

The University of Mississippi

Minutes of the Meeting November 2, 2005

Staff Council

N.F.S.M.I.

Present: James Akey, Dotty Baker, Pam Barefield, Debbie Binkley, Debbie Bishop, Robert Bishop, David Blackmarr, Rachel Bost, Joey Brent, Nina Cheshier, Kim Chrestman, Mary Harrington, Carra Hewitt, Jeff Howell, Ann Mason, Patti Mooney, Jerry Moore, Paula Park, Deidra Phillips, Randall Pinion, Karen Tuttle

Excused: Brenda Brannan, Ron Kitchens, Traci Mitchell, Jennifer Pardoe, Bettie Puckett, Laurie Richlovsky, Amy Saxton, Timothy Woodard

Unexcused: Corrie Free, Cathy Grace, Ardessa Minor, Susan Neal

Call to Order: President Joey Brent called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm.

President Brent introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Charlotte Oakley, Executive Director of the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI).

Dr. Oakley has been involved with NFSMI since 1989 before there was an institute. Dr. Oakley gave a brief history of how the Institute came to Ole Miss. NFSMI was highly sought after by many universities across the country. Mississippi was a logical choice for the location of the NFSMI because the State of Mississippi had a high participation in the National School Lunch Program. The University of Mississippi was involved in training programs for child nutrition, which lead to the University of Mississippi being selected for the location to build the NFSMI.

Dr. Oakley stated that NFSMI meets the educational and training needs for the funded child nutrition programs. This is the only institution of its kind. USDA is a partner to research, education, and training. The government provided the funding for the construction of the building.

NFSMI is staffed by 30 full time employees. NFSMI does everything from financial management, media planning, to food safety. Dr. Oakley stated that there are over 30 million school lunches and 30 million school breakfasts served daily.

Dr. Oakley said that they love what they do. She also stated that the staff of NFSMI feels that if they come to work everyday, do the best that they can, be accountable for their resources, and make the most of their resources that they will improve the quality of life for the children of this country.

Beverly Cross gave the Staff Council an impressive tour of the NFSMI.

Approval of Minutes: October Minutes were approved without any corrections.

Treasurers Report: Nina Cheshier reported that expenditures were made in Commodities for a jump drive for the secretary's laptop in the amount of \$29.49. In the textbook scholarship account, a \$60.43 reimbursement was received.

The treasurer's report was approved with no corrections.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports made.

Old Business: President Brent asked the Staff Council to think of new ideas for fundraising projects.

Rachel Bost reported that the wording in the criteria for staff development textbook scholarship eligibility had been changed.

Nina Cheshier stated that she is gathering lots information dealing with the faculty/staff daycare. She stated that she would keep the Staff Council updated.

Paula Park stated that if any of the members of Staff Council could come up with prizes for the Exam Breakfast to contact her.

Paula Park announced that the Holiday Reception would be held on December 13 in the Union Lobby. She also stated that she would be talking to Tony Seaman about the invitations to be sent out for the reception.

New Business: President Brent stated that all donations for the Adopt-A-Basket Program are to be delivered to the Dean of Students office by twelve noon on November 16, 2005.

Announcements: President Brent announced that a hard copy of the minutes would be sent out to approximately 370 staff members that do not have access to the Internet.

Flu shots are available for faculty/staff.

Nina Cheshier was nominated for November's Staff Council member of the month.

Ron Kitchens hopes for 100% participation from Staff Council for United Way.

President Brent reported that the Staff Health Center is now open.

The next Staff Council meeting will be on December 7, 2005 in the Union 404.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 P.M.

/s/ Joey Brent, President

/s/ Ron Kitchens, President-Elect

/s/ Paula Park, Secretary

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