

Present: Premalatha Balachandran, Paula Beard, Eric Blakely, Kristina Boggan, Jeffrey Boyd, Joey Brent, Kim Chrestman, Tiffany Edwards, Paul Goolsby, Valerie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Natcha Knight-Evans, Shelley McGraw, Ginger Patterson, Raymus Purnell, Felisa Redmond, Precious Thompson, Pamela, Smith, Jacqueline Vinson, Amanda Walker, Nicki Weaver, and Deetra Wiley.

Absent-Excused: Missy Downey, Alicia Goodson, Melinda Grimmett, Doug Gurley, Johnette Taylor-Jenkins, and Julius Minor.

Absent-Unexcused:

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet).

Call to Order: The September Staff Council meeting begin at 10:30am with members taking a group picture on the grounds near the physical plant registration building. The formal meeting started immediately afterwards 10:49am.

September Minutes:

The September minutes, was approved with minor corrections. Motion to approve the minutes was by Joey Brent and seconded by Tiffany Edward, approved by Consensus. The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Jacqueline Vinson (jvinson@olemiss.edu).

September Treasurer Report:

The September treasury support was approved with no corrections. Motion to approve the treasury report was by Premalatha Balachandran and second by Pam Smith...Approved by Consensus. The treasurer report will be sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Nicki Weaver nicwea@olemiss.edunicwea@olemiss.edu.

Smoking Policy Concerns:

There are some issues with the Smoking Policy being enforceable now by some departments. Several departments have taken upon themselves to implement their own punitive punishment. Staff complaints have been taken up with the Chancellor, and Larry Sparks, however, they asked for patience and to remain cooperative with their direct supervisors until something is done. It was suggested that there may be some editing or amending to the policy for everyone to be treated the same. Anyone feeling discriminated against should put it in writing for further actions to the Chancellor. The PPD is following the policy as written. The athletic department is taking cautious measures to implement the new policy during athletics events.

Non staff members of the council have requested an interest in attending the meeting. Due to limited space and outside influence, we will have closed meetings. As of now staff council members only will be able to attend the meetings, but, non-staff members will have the chance to submit concerns issues to the council so that they can be routed to the correct people.

Nomination process

Some of the members asked if we can nominate by emails, by submitting a bio on the nominee of why they are nominating them. It was said that we should vote at the meetings, but in order to be fair to the whole staff body of the university, all agreed to have an open vote for nomination staff of the Month on the Staff Council website. The elected one receives a certificate and a university food coupon book. They will also be recognized on the Staff Council website, and all agreed that Deetra Wiley would find a way for them to be posted in the Daily Mississippian. When all nominations are in, the council will make the final selection. We will elect two staff members of the month in October (Sept. /Oct.).

Committee Updates:

No Committee Updates.

Standing Committees:

No committees have met.

A motion was moved to list the person/person's name who is making a statement in the meeting.

Announcements/Concerns:

1. Daniel Ross (serious accident) – In need of leave time donations (Amanda will get the information needed to donate the leave).

Guest Speaker Mr. Isaac Astill, Parking and Transportation Services addressed the issues of parking on campus. Mr. Astill gave a background of parking issues on campus, which prompted Mr. Clay Jones to create the new Parking and Transportation Department moving it from UPD. Since his arrival, Mr. Astill has looked at future building sights and implemented a Master plan of the campus (available to view). He will also submit a long term proposal in November from researching other SEC similar campuses. Parking rates of other universities was circulated giving us an idea of what other state institutions across the country are paying. He said that parking does need to increase. Right now, it is costing \$28,000 a month to maintain the shuttles for faculty/staff and students to alleviate the congestion on campus. This fund comes from federal grants/parking transportation department. The university is looking to hire more staff members for this department to accommodate the growing 17,000 plus students on this campus. Location for this department is at the old Wal-Mart. The campus has the resources to rebound from the parking issues quickly, but it will take a lot of funding. Parking garages are in the planning, but will cost 17K/21K per stall \$1200/\$1500 a year to maintain that stall. Funds collected by different departments in "pay parking areas" during the football seasons south lot- PPD, law school-UPD and Meek hall- Art Department, are used to utilize for those departments. Mr. Astill, states that there are three stall/staff, so there are more than enough parking stalls for the faculty and staff. Anymore questions please email Mr. Astill.

Meeting adjourned 11:35a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 11 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Jacqueline Vinson.