

Present: Dotty Baker, Pam Barefield, Prema Balachandran, Debbie Binkley, Debbie Bishop, Kevin Cozart, Tiffany Edwards, Angie Gurner, Shellie Harrison, Chris Ann Harwell, Marla Holcomb, Ron Huckaby, Gwen Hutchins, Nina Jones, Jane Michelletti, Julius Minor, Randall Pinion, Johnny Price, Deborah Purnell, Neal Sellers, Patricia Stewart, Johnette Taylor, Diane Tredway, Ryan Upshaw, Melanie Wadkins, Benita Whitehorn

Absent-Excused: Dennis Bullard, Sandra Cox-McCarty, Mary Ann Kerr, Patti Mooney, Jennifer Taylor, Pam Wilburn

Absent-Unexcused: Sam Johnson, Perry Myrick

Minutes: Approved by general consensus

Treasurer's Report: Approved by general consensus

Speaker: Kathy Gates

Topic: Information Technology-Interesting facts

Kathy shared some numbers with us regarding bookings and the number of bookings transferred over to blackboard, which 75.3% of faculty use; website and e-mail information (12.3 million e-mails are dealt with daily); work that went into making the Debate happen and degree audit is up and running. Course materials are on myolemiss so students can know textbook information early, giving them an opportunity to shop for the best price. Adviser evaluations are now available on-line. Kathy shared information with us on what is happening in IT that makes our lives at Ole Miss easier.

Speaker: Thelma Curry for United Way

Thelma shared with us some facts about United Way and asked that we all donate to help meet our goal of \$125,000.

Unfinished Business:

Fundraising Event

Debbie Binkley gave update on pizza card fundraiser. Pizza cards were distributed to several of the members.

Diabetes Walk

Kevin Cozart reported that he hoped to organize the walk for next year.

Newsletter Committee

Benita Whitehorn had a quote on publishing the newsletter. Benita and Melanie will work on finding ways to print the newsletter for cheaper than the quote. We decided that January would be the date for the first newsletter. The newsletter will be published twice a year.

New Business:

Staff Council Committees

Exam Breakfast:

The exam breakfast will be December 9. A sign-up sheet was passed around and several members volunteered their time.

Adopt a Basket-Johnette passed out the sheet with the items requested that will help provide families with the needed supplies for a Thanksgiving dinner. Staff Council does not sponsor this but agreed to help promote one.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 3rd at 1:30 in Bryant Hall is our Holiday Reception for the Staff Council members. Each member was asked to bring at least one canned good for the food drive. The canned goods will go to the food pantry. Student Affairs is promoting the Food Drive.

Adjourned at 2:33 p.m.