

The University of Mississippi

Minutes of Meeting February 4, 2009

Staff Council

Lyceum Room 200

Present: Dotty Baker, Premalatha Balachandran, Pam Barefield, Debbie Binkley, Carol Bullard, Sandra Cox-McCarty, Kevin Cozart, Angie Gurner, Shellie Harrison, Marla Holcomb, Gwen Hutchins, MaryAnn Kerr, Jane Michelletti, Julius Minor, Patti Mooney, Perry Myrick, Randall Pinion, Neal Sellers, Patricia Stewart, Johnette Taylor, Melanie Wadkins, Benita Whitehorn

Absent-Excused: Holly Bethune, Dennis Bullard, Chris Ann Harwell, Nina Jones, Johnny Price, Deborah Purnell, Jennifer Taylor, Pam Wilburn

Absent-Unexcused: Debbie Bishop, Tiffany Edwards

Minutes: Approved by general consensus

Treasurer's Report: Approved by general consensus

Speaker: Pam Johnson – Human Resources Assistant Director of Benefits & Compensation

Topic: Medical Leave Form 21 / Healthcare Wellness Benefits

Pam provided a copy of the new Form 21 (available on the HR website) to be completed by employees' attending physician. After attending physician fills out and signs this form, it must be submitted to HR for approval in order for employees to claim regularly scheduled visits to a doctor's office or a hospital for the continuing treatment of a chronic disease as Major Medical rather than Personal Leave. She noted that each submission would be decided on a case by case basis.

Pam also spoke regarding the Wellness/Preventive Coverage benefit form, *Health Quotient*, administered through WebMD. This can be obtained at <http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.state.ms.us/> This information is secure and confidential; it is not shared with any source other than the state health insurance. This is available for dependents as well if they are covered under the University's health plan.

Unfinished Business:

Committee Reports

Fundraising Event

Debbie Binkley reported on the amount spent on shipping the unsold cards back to Pizza Hut. The suggestion was made to look into World's Finest Chocolate bars. Debbie will be looking into that idea.

Recycling

Committee has not met; however, they are continuing on their own to recycle.

Staff Appreciation

Shellie Harrison, Patti Mooney, Gwen Hutchins, and Dottie Baker met. Dottie handed out a schedule for the events. Paris Yates has been reserved. Fulton Chapel will be the venue for the awards ceremony. Anyone wishing to help with recruiting vendors should get with Patti

Mooney. Dottie Baker requested anyone that could help with any event regarding Staff Appreciation please send her an email.

Executive Committee

The committee announced that the Chancellor would be sending out an email regarding the economy and the status of its effect on the University.

New Business:

Web Site: Kevin Cozart will continue to work on the web site until someone else agrees to take on the responsibility.

Announcements/Concerns

Ballots go out Friday for Staff Council elections.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 1:30 PM in Brandt Memory House