

Present: Premalatha Baalachandran, Pauline Beard, Eric Blakely, Jeffrey Boyd, Joey Brent, Kristina Boggan, Kim Chrestman, Jessica Coker, Missy Downey, Tiffany Edwards, Valarie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Natcha Knight-Evans, Shelley McGraw, Merrill Magruder, Pamela Smith, Ginger Patterson, Johnette Taylor, Precious Pratt-Thompson, Jacqueline Vinson, Amanda Walker, Deetra Wiley.

Absent-Excused:, Paul Goolsby, Shelia Goolsby, Melinda Grimmett, Doug Gurley, Alicia Goodson, Felisa Redmond, Raymus Purnell, Patricia Stewart, Nicki Weaver.

Absent-Unexcused:

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order: The February Staff Council meeting was called to order by Amanda Walker at 10:30am, March 14, 2013.

Update on Meeting with Chancellor:

The freshmen enrollment will be up again the 2013-2014 academic year which would hopefully allow us to obtain of the 3% raise. However, this will be subject to IHL approval.

Election Process

All new staff council member will attend an orientation session before the meeting in April. They are: **EEO 1 Category** - Jeff McManus, **Category 4-** Ashley Smith Baker, Shannon Dixon and Judy Hart Forester, **Category 3** – Sovent (Suave) Taylor, **Appointed Member from DeSoto Campus** - Valarie Haynes, **Tupelo/Booneville** – Alicia Goodson (will serve until a replacement is found), **Jackson Pharmacy Branch** - Robert Metzger and **Category 6** - Jamie Irby. Only the vacant positions were filled.

February Minutes:

The February minutes were approved with one correction. Motion to approve the minutes was by Joey Brent and seconded by Precious Pratt-Thompson approved by a majority of consensus. The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Jacqueline Vinson (jvinson@olemiss.edu)

February Treasurer Report:

The February treasury report was approved with no corrections. Motion to approve the treasury report was by Jessica Coker and second by Jacqueline Vinson. Motion approved by a majority of consensus. The treasurer report will be sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be sent to Nicki Weaver nicwea@olemiss.edu.

Nomination for Staff Member of the Month for February:

Ballot nominations were taken from the Staff Council website, through staff members emails. In selecting a Staff Member for the Months; the Staff Council voted on the nominees and declared that the March Staff Member of the Month is *Maria Filippi*. Other nominees will be recognized as honorable mention.

Staff Council Committee Reports

Staff Appreciation Day is scheduled May 13-17. Activities will be modeled from previous years.
Monday, May 13 - Lecture (Jeff McManus) and possible CME tour (Ryan Miller)
Tuesday, May 14 - Blood Drive and Recipe Swap
Wednesday, May 15 - Blood Drive, Music & Meditation, and New Hire Reception
Thursday, May 16 - Plant Swap and will possibly offer "Family Swim" 4pm-6pm
Friday, May 17 - Recognition Award Ceremony, Staff Picnic, Fun Time (basketball tournament, zumba, Bingo, Karaoke) Fun Time activities will begin 1:30pm – 3:30pm.
The locations for all the events are secured, except for rain sites for two events.

All members are asked to solicit from the donation list of businesses for door prizes. Funding for this event is limited; therefore, we have to be very selective on our decisions in planning the meal for the picnic and securing enough for next year's activities.

We are looking for outside vendors to set up, so that Physical Plant employees will not have to work.

Chancellor Standing Committees:

Parking Committee - there will be a retraction about the information sent out that parking on campus will also be for staff members and not just faculty, if they choose to pay for a reserve space near your building

Smoke Free Policy Initiative – A question was brought up "Will there be a smoking appeal process?" They are considering, combining and renaming the Parking Appeals for the Faculty & Staff to accommodate both in the same area. A map will be provided of the locations that are considered off-limits for smoking between Ole Miss Campus and the Oxford area. Smoking in cars is considered violations following the rules. Any complaints will be dealt with accordingly.

Announcements

Christian Wallace, Director of Special Events is asking for volunteers to work during Graduation. You will be provided breakfast and lunch.

Concern: "A notice needs to be emailed out concerning parking during Spring Break," all rules still stand as normal school time for parking. 8am – 9pm

The drawing results from the "Dine around Oxford" Raffle - Tish Mariano from Procurement.

Meeting adjourned 11:25a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.
Orientation for new members will begin at 9:00am.

Minutes recorded by Jacqueline Vinson.

Staff Council Officers for 2012-2013:

Amanda Walker, President
Natcha Knight-Evans, President-Elect
Jacqueline Vinson, Secretary
Premalatha Balachandran, Text Book Scholarship Coordinator
Nicki Weaver, Treasurer