

**Present:** Ashley Smith-Baker, Pauline Beard, Eric Blakely, Kristina Boggan, Joey Brent, Jessica Coker, Shannon Dixon, Missy Downey, Tiffany Edwards, Judy Forester, Alicia Goodson, Paul Goolsby, Shelia Goolsby, Valerie Haynes, Kelly Houston, Jamie Irby, Dawn Jeter, Natcha Knight-Evans, Jeff McManus, Ginger Patterson, Felisa Redmond, Patricia Stewart, Sovent Taylor, Amanda Walker, Nicki Weaver.

**Absent-Excused:** Premalatha Balachandran, Kim Chrestman, Carl Hill, Merrill Magruder, Robert Metzger, Raymus Purnell, Pamela Smith, Johnette Taylor, Jacqueline Vinson.

**Absent-Unexcused:**

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

**Call to Order:** The June Staff Council meeting was called to order by Amanda Walker at 10:30am, June 13, 2013.

**Updates from President:**

**Welcome to our newest staff council member Dawn Jeter from Overby Center. She will be replacing Shelley McGraw who is no longer with the University.**

This was Amanda's last meeting as President. She commended everyone for pitching in and going above and beyond with Staff Appreciation Week to make sure that we had a great turn out and success at all of the events.

**New Staff Council Members for 2013-2014 take office July 1, 2013**

Natcha Knight-Evans, President

Carl Hill, President-Elect

Kristi Boggan, Secretary

Premalatha Balachandran, Textbook Scholarship Coordinator

Kelly Houston, Treasurer

**Update on Meeting with Chancellor:** No meeting scheduled this month.

**May Minutes:**

The May minutes were approved. Motion to approve the minutes was by Missy Downey and seconded by Joey Brent. Minutes approved by a majority of consensus. The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Kristi Boggan ([kboggan@olemiss.edu](mailto:kboggan@olemiss.edu)).

### **May Treasurer Report:**

Statements from the Credit Union were posted as well as the May Treasury report for approval. They were both approved with no corrections. Motion to approve the treasury report was by Sovent Taylor and seconded by Pauline Beard. 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 Kelly Houston ([kbhousto@olemiss.edu](mailto:kbhousto@olemiss.edu)).

### **Nominations for Staff Member of the Month for June:**

Ballot nominations are taken from the Staff Council website, through staff member emails. In selecting a Staff Member of the Month, the Staff Council voted on the nominees and declared that the June Staff Member of the Month is *Mary Kathryn Yancey*.

### **New Business:**

A. Discussion of Meeting Time/Date of each Month: Natcha opened discussion for the possibility of moving locations for staff council meetings. After majority consensus, location will remain in the Physical Plant Conference Room. Natcha then discussed whether to keep the meeting time the same or to change to another time. She will check to see if the room is available for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. If not, then meetings will remain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

B. Discussion of New Initiatives: Natcha will have more information regarding her initiatives at next meeting. She advised that she would like to look into bringing in a Social Media Officer. She will have more information regarding this at the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

A. Compass Program Update: HR has asked that the committee write a proposal on how we would like to restructure that program. Amanda will forward to committee members some information that Andrea Jacobson has provided. She is okay with making this program more of a development workshop once each semester.

B. Research on Appraisals for Supervisors: Ginger advised that Andrea in Human Resources must do all the research to see if this is even a possibility. Sovent advised that he called all the other SEC schools and the only one that had anything in place was the University of Kentucky in which theirs is departmental, not university wide. This issue has been tabled until we have research from Andrea.

### **Staff Appreciation:**

Natcha thanked everyone for their help and cooperation with Staff Appreciation.

Attendance numbers were as follows:

- Jeff McManus' Landscaping Lecture – 18 people
- Aqua Aerobics – 18 people over the course of 3 days
- Blood Drive – 44 people
- Recipe Swap – 25 people
- Music and Meditation – 130 people
- New Hire Reception – 45 people
- Plant Swap – 59

Zumba – 2 people (possibly due to bad weather)  
Bingo – 78 people  
Karaoke – 13 people  
Basketball Tournament – 50 people  
Staff Luncheon – 871 tickets were collected

It was suggested that we continue to host the Staff Luncheon in the IPF. Natcha (or whoever will be in charge of Staff Appreciation next year) will look into the possibility of keeping the venue the same. Some other suggestions that were made were adding the following activities: Bunko, softball, and the possibility of having Karaoke during the staff luncheon.

Staff appreciation T-shirts are still available. If you know of anyone that has not received a shirt have them contact Amanda.

Standing Committee Updates:

Parking – According to the June 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Daily Mississippian it appears that parking permits will be on a three year plan in which they will increase \$15 each year. Reserved parking passes will increase \$100 each year. Kelly Houston asked if there would be a parking map released so that employees could make a decision on which parking permit to purchase.

**Announcements:**

- Committee lists will be available next meeting.
- Anyone who would like to stay and help sign thank you letters to donors would be greatly appreciated.
- Name tags for new members are available from Tiffany. Shirts will be ready next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned 10:59 A.M.**

Next meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes recorded by Kristi Boggan.