

# Minutes of April 1, 1998 meeting

2:30 p.m., Union Room 405 A/B



## Present:

Julie Andrews, Michael Boone, Woodson Boyden, Connie Braseth, Amy Burrow, Onice Carter, Mary Chrestman, Thelma Curry, Sondra Davis, David Elmore, Judy Fos, Mary Harrington, Willie Hilliard, Floyd Klepzig, Theresa Knight, Barbara Leeton, Jonnie Manning, Traci Mitchell, Jerry Moore, Conny Parham, Lucienne Savell, Calvin Sellers, John Stone, Steve Stricker, Doug Stuart, Sherry Wall

## Excused:

Charlene Baker, Cynthia Baskett, Buster Clark, Donna Patton

## Unexcused:

David Blackmarr, Byron Buford, Dennis Bullard, Gloria Carothers, Alice Frison, Sue Hodge

1. Jonnie Manning called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. and apologized for not being able to attend the last meeting and welcomed all of the new members and thanked all of outgoing staff for their hard work. She also reminded the members of the attendance policy.
2. Jonnie announced the need for volunteers for two committees that will be looking at the use/misuse/abuse for campus mail and telephone services. These people volunteered:  
Campus Mail - Judy Fos and Jerry Moore  
Telephone Services - Traci Mitchell and Conny Parham
3. Process re-engineering update: Per phone call with Rex Deloach. "We are currently working through the report from the Operating Group. It will probably be another 30 days before we go through all their recommendations and make a decision about what we will do. The only decision that has already been made is to begin immediate migration away from our current computer legacy systems to more up-to-date client-server systems."
4. Nominations for upcoming officer elections. The following people were the only ones nominated.  
President Elect: Traci Mitchell  
Secretary: Donna Patton  
Treasurer: Conny Parham
5. Ushers for May 9 Commencement are needed. The staff has been asked to serve as ushers for the morning ceremony which begins at 10:00 a.m. Liberal Arts is willing to once again give \$250 to Staff Council if we can provide ushers for the 1:30 afternoon Liberal Arts ceremony. **WE STILL NEED USHERS.** If you are interested in serving as a usher, please contact Jonnie Manning by phone 5021 or by e-mail [dpjasm@olemiss.edu](mailto:dpjasm@olemiss.edu).
6. Corporate Fitness Challenge 1998. On May 2, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon, Baptist & Physicians - North Mississippi along with BMH-NM will be hosting the second annual "Corporate Fitness Challenge." The Corporate Fitness Challenge is a community event that will bring together business and industry for a few hours of fun, fitness, and charity. Registration Fee: \$50.00 per team. Teams: 5 person per team (minimum of two females - no substitutions). The total of the registration fee will be given to the winning team to donate to the charity of their choice - (which must be a chartered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization). All participants and volunteers receive a

T-shirt! The events include a Tug of War, Water Relay, Sponge Relay, Aerobic Relay, Bump and Roll (Funny-bone golf game), Ice Bucket Musical Chairs. For more information, contact Leigh Ann Bynum at 238-7921.

## 7. Staff Appreciation Week, May 11 - May 15

- A. Blood Drive: The Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, &:7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Union Lobby. This year it will be the Battle of the Sexes. Sparky Reardon will lead the men's team, and the women's team will be led by Judy Trott. There will be some random prize drawings for the individuals that are willing to help a worthy cause. We still need volunteers to help. If you are interested, please contact this year's chair, Frank Tuttle at 3861 or e-mail [ccfrank@vm.cc.olemiss.edu](mailto:ccfrank@vm.cc.olemiss.edu)
- B. Food: The food committee supplied the Staff Council with two proposed menus:  
#1 Barbecue pork on a bun w/sauce, baked bean, cole slaw, brownie or cookies  
#2 Chicken tenders w/honey mustard sauce, rolls, baked beans, cole slaw, brownie or cookies  
The Council voted and the menu will be chicken tenders. After the vote there was a discussion of how we can try to make sure there is enough food for everyone with the challenge of letting staff return for seconds and thirds. One thing that will help this year are the generous contributions from the Sesquicentennial Office, Loyalty Foundation and Alumni Association. This is a ONE YEAR contribution in honor of the University's Sesquicentennial. We have a limited budget to prepare the picnic and the weekly events. Although the extra money will help, we could still have food problems. It is very hard to decide how much food to prepare for such a large group. We want each staff member to receive a plate of food and for staff to be able to obtain seconds. However, our first goal is make sure that each staff member receives one plate. Therefore, **we are asking that staff be considerate when asking for seconds.**
- C. Prizes: Since we could find no willing soul to chair the Prize committee this year and because of some of the responses we received last year from vendors stating they had just given to something other function on campus, Traci Mitchell volunteered to send out letters with a reply card for the vendor to return if they were interested in donating a prize. Therefore we may have fewer prizes to be given away.
- D. Awards Day: This year it will be on Wednesday instead of the usual Tuesday to accommodate the Chancellor's schedule. The committee is working on a few special items since it the Sesquicentennial. Past retirees will be invited back to help celebrate, and Mr. E.F. Yerby will be honored as one of the oldest living staff members.
- E. Events: Currently the events/tournament committee has the following planned: Talent Show, Plant Swap, Home Improvement Workshop, Low Fat Cooking, Rules & Etiquette of Golf. All tournaments will return and we are requesting events for Friday afternoon. If you have any great ideas, please call Calvin Sellers at 5074. Also, thanks to the Sesquicentennial Office and the hard work of Mike Vanderlip, we will be selling Staff T-shirts for \$5. More information will be mailed with staff picnic info.

**SHOW YOUR TALENT!** On Friday, May 15, during the picnic you will have your chance to show your talent. Form a group or perform alone. Become the Supremes, Beatles or become a clown - it's all up to you. You can sing a song, dance, play an instrument or do a comedy routine, however do remember it should be a family event. If you are interested in participating we need your name, description of act and the time-frame needed. Please send this info to Lucienne Savell at UPD or call 5939 or send e-mail to [lsavell@olemiss.edu](mailto:lsavell@olemiss.edu).

**PLANT SWAP.** Bring hardy rooted cuttings or plants to exchange. Bring as many as you wish and as many varieties as you wish. Attach a card to each plant giving your name and the name of your plant if you know it (or what Grandma used to call it). For more information, please call Ann O'Dell at 7421.

8. **Correction from last meeting.** Amy Burrows was quoted as saying, "a box of 25 hanging folders cost \$9.00 at the Bookstore and \$4.00 at Wal-mart". It should have stated, "\$4.00 from State contract". We apologize for any misunderstanding this may have caused.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 1998, 2:30 p.m., Union 405 A&B.

/s/Donna Patton, Secretary  
/s/Onice Carter, President-Elect  
/s/Jonnie Manning, President