

The University of Mississippi

Minutes of Meeting December 2, 2009

Staff Council

PPD Conference Room

Present: Prema Balachandran, Holly Bethune, Debbie Bishop, Lisa Bishop, Karinlee Brister, Carol Bullard, Dawn Bullion, Mark Camarigg, Jessica Coker, Sandra Cox-McCarty, Tiffany Edwards, Mark Garneau, Angie Gurner, Shellie Harrison, Chad Hunter, Gwen Hutchins, Natcha Knight-Evans, Elaine Little, Jane Michelletti, Erin Miller, Julius Minor, Stephanie Mitchell, Johnny Price, Anita Randle, Neal Sellers, Johnette Taylor Jenkins, Ryan Upshaw, Jacqueline Vinson

Absent-Excused: Dotty Baker, Stan Fortner, Alicia Goodson, Marla Holcomb, MaryAnn Kerr, Valerie Moncrief, Patti Mooney, Patricia Oswalt, Paula Park, Benita Whitehorn

Absent-Unexcused: Shelia Goolsby

Call to order: Johnette called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m. Johnette asked, however, for everyone to go ahead and get their food and drinks then will start the meeting for those who will need to leave early.

Minutes: November minutes approved by consensus

Treasurer's Report: Dotty Baker will have the December Treasurer's Report ready for the January meeting. The Staff Council will approve three reports (October, November, and December) at the January meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- a) Stephanie Mitchell has the minutes up on the website—Good Job! The roster is about two-thirds finished. Please review and make sure everything is correct. If not contact Stephanie with correct information. She is still working on the website and changes are coming slowly.
- b) United Way Campaign will end on Friday, Dec. 4th, with a breakfast fundraiser in the Union. \$5 for all you can eat from 7:30-9:30
- c) Exam Breakfast will be Tuesday, Dec. 8th, from 9-11 p.m. in the JC cafeteria. If you have not already volunteered to work at this event, please contact Marla Holcomb.

New Business:

- a) The Executive Board met with the Chancellor. The meeting was short and they discussed the upcoming events where he will be making appearances. The executive officers thanked the Chancellor for hosting the Thanksgiving lunch this year and for allowing staff to go home early.
- b) Committee Reports
 - Staff Appreciation Committee has held their first meeting and decided to keep all of the same events and designated Staff Council members to be in charge of each event. More information will be coming from this committee on how representatives can help.

- Hospitality Committee--Debbie Bishop reported that the Hospitality Committee met and the holiday reception is scheduled for Dec. 15th from 9-10:30 in Bryant Hall. In order to save on printing, only flyers will be printed for departments to post and a mass email invitation will be sent to staff.
- c) Standing Committee Report
 - Chancellor Standing Committee—No report
- d) Outstanding Staff Member for November – The outstanding staff member for November is Heather Chance. She is an Administrative Coordinator II for the School of Accountancy and will be given a certificate and coupon for the Commons for this honor. She was nominated by Erin Miller.
- e) Books & Bears Program--Jackie Vinson and Sandra Cox-McCarty told the Staff Council about the upcoming Books & Bears program. This program takes donations of books & bears and money for the University service workers to benefit with gifts for their children and grandchildren for Christmas. The program/reception will take place in the Union on Dec. 18th from 10:00-noon

Announcements/Concerns

- a) Staff Council Representative of the Month is Julius Minor. The council thanks Julius for all of his hard work as our photographer.
- b) Adopt-a-basket--Johnette reported that the Adopt-a-Basket program in November was a success. 247 baskets were distributed and Staff Council donated two of those baskets
- c) Hard workers for November--Johnette reported that Natcha, Patricia, Benita, Prema, Tiffany, Shellie, Julius and Anita helped the Chancellor as hosts for the Thanksgiving lunch.
- d) Next meeting: January 6th at 2:30 p.m. Lyceum 200. Guest speaker will be Dr. Daniel Jones, Chancellor.
- e) Johnette told the council about a committee that has been formed on short notice to create a document that will give “guiding principles” to the administration regarding budget cuts for the future. This committee includes Dotty, Ryan, Johnette, Shellie, Marla, Tiffany, Stan, Erin, Mark Camarigg, Jackie, Sandra, Natcha, Julius, MaryAnn, and Benita. The document is due to the Chancellor on Dec. 18th. Johnette will email a copy of it once it is completed to Staff Council.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next meeting: January 6th at 2:30 p.m. Lyceum 200