

The University of Mississippi

Minutes of the Meeting June 4, 2003

Staff Council

Union 404 A&B

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

This year has zoomed by and it is now time to turn the presidents gavel over to Joni Camp. She is well prepared and energized to lead us as our Staff Council President. Please give Joni the same outstanding support and encouragement you have given me throughout my tenure. As I leave office I want to take the time to thank all the people who have made significant contributions to our staff council. Firstly, to ALL staff council members who have given their time, effort, energy and input to being the voice of their respective EEO categories and a link to our administration. To the S/C officers and executive board members Joni, Shannon, and Buddy a sincere thanks for all your help. To the incoming officers Joni, Mary, Rachel, Cathy and Melissa, thank you in advance for your leadership and a grateful welcome. To all those departments and department heads who allow our membership to take time from their busy work schedule to attend our meetings and functions. To our university administrators for listening and responding. To all those who contributed gifts and helped with staff appreciation day 2003. To all who helped with the exam breakfasts, meet and greet days, blood drives, awards day and book scholarship program. Thanks especially to the University Foundation for their continued support and financial contributions. Finally, to all the university staff who have given so much to this institution and for their contributions that make us a great public university but most of all, for making this a great place to work. Ole Miss is the place to be.

With much gratitude, I remain your servant, Tony.

PRESENT: James Akey, Brenda Brannan, Rachel Bost, Joey Brent, Joni Camp, Joann Carothers, Judy Fos, Mary Harrington, Shellie Harrison, Melissa Hudson, Regina Jordan, Buddy Kahler, Ron Kitchens, Cathy Laswell, Renee Moore, Hilarie Pryor, Tony Seaman, Doug Stuart, Karen Tuttle, Jeanette Wells

EXCUSED: Shannon Lovejoy, Jean Pinion, Bettie Puckett

UNEXCUSED: Dennis Bullard, Jason Dean, Barbara Leeton, Michele Mize, Mark Shows

2:35pm. Welcome was made by President Tony Seaman. The meeting started with the approval of the May minutes. The minutes were approved without correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Melissa Hudson questioned the money that came out of the general account for textbook scholarships. Rachel Bost stated that she would ask Shannon before the next meeting. The treasurer's report was accepted with the exception that the textbook scholarship would be looked into.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The changes to the by laws were approved but have not been physically made and published on the web. When this is completed, all staff will receive a copy of the amendments.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Melissa Hudson was elected Textbook Scholarship Administrator.
- The winners of the EEO Outstanding Staff Member elections, which were announced at the Staff Appreciation Day ceremonies, were recognized: EEO Category 1 – Jack Garner, Bursar Office; EEO Category 3 – Larry Agostinelli, Continuing Studies; EEO Category 4 – Leteria McDonald, Independent Study; EEO Category 5 – Lee H. Dean, Media Productions; EEO Category 6 – Richard McCoy, Carpentry Shop; EEO Category 7 –

Felecia Porter Redmond, Custodial Services; Overall Outstanding Staff Member – Bobby Lee Logan, Carpentry Shop. Each winner received a plaque, had lunch with the Chancellor, and had their picture taken, which Staff Council will frame and give to them. President Seaman stated that the Foundation and the Chancellor's office deserve a thank you for providing the funds for the awards that are given to the winners.

- The replacement of Staff Council members who have resigned will be a top priority task.
- President Seaman reported on the MASCO meeting that was held earlier this month at the IHL building in Jackson. MASCO is writing a letter to the IHL Board on behalf of all Staff Council representatives expressing concerns on health insurance and asking the IHL Board to be creative in their thinking when coming up with solutions. President Seaman stated that Ole Miss is the only institution in Mississippi to offer wellness checkups to their staff. Another topic of discussion was portability of scholarships, which would allow an employee's child to attend another Mississippi university that offers a field of study that Ole Miss does not. MASCO will attend the next IHL Board meeting on July 17th then have their regularly scheduled meeting afterwards.
- President Seaman recognized the new Staff Council Officers whose terms will begin in July. Joni Camp, incoming President, recognized and thanked outgoing President Tony Seaman for all his work and dedication to Staff Council and to Ole Miss.
- At this time, thanks were given to the many people who made Staff Appreciation Day, the Blood Drive and the Exam Breakfast a success. Jeanette Wells thanked all those who gave blood or tried to give blood and those who helped work the Blood Drive. Joni Camp thanked those who helped with the Exam Breakfast and those who gave out flyers. Judy Fos thanked those who participated and helped with Bingo, Rachel Bost thanked those who participated and helped with the Plant Swap, and thanks to all those who participated in Karaoke on Staff Appreciation Day.

Meeting adjourned, 2.55 p.m.

/s/Tony Seaman, President
/s/Joni Camp, President-Elect
/s/Cathy Laswell, Secretary

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