

The University of Mississippi
Minutes of the Meeting July 05, 2006

Staff Council
NCPA

Present: James Akey, Pam Barefield, Debbie Binkley, Robert Bishop, David Blackmarr, Brenda Brannan, Nina Cheshier, Kim Chrestman, Kim Dixon, Shellie Harrison, Ron Kitchens, Shannon Lovejoy, Ann Mason, Jennifer Pardoe, Paula Park, Jennifer Phillips Randall Pinion, Emily Smathers Ratliff, Amy Saxton, Patricia Stewart, Deetra Wiley and Timothy Woodard

Excused: Dotty Baker, Rachel Bost, Joey Brent, Corrie Free, Cary Lee, Priscilla Melton, Ardessa Minor, Patti Mooney, Susan Neal, and Laurie Richlovsky

Unexcused: Dennis Bullard, Mae Johnson, and Karen Tuttle

Call to Order: President Ron Kitchens called the meeting to order at 2:35p.m. Tours of the Anaechoic Chamber began at 2:00pm for Staff Council members.

President Kitchens introduced our guest speaker, George Atkins, Assistant Director for Marketing and Business Development for the National Center for Physical Acoustics at the University of Mississippi.

George Atkins informed the Staff Council of some of the functions of NCPA which went from testing wind tunnels to listening to ants and termites, to sound travel of nuclear testing.

Ms. Atkins stated that NCPA receives some of their funding from the Military, so they also have classified facilities. NCPA has a land mine detection program that helps the soldiers locate land mines.

Ms. Atkins also stated that NCPA is researching medical use of lasers to stop cancerous growths and cauterize injuries with internal bleeding. They are looking for ways to reduce noise from airplanes because of hearing loss to landing signal controllers on the carriers and also with noise problems to residential areas from commercial airlines.

NCPA is researching ways to attract fire ants to bait and locating termite infestations.

NCPA 's research covers a lot of different areas that are very important and helpful to all of us. The tour of the Anaechoic Chamber was very interesting. I am sure the Staff Council would like to visit again and learn of any new research or results from how to bait fire ants.

Approval of Minutes: The June minutes were approved with no corrections.

Treasurers Report: Nina Cheshier reported expenditures for an adjustment in travel to the MASCO meeting for the amount of \$12.72.

Contractual Services had expenditures for PPD Plaques and nameplates for Outstanding Staff Members winners in the amount of \$155.00 and for the Karaoke machine for Staff Appreciation Day in the amount of \$85.50.

Expenditures were also reported in Commodities, for the plaque for outgoing president in the amount of \$78.30, printing of Staff Council letterhead in the amount of \$115.00 and Aramark, for refreshments during the May Staff Council meeting in the amount of \$88.00.

In the Textbook Scholarship account there were expenditures for textbook scholarship purchases for the amount of \$88.47.

The treasurer's report was approved with no corrections.

Committee Reports: A sign up sheet was passed around for the Staff Council Members to request which standing committees they would like to be on.

Old Business: The Staff Council Picnic was a success.

We have an update from Parking Services: All Faculty and Staff need to go online and register for their 06/07 decals. Please use your campus mailing addresses not your home mailing addresses since the decals will be sent through

Campus Mail.

There was a review of current projects of the Staff Council. Volunteers were request to coordinate and help with the projects.

New Business: Tim Woodard will be coordinating the “Meet and Greet” for the students this year. Volunteers are needed for this project.

President Kitchens requested that the Staff Council inform him of any other projects that the Staff Council should work on.

President Kitchens stated that all Staff Council members need to take part in helping with all of the projects so the Staff Council would only improve.

Announcements: Staff Council would like to express our sadness in the loss of one of our University Family, De Lain Horne. De Lain had been a huge help to the Staff Council contacting businesses for Staff Appreciation door prizes. He will be greatly missed.

Concerns: There were no concerns at this time.

The next meeting will be August 02, 2006 in National Center for Natural Products Research.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

/s/ Ron Kitchens, President

/s/ Debbie Binkley, President-Elect

/s/ Paula Park, Secretary

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