

**Present:** Ashley Smith-Baker, Premalatha Baalachandran, Joey Brent, Kristina Boggan, Kim Chrestman, Jessica Coker, Missy Downey, Tiffany Edwards, Paul Goolsby, Shelia Goolsby, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Jamie Irby, Natcha Knight-Evans, Jeff McManus, Shelley McGraw, Robert Metzger, Felisa Redmond, Pamela Smith, Patricia Stewart, Sovent Taylor, Johnette Taylor, Jacqueline Vinson, Amanda Walker.

**Absent-Excused:** Pauline Beard, Eric Blakely, Shannon Dixon, Judy Hart Forester, Alicia Goodson, Valarie Haynes, Merrill Magruder, Ginger Patterson, Raymus Purnell, Nicki Weaver.

**Absent-Unexcused:**

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

**Call to Order:** The May Staff Council meeting was called to order by Amanda Walker at 10:30am, May 9, 2013.

**Update on Meeting with Chancellor:**

According to the Chancellor, there is still an increase in fall enrollment which helps the possible upcoming 3% salary increase for staff with the approval of IHL. This will wrap-up the 3-year salary increase he committed to, but does not mean that future increases would not take place. With this being a busy time of the year, the Chancellor wanted to express his appreciation for the all the hard work the staff council are putting in with graduation and staff appreciation week.

**Updates for President Amanda Walker**

Amanda commended Natcha Knight-Evans on her remarkable work in coordinating the Staff Appreciation Week. She stressed that more assistant is needed with activities from all members especially the men of staff council to help with heavy equipment. Staff council members will pick up their T-Shirts early to be worn at the Awards Ceremony and Picnic.

**April Minutes:**

The April minutes were approved with a minor correction. Motion to approve the minutes was by Johnette Taylor 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)).

**April Treasurer Report:**

Statements from the Credit Union were presented as well as the April treasury report for approval. They were both approved with no corrections. Motion to approve the treasury report was by Kelly Houston and second by Natcha Knight-Evans. 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 May:**

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 May Staff Member of the Month is *Susan Madl*. Other nominees will be recognized as honorable mention. Motion approved by a majority of consensus.

**New officers of Staff Council & Open Nominations**

No email interest for President Elect was received by April 15 to the President Amanda Walker, therefore, open nominations for President Elect from the floor. Natcha Knight-Evans nominated Carl Hill, and he accepted. Nominations were closed for President Elect. Each nominee was given a chance to express why they should be in the position chosen. Jacqueline Vinson nominated for Secretary declined. Nominations were opened for secretary from the floor. Kristina Boggan and Kim Chrestman were nominated with Kim declining.

**New Officers for 2013-2014**

Natcha Knight-Evans – President  
Carl Hill – President-Elect  
Kelly Houston - Treasurer  
Premalatha Baalachandran – Textbook Scholarship Coordinator  
Kristina Boggan – Secretary

***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 (new hires only)

Thursday, May 16 - Plant Swap and “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 Turner Center is allowing staff & their family members to use the Turner Center free for the week. Aqua Aerobics will also be available Tuesday & Thursday. The TV for bingo again this year will be given away. Natcha encouraged the staff council members to sign up to work more than one activity. During the picnic all staff members have to present a ticket to get in the lunch line. All staff members are encouraged to walk to the Ford Center for the Awards Ceremony to avoid citations. Parking passes will be provided for incoming guests who will be attending the events.

**Welcome to our newest staff council member Robert Metzger from the Regional Site in Jackson School of Pharmacy.**

**Update on COMPASS:**

COMPASS will hopefully be rejuvenated thru the Human Resource Office COMPASS has not been progressing as well as we like and this will be a great opportunity to have more development workshops for staff members.

**Announcement:** Amy Saxton recognized for the Thomas Frist Award.

**Meeting adjourned 11:40a.m.**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 13, 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