

**The University of Mississippi**  
Minutes of the Meeting June 07, 2006

**Staff Council**  
PPD Conf. Room

**Present:** Dotty Baker, Pam Barefield, Debbie Binkley, David Blackmarr, Rachel Bost, Brenda Brannan, Joey Brent, Nina Cheshier, Kim Chrestman, Kim Dixon, Ron Kitchens, Shannon Lovejoy, Jennifer McLain, Ann Mason, Priscilla Melton, Ardessa Minor, Patti Mooney, Jennifer Pardoe, Paula Park, Randall Pinion, Emily Smathers Ratliff, Laurie Richlovsky, Amy Saxton, Patricia Stewart and Timothy Woodard

**Excused:** James Akey, Dennis Bullard, Corrie Free, Shellie Harrison, Susan Neal, Karen Tuttle and Deetra Wiley

**Unexcused:** Robert Bishop, Mae Johnson, and Cary Lee,

**Call to Order:** President Joey Brent called the meeting to order at 2:35p.m.

President Brent thanked all the members of the Staff Council who helped this past year by pitching in, time wise and effort wise, to help with all the events of the Staff Council. President Brent stated that it was an honor to be voted in by your peers and then, to be chosen to be an officer, also.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Nina Cheshier reported expenditures for travel to the MASCO meeting for the amount of \$154.23 and in Contractual Services for PPD setup for the Staff Appreciation events for the amount of \$271.25, cleaning the floor of the Staff Council storage area for the amount \$188.50, for the plaques and name plates for outstanding staff member winners for the amount of \$330.00 and for mail services in the amount of \$2.58.

Expenditures were also reported in Commodities, for awards ceremony supplies and printing for the amount of \$351.37, Aramark – New Hire Brunch for the amount of \$450.00, camera supplies for the amount of \$30.60 and Printing Services for the Exam Breakfast fliers for the amount of \$115.95 and Staff Appreciation meal tickets for the amount of \$325.70.

In the Textbook Scholarship account there were expenditures for textbook scholarship purchases for the amount of \$2,425.17 and there were also refunds for the amount of \$107.52.

The treasurer's report was approved with no corrections.

**Committee Reports:** Brenda Brannan reported that the "Retirement Gift Form" Committee met on Wednesday, June 7. Brenda stated that Pam Johnson from Human Resources explained the retirement application process and the time she presents the gift to the retiree.

The current form includes the following statement:

The UM Staff Council, in cooperation with the University Foundation, has established an award program to recognize those who retire with full benefits from the University (age 60 or more with four years of service with the University or at least 25 years of service with the University). Retiring staff and faculty members who qualify are eligible to receive their choice of a Bulova watch or a Boone rocking chair.

The majority of the committee members agreed to make a change in the form's first statement to: ...those who retire with full benefits from the University with at least 15 years of service. This way an employee that has at least 15 years of service at the University of Mississippi will receive a retirement gift.

The Staff Council approved the change in the "Retirement Gift Form".

**Old Business:** There was discussion about the Staff Appreciation Events. Most of the feedback was positive from the Staff Awards Ceremony to Bingo to the Blood Drive, which had 29 pints of blood donated. Ideas were discussed to make improvements for next year. Overall, it seems to have been a successful three days of events for the staff.

**New Business:** Plans for an end of the year gathering for the Staff Council members at the home of Debbie Binkley were discussed.

**Announcements:** The new Staff Council President, Ron Kitchens, presented Joey Brent with a plaque, in recognition, for serving as the Staff Council President for the past year.

**Concerns:** There were no concerns at this time.

The next meeting will be July 05, 2006 in the NCPA auditorium with tours of the Anechoic Chamber beforehand. Members will need to arrive starting at 2:00pm for the tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

/s/ Ron Kitchens, President

/s/ Debbie Binkley, President-Elect

/s/ Paula Park, Secretary

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