

The University of Mississippi

Minutes of the Meeting April 5, 2006

Staff Council

Union 404 B

Present: James Akey, Dotty Baker, Debbie Binkley, David Blackmarr, Brenda Brannan, Joey Brent, Dennis Bullard, Nina Cheshier, Kim Chrestman, Mary Harrington, Shellie Harrison, Ron Kitchens, Cary Lee, Shannon Lovejoy, Ann Mason, Ardessa Minor, Susan Neal, Paula Park, Deidra Phillips, Randall Pinion, Amy Saxton, Patricia Stewart, and Timothy Woodard

Excused: Robert Bishop, Rachel Bost, Corrie Free, Jennifer McLain, Priscilla Melton, Patti Mooney, Jennifer Pardoe, Emily Smathers Ratliff, Laurie Richlovsky, and Karen Tuttle

Unexcused: Pam Barefield and Mae Johnson

Call to Order: President Joey Brent called the meeting to order at 2:30p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The March minutes were approved with no corrections.

Treasurers Report: Nina Cheshier reported expenditures in Contractual Services for Mail Services in the amount of \$2.34. Expenditures were reported in Commodities for Printing Services- ballots for outstanding staff members' elections for \$1,892.15 and donor cards for Staff Appreciation Day for \$64.64.

The treasurer's report was approved with no corrections.

Committee Reports: Debbie Binkley stated that the committees needed to meet to ensure that all plans were going according to schedule and to see what else needs to be done.

Brenda Brannan reported that the ballots for Outstanding Staff Member elections were ready to put in the envelopes and mailed.

The Staff Council will not be charged for the Blood Mobile services during Staff Appreciation Week.

Amy Saxton reported that the menu has been approved for the Staff Appreciation Lunch.

President Brent stated that the Staff Council should look into getting banners for Staff Appreciation Week to be hung in different areas around campus. Deidra Phillips has agreed to get information on this.

Ron Kitchens stated that several members of the staff band had conflicts for Staff Appreciation Day and requested that if anyone knew of a band or musician available to contact him at ccronk@olemiss.edu.

Old Business: There will be an election for Staff Council officers during the next Staff Council meeting. President Brent stated that he would send out e-mails for nominations.

Nina Cheshier stated that Chancellor Khayat was going to meet with the Executive Management Council to discuss any options concerning a childcare facility on campus.

Ron Kitchens reported that the Staff Council Calendar items would be divided into two groups. The first part would consist of things the Staff Council has done in the past, along with future events that will be printed on the Staff Council web site and the second part would consist of things that are of general public interest, to be posted on the Ole Miss Calendar.

New Business: New Business was discussed in Committee reports.

Announcements: Judy Fos resigned from Staff Council. President Brent read Judy Fos' letter of resignation. Delane

Horn has volunteered to help take up where Judy left regarding the prize committee.

Member of the Month for April is Dotty Baker.

Amy Saxton needs volunteers from 11a.m. to 1p.m. to collect meal tickets for the Staff Appreciation Lunch.

Concerns: President Brent addressed a concern about vision insurance. According to Human Resources, they have never had a great amount of interest campus wide on this issue, but they will continue to review policies on eye insurance and if they are able to find one that seems to make sense they will review it for possible implementation with the Fringe Benefits Committee.

President Brent also reported on the concern last month that the death of a grandparent-in-law would not be a covered leave under major medical leave for death of an immediate family member. President Brent stated that it is the State that sets these policies and not the University. The State Statue for this issue is 25-3-95.

President Brent reported he recently e-mailed the Physical Plant regarding the concern of parking around the Union area for faculty and staff members. In the past, faculty/staff were allowed to park on the outside perimeter of the Union Parking Lot. This was changed 2 years ago. The parking spaces along the outside perimeter of this lot are now zoned for residents of Terrace Area residence halls. A couple of signs along this area will be reposted to better indicate this change.

The next meeting will be May 03, 2006 in the Union 404.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

/s/ Joey Brent, President

/s/ Ron Kitchens, President-Elect

/s/ Paula Park, Secretary

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