The University of Mississippi

Staff Council

Minutes of Meeting, May 4, 2011

Physical Plant Conference Room

Present: Premalatha Balachandran, Kristina Bogan, Jeffrey Boyd, Joey Brent, Dawn Bullion, Kim Chrestman, Becky Drewery, Tiffany Edwards, Alicia Goodson, Paul Goolsby, Shelia Goolsby, Melinda Grimmett, Johnette Taylor Jenkins, Shelley McGraw, Julius Minor, Valerie Moncrief, Edward Movitz, Paula Park, Lori Patton, Anita Randle, Precious Thompson, Ryan Upshaw, Jacquiline Vinson, Amanda Walker, Deetra Wiley.

Absent-Excused: Ashley Harrell, Natcha Knight-Evans, James McPhail, Patricia Oswalt, Dorothy Vaughn, Nikki Weaver.

Absent-Unexcused: Karinlee Brister, Missy Downey, Sandy Fondren, Stan Fortner, Mark Garneau, Doug Gurley, Ginger Patterson, Pamela Smith, Kenyata Whiteside.

Call to Order: President, Mr. Ryan Upshaw called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

Roll call: Recorded by Premalatha Balachandran.

Minutes: The April minutes were approved by consensus. The minutes were sent out via email and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Premalatha Balachandran.

Treasurer's Report: The April treasurer's report was approved by consensus. The treasurer's report was sent out via email and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Patricia Oswalt.

Unfinished Business:

A: COMPASS: Johnette gave an update on COMPASS activities. Currently the pilot program is going on well. In mid-July, the committee is planning to meet and will get inputs from all the staff council members. The actual program will commence from August onwards.

B. Elections: Ryan mentioned that election process is complete. Awards have been decided and the list has been sent to Chancellor's office for final approval.

C. Exam Breakfast: Shelia got some flyers for the Exam breakfast program on May 8th, 2011. She circulated them and requested members to post them in their departments. The committee has arranged celebrity servers. The members were asked to sign up for volunteers.

Staff appreciation week: Ryan requested the members to volunteer for at least one event during Staff appreciation week. He called out each event and mentioned the number of volunteers

needed for that event. He noted down the name of the members who have agreed to volunteer for each event. Advertisement flyers were distributed for Recipe swap and blood drive. Johnette requested to give her the name of the local businesses that have agreed to do donations. She needed that information to include in the award ceremony invitation. Dawn asked the members to contact the local businesses for donations as early as possible and give the names to Johnette to get them printed in the invitation.

New Business:

- **A. Meeting with the Chancellor:** The Executive Committee didn't meet with the Chancellor because of his busy schedule.
- B. Staff council committee reports: none.
- C. Standing committee reports: None.
- **D.** Outstanding Staff Member for March: Tiffany nominated Micheal Todd of Waster water treatment department for his hard work especially during out of office hours. He is the winner.
- **E. Staff council officer elections:** It is the time to elect Staff council executive committee for next year, which starts from July 2011. Ryan explained the rules. The members can nominate either themselves or other members on their consent. Tiffany will be our SC president and Ryan will be past-president. President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Text book scholarship coordinator are the positions available open for nomination.

Announcements/Concerns:

Members raised a concern whether Staff council will take part in any relief activities of the recent Tornado damage. Ryan and Johnette explained that Staff council is planning to set up a cash donation box in each staff appreciation event and the collections will be given to Red Cross who is serving the Oxford community. The staff who are interested in donating other stuff can contact Salvation army and Good will stores.

Meeting adjourned at 3.14 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 8th, 2011.

Minutes recorded by Premalatha Balachandran.