

**Present:** Ashley Smith-Baker, Pauline Beard, Joey Brent, Kim Chrestman, Shannon Dixon, Judy Hart Forester, Alicia Goodson, Paul Goolsby, Shelia Goolsby, Tiffany Edwards, Valarie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Jamie Irby, Natcha Knight-Evans, Jeff McManus, Pamela Smith, Ginger Patterson, Patricia Stewart, Sovent Taylor, Johnette Taylor, Jacqueline Vinson, Amanda Walker  
Nicki Weaver.

**Absent-Excused:** Premalatha Baalachandran, Jessica Coker, Merrill Magruder, Shelley McGraw, Robert Metzger, Eric Blakely, Raymus Purnell, Felisa Redmond, Missy Downey, Kristina Boggan.

**Absent-Unexcused:**

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

**Call to Order:** The April Staff Council meeting was called to order by Amanda Walker at 10:30am, April 11, 2013.

**Update on Meeting with Chancellor:**

There was not a meeting with the Chancellor for the Month of April due to a conflict with scheduling.

**Introduction of New Members**

Jeff McManus, Ashley Smith Baker, Shannon Dixon and Judy Hart Forester, Sovent (Suave) Taylor & Jamie Irby. These new members attended an Orientation prior today's meeting. Robert Metzger (Pharmacy) will join us the next meeting.

**March Minutes:**

The March minutes were approved with no corrections. Motion to approve the minutes was by Joey Brent and seconded by Sovent Taylor 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](mailto:jvinson@olemiss.edu))

**March Treasurer Report:**

The documents of Staff Council Students scholarships and allocations for the textbook scholarships were presented. The March treasury report was approved with no corrections. Motion to approve the treasury report was by Kelley Houston and second by Johnette Taylor. 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](mailto:nicwea@olemiss.edu).

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

Ballot nominations are 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 April Staff Member of the Month is *Dustin Harris*. Other nominees will be recognized as honorable mention. Motion to approve the Staff Member of the month was by Joey Brent and second by Pamela Smith. Motion approved by a majority of consensus

The staff council members brainstormed on ways to get Physical Plant (PP) staff members comfortable with participating on Staff Council and having a positive voice in representing the PP.

The director of Special events along with staff council, are looking for a way that they do not work on staff appreciation luncheon by bringing outside vendors to set up when needed..

Morals are low on campus, and a lot of people are frustrated by the changes that are being made on campus, and people are afraid to speak out because of their supervisors may find out. The president stressed that this committee is a sounding board and what is discussed remains within the council. The key is to provide better communication with those members; however, future research on staff members evaluating their supervisions. This will be researched by the Chair Ginger Patterson and Co-Chair Sovent Taylor. Other staff council members who are interested were asked to email Ginger Taylor. A report will be given at the June Meeting.

Motion to do further research on a new format of how staff members evaluate their supervisors was by Ginger Patterson and seconded by Alicia Goodson, approved by a majority.

***Staff Appreciation Day*** is scheduled May 13-17. Activities will be modeled from previous years.

Monday, May 13 - Lecture (Jeff McManus)

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 a venue for the Basketball tournament (possible place "The Gillom Center". Tickets will be mailed as usual. Chair of the committee Natcha Knight-Evans asked for cell numbers from all staff council members to be contacted in case more volunteers are needed. All members are still asked to solicit from the donation list of businesses for door prizes.

The Newsletters are getting ready for disbursements' and the cost is a flat rate.

#### **University Communications Representatives:**

University Communications have designed a faculty & staff electronic newsletter and asked that Staff Council combine their articles with theirs. It will have one of two stories about staff members, and the staff member of the month will also be highlighted. We can consistently send information to them, and it will be published in the newsletter weekly. The purpose is to keep the staff informed on what's happening on campus. Hard copies will be attainable for PP staff members. Writers are available if needed. It was motioned, seconded to accept collaborating SC newsletter with the Faculty and Staff were seconded approved by all members of the staff council.

#### **Announcements**

April 25 Justice for Jeans \$5.00/ticket

#### **Chancellor Standing Committees:**

**Faculty Staff Appeals** – remember this year when you get your new license plate; you have 48 hours to give Parking Services your new license plate number to avoid getting a ticket. This can be done by email.

**Parking Committee** - The new parking policies have been put in place and in the near future we will have the director of parking come to speak with the staff council members. Registration will begin July 1 and all vehicles will have to be registered online. Changes are happening for the better!

Jonathon Perry Morgan needs donated leave time. He has been approved to receive it.

All current Staff Council members introduced themselves to the new staff council members.

Please vote in the EOC category!!

**Meeting adjourned 11:30a.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 8, 2013 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

Jacqueline Vinson, Secretary

Premalatha Balachandran, Text Book Scholarship Coordinator

Nicki Weaver, Treasurer