

The University of Mississippi
Minutes of the Meeting June 06, 2007

Staff Council
Bryant Hall

Present: James Akey, Dotty Baker, Julie Baker, Pam Barefield, Debbie Binkley, Debbie Bishop, Rachel Bost, Brenda Brannan, Dennis Bullard, Johnette Carwyle, Kevin Cozart, Jonathan Harrington, Shellie Harrison, Chris Ann Harwell, Sam Johnson, Nina Jones, Ron Kitchens, Priscilla Melton, Ardesa Minor, Patti Mooney, Paula Park, Randall Pinion, Deborah Purnell, Laurie Richlovsky, Patricia Stewart, and Benita Whitehorn

Excused: Gwen Hutchins, Diane Tredway, and Timothy Woodard

Unexcused: Robert Bishop, Marla Holcomb, Johnny Logan, Susan Morris, Jennifer Phillips, Jay Plunk, and Kim Dixon Russell.

Call to Order: President Ron Kitchens called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: The May minutes were approved no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: There were expenditures in Contractual Services in the amount of \$1.17 for mail services, \$320.00 for Outstanding Staff Member's plaques, and \$218.00 for PPD setups for Staff Appreciation events.

There were expenditures in Commodities in the amount of \$839.40 for the gifts for employees with 30 years of service, \$145.12 for plaques for the Outstanding Staff Members, \$83.75 for photography for the Staff Awards Ceremony, \$17.51 for office supply for the Staff Council, \$132.95 for the printing of the Exam Breakfast fliers, and \$587.42 for printing for Staff Appreciation events.

In the General Fund there were expenditures in the amount of \$9,494.54 for Textbook Scholarships Purchases.

The Treasurer's report was approved without any corrections.

Committee Reports:

- A. The Staff Council members volunteered for the University Standing Committees they wish to serve on.
- B. Staff Council --Ron Kitchens thanked everyone for their work in making the Staff Appreciation a success. He wanted especially thank Debbie Binkley and Dotty Baker. Debbie asked that everyone offer ideas for improvements for next year as well as asked for feedback on any comments made by University employees.
- C. Insurance & Retirement Committee – Priscilla Melton reported that the University is planning to offer a vision plan. She also reported that the vesting period for University employees' retirement program has changed from 4 years to 8 years. This goes into effect for employees hired after July 1, 2007.
- D. Website and Public Relations Committee – Kevin Cozart reported that he and Deborah Purnell will co-chair this committee as it will be a combined committee. They are in the process of updating the web site.

Old Business:

A. By Laws- Ardessa Minor reported that the committee has put together a draft to be provided for staff members approval at the next meeting. They have found the history of staff council to be included as well as upgraded existing items. The new draft will give a fresh look without any unnecessary changes.

B. Traffic- The Chancellor has expressed his desire for Ole Miss to become a walking campus with the use of shuttle buses. In the future, there will be University Town Meetings held for input on solutions to solving traffic issues.

C. Energy Conservation – Encourage conservation of energy by turning off lights when leaving the office.

D. Staff Appreciation went well as was reported by Debbie Binkley and Dotty Baker.

E. Executive council positions were recognized for the 2007-2008 year:

President	Debbie Binkley
President-elect	Shellie Harrison
Past President	Ron Kitchens
Secretary	Priscilla Melton
Treasurer	Rachel Bost
Textbook Scholarship Administrator	Pam Barefield

New Business: 1

A. Standing Committee Assignments were made by asking for volunteers to sign up for these positions. These positions take effect August 15, 2007.

B. Staff council name tags have been ordered for new members.

C. Passing the gavel – The official gavel has been passed to Debbie Binkley incoming staff council President by Ron Kitchens outgoing president.

Announcements:

Ron Kitchens announced the Staff Council Members of the month – Debbie Binkley and Dotty Baker.

Concerns:

There were no concerns at this time.

The next meeting will be July 11, 2007 in a location TBD, at 10:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

/s/ Debbie Binkley, President

/s/ Shellie Harrison, President-Elect

/s/ Priscilla Melton, Secretary