

Present: Kristina Bogan, Jeffrey Boyd, Kim Chrestman, Jessica Coker, Missy Downey, Tiffany Edwards, Alicia Goodson, Paul Goolsby, Shelia Goolsby, Melinda Grimmert, Doug Gurley, Natcha Knight-Evans, Shelley McGraw, Paula Park, Ginger Patterson, Pamela Smith, Precious Thompson, Jacqueline Vinson, Amanda Walker, and Nicki Weaver .

Absent-Excused: Premalatha Balachandran, Joey Brent, Becky Drewrey, Carl Hill, Julius Minor, Patricia Oswalt, Lori Patton, Anita Randle, and Deetra Wiley.

Absent-Unexcused: Ryan Upshaw.

Call to Order: President Tiffany Edwards called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

Roll call: Sign-in sheet

Minutes: The February minutes were approved by consensus. The minutes were sent out via email and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Natcha Knight-Evans.

Treasurer's Report: The February report was approved by consensus. The treasurer's report was sent out via email and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Patricia Oswalt.

Unfinished Business: Staff members are concerned with payroll check that will be below 80 hours, and payroll variation regarding the semimonthly pay schedule. Tiffany was asked to contact Human Resources for additional information, no resolution yet.

New Business:

- A. Recognition of Staff Council Members that are rolling off: Paula Park, Becky Drewrey, Lori Patton (medical) and Anita Randle. We thank you for serving on Staff Council.
- B. Staff Appreciation Committee need volunteers, the volunteer sign up list will be available at the April 11, 2012 meeting. We will need the entire Staff Council's assistance to make Staff Appreciation Week successful.
- C. Employee of the month is Marlin Taylor. Marlin is employed with Mail Services as a Mail Clerk.

Committee Reports:

- A. Standing Committee Reports:
 - 1. International Programs is working on initiatives to provide activities that will allow international students to interact more with other students on campus. Recently, the International Student Organization sponsored the International Cultural Night. Ole Miss students, faculty, and staff from around the world were invited to the

event to show and share their traditions and cultures by showcasing their talents and interacting with each other.

Holiday housing is another issue for international students, some of the students are not financially prepared to move off campus during the time the university is closed. Department of Student Housing is working with the Chancellor's office to make provisions for students during the holiday. Also, the committee would like to secure space if international students are required to leave campus.

2. Traffic/Parking. During the meeting the issue that was discussed is to not allow freshmen to bring cars on campus during the first year and the response was no cars for freshmen on campus will equal to lower student enrollment.

B. Staff council committee reports:

1. Staff Appreciation is working to finalize the activities for the appreciation week (May 14, 2012 – May 18, 2012).
2. Election Committee was available online March 5 – 7, 2012. Over 100 people voted in the online election process at the time of the meeting. Staff was encouraged to promote the online election process in the departments after the Staff Council meeting. The committee would like to thank those that volunteered to work and set up tables.
3. COMPASS – participated at the health fair on 3/7/2012. The health fair is successful. The members also distributed pamphlets to attendees (staff and community members).

Announcements/Concerns:

1. Annual Staff Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2012, Chancellor Dan Jones will be the speaker. Location TBA.
2. Officers' nominations deadline is Monday, April 16, 2012, if you are nominating someone please gain permission of the staff member. The election will be held at the May 2012 meeting.
3. Email Tiffany if you have any suggestions for speakers for upcoming meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 1:30 PM, Room 200, Lyceum.

Minutes recorded by Natcha Knight-Evans.