

# The University of Mississippi

Minutes of Meeting July 1, 2009

# Staff Council

PPD Conference Room

**Present:** Dotty Baker, Prema Balachandran , Carol Bullard, Sandra Cox-McCarty , Mark Garneau, Angie Gurner, Shellie Harrison, Marla Holcomb, MaryAnn Kerr, Natcha Knight-Evans, Julius Minor, Stephanie Mitchell, Jane Michelletti, Patti Mooney, Patricia Oswald, Paula Park, Johnny Price, Anita Randle, Dana Ros, Neal Sellers, Jennifer Taylor, Johnette Taylor, Ryan Upshaw, Jacqueline Vinson, Benita Whitehorn, Pam Wilburn

**Absent-Excused:** Holly Bethune, Debbie Bishop, Lisa Bishop, Tiffany Edwards, Stan Fortner, Chad Hunter, Erin Miller, Gwen Hutchins

**Absent-Unexcused:** Deborah Purnell

**Call to Order:** President Johnette Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.

**Minutes:** June minutes approved by consensus.

**Treasurer's Report:** Johnette questioned the zero balance in the textbook account and Dotty Baker clarified that it would be replenished with the new fiscal year's budget. The June treasurer's report was then approved by consensus.

**Committee Reports:** Johnette reported that she intended to turn over the chair for the Exam Breakfast and Holiday Party committees. After asking for volunteers, Paula Park will take over the Exam B-fast committee and will work with Marla Holcomb, the chair of the Student Relations committee. Dana Ros will assume the chair for the Holiday Party. Ryan Upshaw will again be the coordinator for Welcome Week for this year.

**Unfinished Business:** Our newsletter will go out again in September. Benita Whitehorn and Julius Minor are collaborating on it. Stephanie Mitchell will begin maintaining and updating the website.

**New Business:** A) Goals from new executive council for the coming year:

- \* Satellite Campuses - Would like to get satellite campuses involved, possibly have a Staff Council member(s) at each campus. Welcome to new ideas on how to get them involved. Stephanie Mitchell can set up audio/video for meetings with satellite staff.
- \* By-laws - Jane Michelletti and Mark Garneau will begin process of updating by-laws.
- \* Events - Johnette requested that we begin to think of ideas for new events, Carol Bullard suggested a Donut Day in the Fall as a "meet and greet" for the staff.
- \* Get Involved - Johnette requested that a member volunteer to be present at all possible campus events as a representative of Staff Council. Prema Balachandran will assume this responsibility.
- \* Monthly Awards – Would like to have a "Staff Council Member of the Month", executive board will choose. Also have a "Staff Member of the Month", division heads would choose the candidate.

B) Staff Council T-shirts – recommended that we upgrade to a polo type shirt and the members and council split the cost. Johnette will compile examples and cost and will email samples for a vote at the August meeting.

**Announcements/Concerns:** Staff Council meetings for the next year will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. in the PPD conference room for the entire year. Dana Ros, Pam Wilburn, and Mary Ann Kerr offered golf cart rides if needed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:05 PM.**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 5, 2009, Physical Plant Conference Room