

**Present:** Premalatha Baalachandran, Pauline Beard, Kristina Boggan, Jeffrey Boyd, Kim Chrestman, Jessica Coker, Missy Downey, Alicia Goodson, Paul Goolsby, Shelia Goolsby, Doug Gurley, Valarie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Natcha Knight-Evans, Shelley McGraw, Pamela Smith, Patricia Stewart, Johnette Taylor, Precious Pratt-Thompson, Jacqueline Vinson, Amanda Walker.

**Absent-Excused:** Eric Blakely, Joey Brent, Tiffany Edwards, Melinda Grimmatt, Ginger Patterson, Felisa Redmond, Raymus Purnell, Nikki Weaver, Deetra Wiley.

**Absent-Unexcused:** Jeffrey Boyd, Merrill Magruder.

**Roll call:** (Sign-in sheet).

**Call to Order:** The January Staff Council meeting was called to order by Amanda Walker at 10:30am.

**Update on Meeting with Chancellor:**

President Elect Natcha Evans along with other officers met with the Chancellor, Tuesday, January 8 at 3:00pm. The Chancellor was excited about the large turnout at the Staff Christmas Reception held at the Ford Center. The Ford Center will be used for upcoming events until the Commons is finished. He also spoke on the following:

- More funding for K-12 other than higher education
- The number on applications are up which may spark an increase in pay for this year.
- Bond Bill used for renovating old buildings on campuses in the news (may be positive or negative)
- IHL is going back to Legislators to petition reallocating on funding to accommodate equal distribution to the state Universities and Colleges
- University to pay more for PERS

Jackson Campus- School of Pharmacy will have a representative to be on Staff Council beginning in March. Amanda will be meeting with the director Beverly Butts to see what role they envision that person to be.

**December Minutes:**

The December minutes were approved with minor corrections. Motion to approve the minutes was by Johnette Taylor and seconded by Missy Downey 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](mailto:jvinson@olemiss.edu))

**December Treasurer Report:**

The staff council budget will possibly have to contribute a larger amount to the May luncheon. The Association of Staff Council will meet in Jackson, February 21. Travel for mileage will be coming from the budget for the president and president-elect to attend. The December treasury report was approved with no corrections. Motion to approve the treasury report was by Kelly Houston and second by Joey Brent. Motion 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.edu](mailto:nicwea@olemiss.edu) or [unicwea@olemiss.edu](mailto:unicwea@olemiss.edu).

**Nomination for Staff Member of the Month for January:**

Nominations from the ballots taken from the website, through email, for the selection of a Staff Member for the Months for January; the Staff Council voted on the nominees and declared that the January Staff Member of the Month is Ashley Dees. Other nominees will be recognized as honorable mention.

**No New Business**

**Special Request**

A request was made to display staff member's sickness, family deaths, etc., on the Staff Council website. It was agreed by all to display it on the News and Events Page as "Our Thoughts Are With" with the approval from that person. Amanda will contact HR for proper procedures and approval.

Passport forms are made available at the UM-Post Office. Amanda will have an update the next meeting.

**Staff Council Committee Reports**

Amanda chaired the policy and voting committee on reviewing the voting regulations to make sure there are not any changes before the upcoming election.

Public Relations- a new newsletter will be coming out in March so be thinking about ideas.

**Chancellor Standing Committees:**

Smoking Implementation Committee will meet at the end of this month  
Strategic Planning, will meet this Friday, January 12

**Announcements**

Friday, Jan 25 @ 4:00pm, The Induction into Hall of Fame Students and Who's Who Students Ceremony

**Meeting adjourned 11:05a.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 14 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes recorded by Jacqueline Vinson.

**Staff Council Officers for 2012-2013:**

Amanda Walker, President  
Natcha Knight-Evans, President-Elect  
Jackie Vinson, Secretary  
Premalatha Balachandran, Text Book Scholarship Coordinator  
Melinda Grimmert, Treasurer