

The University of Mississippi

Minutes of the Meeting September 06, 2006

Staff Council

Union 404b

Present: James Akey, Dotty Baker, Pam Barefield, Debbie Binkley, Robert Bishop, David Blackmarr, Rachel Bost, Brenda Brannan, Joey Brent, Dennis Bullard, Nina Cheshier, Kim Chrestman, Corrie Free, Shellie Harrison, Lance Herrington, Ron Kitchens, Priscilla Melton, Ardesa Minor, Patti Mooney, Jennifer Pardoe, Paula Park, Jennifer Phillips, Randall Pinion, Laurie Richlovsky, Amy Saxton, Benita Whitehorn, Deetra Wiley and Timothy Woodard

Excused: Kim Dixon, Shannon Lovejoy, Ann Mason, Emily Smathers Ratliff and Patricia Stewart

Unexcused: Susan Neal

Call to Order: President Ron Kitchens called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

President Kitchens introduced our guest speaker, Michael Schwenk, Director of Parking Services for the University Police Department.

Michael Schwenk informed the Staff Council of his work history in the Navy. Michael retired from the Navy with 24 years of service. He then went to work for the government which included working for the Pentagon. Since Michael's employment with Parking Services at Ole Miss, he has been researching how other Universities handle parking situations.

Michael stated that he is trying to learn the campus and come up with ideas that will help to improve parking problems on campus. He stated his main concerns were with vehicles that were parked in fire lanes, fire hydrants, handicap spaces, curb cuts, and vehicles that are obstructing traffic flow for medical emergency vehicles.

Michael is also researching different ways to renew decals and different types of decals that could be used.

We all hope Michael will be able to help improve parking at Ole Miss.

Approval of Minutes: The August minutes were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Nina Cheshier reported expenditures in Contractual Services in the amount of \$10.00 for the engraving of nametags.

Commodities had expenditures for the amount of \$60.00 for artwork for retirement brochures.

Expenditures were also reported in the Textbook Scholarship Account for Textbook Scholarship Purchases in the amount of \$312.20 and a Textbook Scholarship refund for the amount of \$5.68.

The treasurer's report was approved with no corrections.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports at this time.

Old Business: President Kitchens stated that there are still some Staff Council members who have not turned in their survey sheets and to please do so.

President Kitchens requested that Staff Council members wear their Staff Council t-shirts to the monthly meetings and all Staff Council events. This will help the Staff Council to be more visible and to let the Staff at Ole Miss know who is representing them.

Chairpersons for the Staff Council Committees were selected from the volunteers who had agreed to serve.

"Meet and Greet" was a success this year. Staff Council members who volunteered were a great help to students who weren't sure where to go for their classes.

New Business: President Kitchens stated he did not have any new information on the "Freshman Experience" project.

President Kitchens went over the Staff Council policy on absenteeism. President Kitchens stressed how important it is for the members to be present for the monthly meetings and also to participate in Staff Council events.

President Kitchens stated that for the next meeting there would be someone from Health Services in Action, aka

Oxford Medical Ministries Clinic to inform us about this new program to provide health care to those who can't afford pay for health care. The services will be located on Hwy 7 south. They are waiting for VA mobile units from Memphis, Tn.

Deetra Wiley volunteered to be Staff Council's new PR person/ photographer after Amy Saxton indicated she could not devote the time necessary.

The Office of International Programs has requested volunteers for a program called "Planet Partners". For more information contact Charter Morris at 662-915-7404. Also, Hosts are needed to host International Students. For more information on hosting please contact Donna at 662-915-1557.

President Kitchens stated he is trying to persuade local businesses to give discounts to the Staff of Ole Miss. President Kitchens stated that Faculty may also need to be included because of the Ole Miss Id's have both Faculty/Staff on them. President Kitchens requested that anyone with ideas on businesses that might give a discount to let him know.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Concerns: President Kitchens stated he had received some e-mails concerning parking. The concern was that they could not park close to their place of work. President Kitchens stated he had not heard anymore from them.

The next meeting will be Oct. 04, 2006 in the Union, room 404b.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

/s/ Ron Kitchens, President

/s/ Debbie Binkley, President-Elect

/s/ Paula Park, Secretary

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