

The University of Mississippi

Staff Council

A Message from the President

There comes a time in life when certain people, who have had a positive impact on you personally, move on to new paths and will hopefully influence others as they have done for me. Such is the case with the three members of Staff Council who can no longer serve due to personal circumstances. Linda, Mark and Amanda, you will be missed. I know I speak for many as I wish each of you great success in your future endeavors.

They say that behind every good man there is a good woman. Our current secretary, Amanda, has been that to me. She dedicated many hours for Staff Council events, keeping the calendar, reminding me of many small details (I tend to overlook), preparing the minutes and most of all for always smiling. Thanks Amanda.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and we should be reminded of all the many good things we have going for us. We work in a great public university, work with great faculty and staff and have the best students anywhere. Please remember those less fortunate and assist however you are best able to. Remember, a smile and encouraging words go a long way to giving hope to someone who is not so fortunate. Happy Thanksgiving!

Minutes of the Meeting, November 6, 2002

South End Zone Club

PRESENT: James Akey, Joey Brent, Rachel Bost, Dennis Bullard, Joni Camp, Nina Cheshier, Matthew Deming, Judy Fos, Earlene Foster, Shellie Harrison, Melissa Hudson, Dino Johnson, Sam Johnson, Regina Jordan, Buddy Kahler, Shannon Lovejoy, Steven Maples, Renee Moore, Conny Parham, Jean Pinion, Hilarie Pryor, Dave Sagaser, Tony Seaman, Doug Stuart, Karen Tuttle, Rosa Vance, Jeannette Wells, Amanda Wood

EXCUSED: Brenda Brannan, Mary Harrington, Cathy Laswell, Michele Mize, Amelia Rodgers, Linda Sallis, Mark Shows

2:35pm. Welcome was made by President Tony Seaman. Today's guest speaker was Eddie Crawford, Senior Associate Athletic Director. Mr. Crawford was a star performer for the Rebels in football, basketball, and baseball from 1954 to 1956. He's been with the University of Mississippi's staff since 1962. He has assisted in the additions of the West Side and East Side of the Vaught-Hemmingway Stadium, and has assisted in closing in the South End Zone of the Stadium. In the near future, Mr. Crawford hopes to assist in closing in the North End Zone, as well.

Today, Mr. Crawford has graciously given the Staff Council a grand tour of the recently finished South End Zone section of the stadium. This newly built section hosts 27 suites, including a new located suite for the Chancellor. The Club level holds almost twice as much as the East and West Side and has more amenities including 1700 seats outside the upper levels. All food is cooked and catered by Boston Concessions. The food is prepared for 17,000 people throughout the upper levels of the East, West and South End Zone. The Stadium now holds a little over 60,000 people with 4 elevators to service the South End Zone and 2 elevators to service on the top level. There is a large first aid station and a jail station, with 4 cells on the bottom level of the South End Zone. The concession stands are twice as wide and opens 12 windows on the lower level of South End Zone to better serve Rebel fans.

President Tony Seaman thanked Mr. Crawford for the marvelous tour and for his information. The business meeting followed.

OCTOBER MINUTES: Approved with no corrections.

President Tony Seaman wanted to express his appreciation to Amanda Wood and others who put together the October Minutes and for getting the information from Human Resources out to the staff before the Open Enrollment dates.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved with no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Staff Fall Meeting has been moved to November 27, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the Fulton Chapel. This meeting will not be broadcast over the web. Please encourage all staff members to attend. All Staff are invited to the Thanksgiving lunch at their regularly scheduled lunch times
- The United Way's "Road Block" campaign was a success. Volunteers were able to collect over \$2300.00. Appreciation goes out to all S/C members and others who volunteered.
- The Exam Breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2002 from 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact President-Elect Joni Camp at 7234. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet the students who chose Ole Miss as their college preference.
- The Book Scholarship Program will be available for the 2003 spring semester. Deadline for applications is December 20, 2002. Application forms may be obtained by logging on to the Staff Council's web page. Send applications to Melissa Hudson, Chair of the Scholarship Program, at J. D. Williams Library Government Section.
 - We are still the only 4-year institution offering this wonderful program, thanks to the great leadership of Chancellor Robert Khayat.

Jeannette Wells made a suggestion that for the next Staff Council meeting, which is December 4, 2002 at 2:30 p.m., we have a gift exchange. It was approved unanimously that next meeting would be a more relaxed event allowing members to get to know each other better. Gifts for the exchange should be limited to \$5.00 and wrapped. If the gift is gender specific, please note that. The gifts will be given a number and members will draw numbers for the exchange. Great idea Jeannette!

President Tony Seaman wanted to express his gratitude to those staff members who have served diligently as members of Staff Council but find they cannot complete their term and can no longer serve for various reasons. These members are Linda Sallis, Mark Shows, and Amanda Wood. Sincere appreciation goes out to them for their time, effort, energy and support of our Staff Council.

The process for replacing these vacating members is outlined in the by-laws and the next available person in each category will be asked to serve.

A note from the Secretary

I am taking this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for you allowing me to represent EEO category 4 and to represent the council as Secretary during my 2-year term with Staff Council. I have learned a great deal about the University and have met many outstanding staff members of this great Institution of Higher Learning. I know I have been fortunate to have been associated with all the members who serve on Staff Council. Thank you for your support. Sincerely, Amanda Wood

Meeting adjourned. 3:30pm.

/s/Tony Seaman, President
/s/Joni Camp, President-Elect
/s/Amanda Wood, Secretary

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