

Minutes of May 2, 2001 meeting

2:30 p.m., Union 404 A&B



PRESENT:

Jean Baker, Bettie Bey, Betty Brown, Dennis Bullard, Joni Camp, Nina Cheshier, Mary Chrestman, Shellie Harrison, Melissa Hudson, Dino Johnson, Sam Johnson, Buddy Kahler, Denise Knighton, Jonnie Manning, Traci Mitchell, Heu Oldham, Conny Parham, Dave Sagaser, Tony Seaman, Karen Tuttle, Jeanette Wells, Amanda Wood

EXCUSED:

Buster Clark, Shirley Fisher, Deborah Lemmons, Janea McDonald, Lynn Mills, Sherry Wall

UNEXCUSED:

Earlene Foster, Regina Jordan, Anne Klingen, Shannon Lovejoy, Mark Shows, Rosa Vance

President-Elect Buddy Kahler called the meeting to order and explained that President Sherry Wall was out of town.

Announcements:

- The minutes from the April meeting have not yet been prepared. Jonnie Manning apologized for the delay.
- Ballots were passed out to elections new officers for July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The floor was opened for additional nominations. None were received in any category. Ballots were picked up and tabulated by Traci Mitchell and Mary Chrestman. The nominees were:
 1. Secretary
Amanda Wood (WINNER)
 2. Treasurer
Shannon Lovejoy (WINNER)
Dave Sagaser
 3. President-Elect
Shellie Harrison
Melissa Hudson
Tony Seaman (WINNER)

Mary Chrestman commended everyone whose names had been placed on the ballots for being willing to serve as an officer. Being an officer does take up a lot of extra time, and we appreciate everyone who was willing to give this time.

- Ushers are needed for the morning commencement ceremony in the Grove. Volunteers should contact Emma Ward, who is the new head usher. Emma can be reached at extension 7321 or through email at egillom@olemiss.edu. Dean Hopkins is also requesting ushers for the afternoon Liberal Arts ceremony in the Coliseum.
- Buddy Kahler reminded everyone that there has been a proposal by the Board to raise tuition. He stated that as soon as Dr. Khayat knows any additional information, he will let us know what the percentage and figures will be.
- Mary Chrestman gave the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

- Joni Camp reminded everyone that the Spring Exam Breakfast has been set for Tuesday, May 8th, from 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. All volunteers to serve are asked to be at Paul B. Johnson Commons at 8:30 p.m.
- Buddy Kahler gave a report on the Awards Day Committee for Shirley Fisher, who was unable to attend. The program has been typed and sent to Printing. The years of service pins have been ordered and received. The years of service certificates have been printed and signed. The set-up for the ceremony is being handled by Mary Chrestman. Mary reported that everything was on schedule.
- The Employee Appreciation Day picnic has been scheduled for Friday, May 18th. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Grove. Plans have been made to serve 1000 people. Funding for the picnic has been provided by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Johnny Williams.
Employees only, please. No spouses or children.
- Denise Knighton reported that the Outstanding Staff Members have been elected. All prizes have been ordered, and everything is on schedule.
- Blood Drive - volunteers to serve are still needed. The dates are May 16th and 17th. To volunteer, contact Jeanette Wells at extension 6680 or Karen Tuttle at extension 5917.
- Concerns - Buddy Kahler stated he had received a question relating to rising insurance costs. He has contacted Human Resources, and is waiting on an answer from them. The following concerns were received at the meeting. Please send concerns to Buddy Kahler at jwkahler@olemiss.edu, or call him at 7051. In order to give Buddy time to research the question and have an answer ready at the Staff Council meeting, please give him at least a week's notice of your concerns.
 1. A staff council member in attendance stated she had been confronted by an angry staff member who wanted to know why some people were getting raises even though the Chancellor said there would be no raises. Buddy stated that there was currently some re-organization of a few departments, with people being given additional responsibility. This could be the reason behind this question. But Buddy stated that he would look into the matter further.
 2. A rumor that IHL was considering raising the GPA requirements for the Faculty/Staff Dependents Scholarship was raised. Buddy stated he would look into the matter.
 3. A staff council member stated she was concerned about the 4-way stop at University Avenue and All-American Drive. Buddy stated that this area is a continuing concern with Dr. Khayat and the Physical Plant Department. However, since plans are underway to design and build some type of gateways into this area of campus, plans are on hold until the gateways are in place.
 4. This same staff council member asked if it would be possible to get rid of the stop sign at Turner Center. Buddy stated he was sure the answer to this question is "No." This stop sign, as well as others, were placed there at the recommendation of the Traffic Safety and Policy Committee, in an effort to slow down traffic and make things safer for pedestrians.

The meeting was adjourned.

/s/Sherry Wall, President

/s/Buddy Kahler, President-Elect

/s/Jonnie Manning, Secretary

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