

The University of Mississippi

Minutes of the Meeting, February 4, 2004

Staff Council

Union 404 A&B

PRESENT: James Akey, Shannon Beeman, Brenda Brannan, Joey Brent, Dennis Bullard, Joni Camp, Nina Cheshier, Tiffany Edwards, Judy Fos, Mary Harrington, Carra Hewitt, Regina Jordan, Ron Kitchens, Cathy Laswell, Barbara Leeton, Shannon Lovejoy, Renee Moore, Jean Pinion, Randall Pinion, Bettie Puckett, Karen Tuttle, Jeanette Wells

EXCUSED: Hilarie Bain, Rachel Bost, Shellie Harrison, Melissa Hudson, Buddy Kahler, Ardessa Minor, Tony Seaman

UNEXCUSED: Kathy Sanders, John Sharpe, Gina Starnes

2:35pm. President Camp introduced guest speaker Thomas Vasser, National Communication Coordinator for Residential Hall Association. Mr. Vasser talked to the Council about Campus Cleanup, a program that will involve students, faculty and staff. The cleanup will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on March 24th, with food and entertainment following from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Student Programming Board will sponsor the program. Ron Kitchens announced that there will also be a countywide cleanup on April 17th and encouraged students to get involved. President Camp thanked Mr. Vasser for talking with the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January minutes were approved with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved with no corrections.

President Camp recognized and thanked Staff Council members with expiring terms. Dennis Bullard, Regina Jordan, Jean Pinion, John Sharpe, Karen Tuttle and Jeanette Wells all had terms expiring in February.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Camp reminded members that more than 3 unexcused absences or 6 total absences in a year is a violation of the Council's absenteeism policy, which may result in dismissal from the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Judy Fos announced the new Staff Council members whose three-year term will begin March 1st. The new members are: Sue Hodge, School of Business; Traci Mitchell, Student Media; Corrie Free, Procurement Services; Kim Chrestman, School of Business; Paula Park, UPD; Jennifer Pardoe, University Relations; Deidra Phillips, Central Ticket Office and Patti Welch, Procurement Services.
- President Camp encouraged staff to email or write members of the State Legislature regarding concerns about the health insurance increase. Mary Harrington suggested that the Staff Council Executive Committee write a letter to each member of the State Legislature on behalf of the staff.
- The University Forum will be held Monday, February 23rd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Rachel Bost attended the Recreational Facilities Committee meeting and reported that Campus Recreation is undergoing reorganization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Reminder: The next Staff Council meeting will be March 3rd.

Meeting adjourned. 3:20pm.

/s/Joni Camp, President

/s/Mary Harrington, President-Elect

/s/Cathy Laswell, Secretary

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