

**Present:** Premalatha Balachandran, Kristina Bogan, Jeffrey Boyd, Joey Brent, Dawn Bullion, Kim Chrestman, Missy Downey, Becky Drewery, Tiffany Edwards, Alicia Goodson, Paul Goolsby, Shelia Goolsby, Melinda Grimmett, Johnette Taylor Jenkins, James McPhail, Shelley McGraw, Julius Minor, Valerie Moncrief, Edward Movitz, Patricia Oswalt, Ginger Patterson, Lori Patton, Anita Randle, Precious Thompson, Ryan Upshaw, Jacqueline Vinson, Nikki Weaver, Deetra Wiley.

**Absent-Excused:** Natcha Knight-Evans, Dorothy Vaughn.

**Absent-Unexcused:** Karinlee Brister, Sandy Fondren, Stan Fortner, Mark Garneau, Doug Gurley, Ashley Harrell, Paula Park, Pamela Smith, Amanda Walker, Kenyata Whiteside.

**Call to Order:** President, Mr. Ryan Upshaw called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

**Guest Speaker:** Speaker Cancelled

**Roll call:** Recorded by Premalatha Balachandran.

**Minutes:** The March minutes were approved by consensus. The minutes were sent out via email and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Premalatha Balachandran.

**Treasurer's Report:** The March treasurer's 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:**

**A: COMPASS:** Anita Randle gave an update on COMPASS activities. She mentioned that this program needs more campus-wide promotion during the fall to get more mentors and mentees enrolled.

**B. Elections:** Elaine Little needs more help to in mailing the election ballots. Ryan asked members to offer their help in this job. Also he requested the SC members to send some student workers from their departments to help Elaine if they have some free time.

**C. Staff appreciation week:** Patricia Oswalt and Dawn Bullion gave an update on Staff appreciation week planning. Mr. Jeff Mcmanus, Director of Landscaping department has been confirmed to give an educational lecture on Monday. Recipe swap event needs more advertisement as it involves lot of work by the participants like preparing food, writing up their recipe etc. Dawn mentioned that Music and Meditation program arrangements are going well. The committee is working to improve the menu this year. Additional Bingo cards have been ordered. All the staff council members were requested to contact local vendors/businesses for

awards and prizes. The requisition and/or thank you letter can be provided if needed. The members were asked to notify Dawn Bullion about the prizes they receive from vendors and hand over them to Johnette.

### **New Business:**

- A. Introduction of new members:** Ryan asked the new members who were not present during the March meeting to introduce themselves to the council. He welcomed them all.
- B. Meeting with the Chancellor:** The Executive Committee met with the Chancellor, the previous day. Dr. Jones mentioned that the board has approved selective admission for out of state residents for 2012-fall semester and not for 2011. Mississippi students will have open admission as always. He also mentioned that Ole Miss would get 2% cut from the State Budgets. About the pay rise, the next step is to get legislative approval followed by the board. Although this Staff pay rise may not happen before July, but may become effective any time during the next fiscal year. He also approved for Jeans for Justice program.
- C. Staff council committee reports:** Student relations committee planned to organize Exam breakfast on May 10. Aramark has agreed to sponsor this event once again. Members are requested to volunteer for this event.
- D. Standing committee reports:** Museum committee met with the “Friends of the Museum” to get involved in more fund raising activities.
- E. Outstanding Staff Member for March:** Patricia nominated Elaine Little for Outstanding Staff member and her nomination was approved by consensus.

### **Announcements/Concerns:**

Shelia Goolsby explained about the “Jeans for Justice” program on April 19<sup>th</sup> in front of the Lyceum. She circulated the flyers and other information. She also mentioned about “Let’s talk” program.

Johnette mentioned that University Memorial Services would be on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 4.30pm at Paris-Yates Chapel. The staff members/Students who passed away last year will be remembered.

Precious Pratt Thompson called the members to sign up for her team for National Start Walking Day. She said the winners would be announced on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each team should have 15 members. Patricia also leading another team and members were asked to join either of the teams.

Ryan announced about the Campus wide staff meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Fulton Chapel. Vice Chancellor Larry Sparks will speak during the meeting at 9am.

Kim Chrestman needs some information to be updated in our Staff Council website. She was asked to mail the information to Julius Minor.

**Meeting adjourned at 2.55 pm.**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Minutes recorded by Premalatha Balachandran.