

The University of Mississippi
Minutes of the Meeting October 3, 2007

Staff Council
The Memory House

Present: James Akey, Dotty Baker, Julie Baker, Pam Barefield, Debbie Binkley, Debbie Bishop, Rachel Bost, Brenda Brannan, Dennis Bullard, Johnette Carwyle, Kevin Cozart, Tiffany Edwards, Jonathan Harrington, Shellie Harrison, Marla Holcomb, Gwen Hutchins, Sam Johnson, Nina Jones, Ron Kitchens, Johnny Logan, Priscilla Melton, Patti Mooney, Perry Myrick, Randall Pinion, Deborah Purnell, Kim Russell, Patricia Stewart, Diane Tredway, Benita Whitehorn

Excused: Chris Ann Harwell, Timothy Woodard

Unexcused: Johnny Logan, Susan Morris, Jay Plunk, Melanie Wadkins

Call to Order: President Debbie Binkley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She introduced our guest speaker, Chief Jeffrey Van Slyke, with the University Police Department. Also, attending from UPD were Terri Kitchens and Linda Christian. Chief Van Slyke addressed a letter which had been submitted by the Staff Council in regards to the cost of parking decals when both husband and wife work on campus. He was not aware that employees were being charged \$120.00 for both to obtain decals. He assured the staff that he was having Terri Kitchens check the database for parking services to ensure all employees who paid the \$120.00 amount were credited back the additional \$50.00. The rate should have been \$60.00 for the first decal and \$10.00 for the second.

The matter of campus safety was another topic of discussion for Chief Van Slyke in which he assured the group “our campus was no less safe than Wal-Mart”. His suggestions were that everyone had to be aware of their surroundings. The matter of the issues surrounding the recent assaults on campus were touched on explaining the warnings are being sent out by email to assist in helping the UPD with catching predators. This method of submitting warnings in a timely manner helps to heighten awareness and can prove valuable in putting an end to situations.

Ron Kitchens asked if Parking Services had received a lot of complaints since Meek Hall parking lot and the lot behind the Union had been changed to staff parking. Linda Christian stated they had not received a lot of complaints. Julie Baker praised the UPD staff for the recent text message which was sent out in regards to the murder of the Ole Miss student. The link to sign up to receive this type of text message in the future is located on the main Ole Miss Homepage under the emergency link. The UPD also offers a Rebel Patrol program that will provide an escort to and from your vehicle when working late on campus.

Approval of Minutes: The September minutes were approved by general consensus.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report was approved by general consensus.

Committee Reports:

No committee reports were given. Debbie Binkley commented that she had received numerous emails in regards to committee meeting dates.

New Business:

The group photo was taken at the gazebo behind the Memory House.

Announcements/Concerns

A. Suggestion Box – Ron Kitchens reported that he moved the Staff Council Suggestion Box back to the Union from the Physical Plant.

B. Adopt-A-Basket program – Johnette Carwyle asked that everyone promote this program. The goal this year is 400 baskets.

C. Kevin Cozart announced that Staff Sergeant Eric Alva, the first American wounded in Iraq will be on campus November 8, 2007 to speak.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 with the next meeting scheduled for 10 a.m., November 7, 2007, location TBA.

/s/ Debbie Binkley, President

/s/ Shellie Harrison, President-Elect

/s/ Priscilla Melton, Secretary

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