

The University of Mississippi

Minutes of the Meeting May 7, 2003

Staff Council

Union 404 A&B

A Message from the President.

As I write this message staff appreciation day has come and gone. There were many events that day and many people need to be recognized for their efforts. There are too many to mention by name in this message but I would like to say to everyone involved with the Staff Appreciation events "Thanks for a job well done". I especially would like to thank the Chancellor for his gracious consideration of the staff by making arrangements so every staff member could attend the planned events. His leadership decision to close the university for the event times is very much appreciated. I would encourage everyone to send the Chancellor an e-mail personally thanking him for this goodwill gesture.

The June meeting of Staff Council will be my last as your president. It has been an honor serving the staff in this capacity and I appreciate the support and encouragement you have all shared with me. Joni Camp is your incoming president and I ask that you support and encourage her as you have all other past presidents. Thanks to all the Ole Miss family for making a lasting impression that I will cherish.

Respectfully, Tony.

PRESENT: James Akey, Brenda Brannan, Rachel Bost, Joey Brent, Dennis Bullard, Joni Camp, Jason Dean, Matthew Deming, Judy Fos, Shellie Harrison, Melissa Hudson, Regina Jordan, Buddy Kahler, Ron Kitchens, Cathy Laswell, Shannon Lovejoy, Michele Mize, Renee Moore, Jean Pinion, Bettie Puckett, Hilarie Pryor, Tony Seaman, Doug Stuart, Karen Tuttle, Jeanette Wells

EXCUSED: Mary Harrington, Barbara Leeton, Amelia Rodgers, Mark Shows

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved without correction.

OLD BUSINESS:

- An email from Carolyn Staton was sent out regarding spring break. Ole Miss will move spring break next year to coincide with the local schools.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Staff Council Officer elections for the 2003 – 2004 term was held. The new officers are as follows: President-Elect - Mary Harrington; Secretary – Cathy Laswell; Treasurer – Rachel Bost.
- Suggested changes to the bylaws submitted for consideration by President Tony Seaman. The letter proposes two changes. Proposal number one suggests a new Executive Committee position for Chairman of the Textbook Scholarship Program. After much discussion, a motion was made that it be an elected position with that person appointing a committee of up to two Staff Council members and the Treasurer, and to amend the bylaws to add an additional member to the Executive Committee. Motion carried. Proposal number two suggests changes to the guidelines for the EEO and Overall Outstanding Staff Member nominations. Two notes were added to the original form to ensure that no person wins more than once in their category. A motion was made to accept this form and to add it as an addendum to the bylaws. Motion carried.
- President Seaman thanked Shellie Harrison and everyone that helped with the EEO Outstanding Staff Member

elections.

- Chancellor Khayat sent an email stating that the University would close from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in honor of Staff Appreciation Day, May 16th.
- Blood Drive will be held Thursday, May 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.
- President Seaman will be attending the MASCO meeting in Jackson this month. They will be discussing the portability of scholarships.
- A draft of the Staff Appreciation Day meal ticket was passed out for review and President Seaman asked for any additions or corrections.
- Brenda Brannan asked if Bonnie Brown, who is retiring this year, could be recognized at the Staff Award Ceremony. Ms. Brown helped start Staff Council and was the first President.
- Matthew Deming has tendered his resignation from Staff Council. He is leaving the University.
- Ushers are needed for Commencement Services. Staff who are paid hourly will receive comp time for working.
- President Seaman received an email from Amelia Rodgers stating that she is tendering her resignation from Staff Council. She is in a new position and is not able to attend meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Joni Camp wanted to inform the Council that the Athletic Committee had met.

CONCERNS:

- President Seaman stated that a concern has been brought to him that the Radiology Associates of Oxford has been dropped from our insurance plan.
There is no recourse because most of the doctors use Radiology Associates.
It was recommended to start a letter writing campaign to Radiology Associates.
Also, President Seaman stated that some of the emergency room doctors are not covered under our plan.

Meeting adjourned, 3.55 p.m.

/s/Tony Seaman, President

/s/Joni Camp, President-Elect

/s/Cathy Laswell, Secretary

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