

# The University of Mississippi

Minutes of Meeting August 4, 2010

# Staff Council

Physical Plant Conference Room

**Present:** Prema Balachandran, Carol Bullard, Dawn Bullion, Sandra Cox-Mccarty, Becky Drewary, Mark Garneu, Doug Gurley, Angie Gurner, Mary Ann Kerr, Natcha Knight-Evans, James McPhail, Julius Minor, Ed Movitz, Patricia Oswalt, Paula Park, Johnny Price, Anita Randle, Ryan Upshaw, Dorothy Vaughn, Benita Whitehorn.

**Absent-Excused:** Dotty Baker, Debbie Bishop, Tiffany Edwards, Johnette Taylor Jenkins

**Absent-Unexcused:** Jeff Boyd, Karenlee Brister, Mark Camarigg, Alicia Goodson, Shelia Goolsby, Melinda Grimmett, Ashley Harell, Elaine Little, Senora Miller Logan, Stephanie Mitchell, Valerie Moncrief, Lori Patton, Neal Sellers, John Supple, Precious Pratt Thompson.

**Call to Order:** President Ryan Upshaw called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.

**Roll call:** Roll call recorded by SC Treasurer Patricia Oswalt.

**Minutes:** July minutes were approved by consensus.

**Treasurer's Report -** The July Treasurer's report was approved by consensus.

## Unfinished Business:

### A. Children of Staff Scholarship Fund:

The scholarship committee will meet during second week of August and 2 scholarships will be awarded. Recipients will be announced by Cindy. Ryan thanked all the representatives who worked for this program.

### B. Textbook Scholarship program: Ryan asked Premalatha, Textbook Scholarship Administrator to give update on this program.

Premalatha mentioned that the Global announcement to all the Staff requesting applications was sent on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Until the meeting date, 76 applications were received. Expecting some more applications in next few days and deadline would be August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Then she will start reviewing the applications. The funds allotted for this Fall 2010 semester will be \$10,000.

### C. Welcome week: Welcome tents will be set up on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Dawn Bullion who is the chair of this committee requested for volunteers for the tent outside the student union at various time slots. 2 representatives/slot will be needed. Duties will be to hand out maps and give directions for the new students. The sign up sheet for volunteering was circulated. Ryan will also send email with sign up request.

### D. Committee sign up: Ryan requested all the representatives to sign up for atleast one committee. The committee that has fewer members will need more representatives.

### E. COMPASS: This service program has been scheduled to begin during August. Andrea will be giving presentation about this program.

## New Business:

### A. Meeting with the Chancellor:

- (i) The executive committee met with Chancellor on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 and discussed about our future budget cuts. Chancellor although expecting continued budget cuts during next fiscal year but not sure about the exact number. He said Fiscal year 2012 will be challenging. But he is optimistic about the increase in enrollment which would greatly to offset any cuts. Ryan suggested all the staff to encourage students they know to enroll at Olemiss and also give serious consideration about their own children to join at Olemiss. In addition, Faculty and Staff will get discount in tuition fees.

- (ii) The executive committee asked the Chancellor about reciprocal agreements between universities. Although in future it could be possible, but not feasible at present.
  - (iii) Chancellor also mentioned about Strategic Planning Process will begin soon and will appoint Faculty/Staff in this committee. Staff council representatives may be asked to play their role in this committee.
- B. University Accolades: Ryan mentioned that Olemiss is one of the safest campus and it has also been chosen by Chronicle of Higher education as “Great Places to Work” and also “Most appealing” institution. Although Olemiss didn’t score well in compensation but we all agree that we have a great work environment, very good administration and also have nice colleagues to work with.
- C. Staff council group picture will be taken during next meeting. All the representatives were asked to wear SC shirts.
- D. Outstanding Staff Member: Dawn Bullion nominated Lisa Sanders of Production control. Ryan nominated Carolina Arego of enrollment services for her hard work in orientation program and also she coordinates Welcome event for new coming 3000 students. Carolina was the winner. She will be presented with a certificate of appreciation.

### **Announcements/Concerns:**

Staff Council Representative of the Month (July) is Dorothy Vaughn for selling more raffle tickets. Ryan presented Dorothy with a certificate and a gift card to the Ole Miss Café. Mary Ann who was the Staff Council representative for June was also presented with certificate and the gift card.

Assistance for Steve Robinson who works with UPS and delivers mails regularly to campus: Ryan mentioned that Steve’s house was struck with lightning and got burnt and his family is in need of assistance. Since he is not a university employee, Ryan asked representatives opinion about handling this issue. He suggested to contact Kim Chrestman for any donations.

Breakfast social: Carol Bullard requested all the representatives to attend Breakfast social on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Bryant Hall. Donuts, fruits, Orange Juice, coffee will be available. Patricia will be picking up the donuts from Honest Abe.

Johnny Price suggested to upload committee sign up sheets in SC website.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 2.59 PM.**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 8th, 2010, 2:30p.m. at the Physical Plant. Please note it is not on the first Wednesday.