board
    - Carl has tried to contact incoming Commissioner Dr. Boyce but has not heard back from him.
    - Michael Barnett from Faculty Senate has tried to contact him also
    - Chancellor advised both Carl and Michael to keep on the IHL Board and especially Dr. Boyce to make sure that when the search does begin that there will be some input from Faculty and Staff here.
    - There will be a committee selected from the Faculty, Staff, and Students along with alumni
    - The IHL Board has the right to make a decision on their own on who the final candidate is
    - There is a small community push, since it is an election year, to put pressure on our elected officials to bring about legislation within our state legislature to reform not only the way IHL Board members are picked but to shorten their terms.
  
- Parking and Transportation Services
  - o Prices for new hang tags has been released
    - Reserved Faculty/Staff - \$750
    - Pavilion Garage - \$550 for a reserved spot
    - Faculty/Staff Regular - \$160
    - Staff Low Option - \$80
    - Retiree - \$60
    - Motorcycle - \$80
    - Commuter - \$150
    - Residential - \$200
    - Park and Ride - \$75
    - Daily Visitor - \$3
    - Monthly Visitor - \$45
    - Annual Visitor - \$200
    - Satellite Residential - \$100
      - Repurposing the Whirlpool lot into Residential Overflow
  - o There was a discussion concerning student safety of the lot
  - o Will be payroll deducted over 9 months

**Announcements:**

- New member polo shirts are available
- Name tags are available

**Meeting adjourned 11:19 A.M.**

Next meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 10:30 AM, Physical Plant Conference Room

Minutes prepared by Kristi Boggan.