

**Present:** Premalatha Balachandran, Jeffrey Boyd, Sandra Cox-McCarty, Becky Drewery, Tiffany Edwards, Mark Garneau, Melinda Grimmett, Doug Gurley, Johnette Jenkins, Elaine Little, James McPhail, Julius Minor, Edward Movitz, Patricia Oswalt, Johnny Price, Anita Randle, Neal Sellers, Ryan Upshaw, Benita Whitehorn.

**Absent-Excused:** Debbie Bishop, Karinlee Brister, Carol Bullard, Dawn Bullion, Mark Camarigg, Stan Fortner, Alicia Goodson, Shelia Goolsby, Angie Gurner, Ashley Harrell, Natcha Knight-Evans, Valerie Moncrief, Paula Park, Lori Patton, John Supple, Precious Thompson, Dorothy Vaughn, Deetra Wiley.

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

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

**Old Business:**

**COMPASS:** Anita Randle and Sandra Cox-McCarty reported about the progress of the COMPASS program. Mentors have been asked to contact with their Mentees and arrange for the subsequent meetings. The COMPASS committee will continue to monitor the developments of the program. The committee also has plans to do another campaign during summer, to create more awareness about the program and to get more mentors and mentees as well.

**Elections:** Elaine Little reported about the developments of Staff council election process. Ballots were sent out to fill 13 positions. Feb 15, 2011 will be the last date to receive the ballots. The election committee will meet on the same day afternoon to count the ballots and to declare the winners. The elected new members will have their orientation in early March.

**Textbook Scholarship:** Premalatha Balachandran submitted a report on Spring Scholarship program. 79 applications were received during this semester and every single application has been awarded with the minimum amount of \$65.00 and maximum of \$150.00. This includes 3 staff from Desoto campus and 3 from Tupelo campus. Total amount spent for this spring semester is \$10,165.13.

**Staff appreciation week:** Patricia Oswalt gave an update on Staff appreciation week planning. Accordingly, Staff appreciation committee will have their next meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm to plan for the activities. Members have been assigned particular roles for each event.

**New Business:**

The Executive Committee met with the Chancellor, the previous week. Dr. Jones mentioned that the Weather committee continuously monitors any inclement weather conditions in Oxford/Lafayette county and the members of the committee make decisions and take care of the announcements. According to the projections, the enrollment for the Fall 2011 semester could be higher than the last year and campus has been getting ready to face the changes especially in the residence halls. Also Olemiss may set additional admission requirements for the out of state students.

Staff council committee reports:

Benita Whitehorn reported about the out come of the recycling committee meeting, that has been held previous week. As the Green week is coming up, they have plans to create more awareness about the campus-recycling program. The campus recycling committee is planning to implement a new program of recycling cell phones for Soldiers.

Ryan Upshaw mentioned about the overwhelming response from our Staff to UM 2020 survey. About 400 staff completed their survey, which is very more than expected. Also he mentioned about the Big service project on March 26<sup>th</sup> in which more than 1000 students are expected to participate. Staff council members may be asked to volunteer for this program.

Outstanding Staff Member for January: Premalatha Balachandran nominated Ms. Diana Mobley of NCNPR for her hard work as a Senior Procurement clerk, handling hundreds of purchase orders every week. Johnette Jenkins nominated weather committee team members, Sparky Reardon, Noel Wilkin and Jim Windham for their hard work during the month of January in continuously monitoring the weather conditions and making decisions. Weather committee team members have been chosen as the winners and will be presented with the certificate of appreciation.

The Chancellor Dr. Jones has been requested to speak during our March meeting. Staff council may meet on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> instead of Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to adjust with Chancellor's schedules.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Minutes recorded by Premalatha Balachandran.