

Present:

Ashley Smith Baker, Premalatha Balachandran, Pauline Beard, Donna Berryhill, Eric Blakely, Kristina Boggan, Martina Brewer, Jessica Coker, Gazel Giles, Alicia Goodson, Valerie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Jamie Irby, Natcha Knight-Evans, Jeff McManus, Jean Munson, Kara Parham, Felisa Redmond, Patricia Stewart, Sovent Taylor, Christy Cox White

Absent-Excused:

Terrance Brown, Bryan Davis, Shannon Dixon, Judy Hart Forester, Shellie Harrison, Robert Metzger, Raymus Parnell, Amanda Walker

Absent-Unexcused:

Roll call: (Sign-in sheet)

Call to Order: The April Staff Council meeting was called to order by Natcha Knight-Evans at 10:32 AM, April 17, 2014

Guest Speaker: Mike Harris, Director of Parking and Transportation Services

- New Parking Software – T2 Flex
 - o Rolling permit costs over 18 pay periods in 9 months
 - o Designate number of permits per zones
- Visitor Parking
 - o Daily permits increasing to \$2
 - o Lyceum Circle and Student Services will remain visitor parking
 - o All other visitor areas will revert back to Faculty/Staff Parking
 - o Monthly Permits \$20
 - o Yearly Permits \$150
- Parking Garage
 - o 823 spaces total
 - o 323 designated Faculty/Staff - \$500 per year over 9 months
 - o 500 spaces open to anyone on a time basis
 - \$2 for the first hour
 - \$1 for each additional hour
 - \$10 maximum for a 24 hour period of time
 - o Parking Meters at Manning Center
 - \$1 per hour
 - o Parker Streetline (Free App)
 - Tells where there is available parking
 - Segregate campus into 2 zones with 2 people monitoring zones
 - Based on what they see
 - Eventually install loops in parking lots to monitor how many cars go in and how many go out

- Adding/Modifying Bus Routes
 - Brown Route (JAC-Chapel-Guyton-Cross Street/Union) will make a loop down Rebel Drive back to JAC
 - Will add an additional bus to this route
- Questions:
 - Will weekly passes be available? \$10
 - Will there be parking passes available for regional campus employees that come to the main campus on a regular basis for meetings? Time limited permits will be available starting in July that will allow you to do that.
 - Will departments still be able to purchase parking passes for visitors? Visitor passes will come in bundles of 25 in sequential order at half price. They will be scratch off passes where you scratch off the month and the date. Departments will keep a log (name and permit number) of passes handed out. These passes are only good for one day.
 - What about departments that host multiple day clinics? Departments can send a pdf of the parking pass they would like to use to Parking Services. They will then verify and approve it. Departments will then send parking pass to attendees and notify Parking Services how many were in attendance and will charge \$1 per pass per day back to the department.
 - We are very proud of our University and how it looks. What about these parking meters? They are very decorative with two meter heads.
 - Instead of meters, what about a central pay station? Why would that not work? The biggest drawback would be having the actual guest go pay and then go back to their car. Meters are very user friendly. Samples of the meters are available in Parking Services.
 - Let me get this straight. We are getting rid of the annual reserved parking spaces or are those staying? Those are still available but no more than 110 will be sold.
 - Students use the Paris-Yates Chapel Lot as their carpool lane to pick up their friends but it causes it to be extremely congested. Will the people going around to monitor lots for open parking spaces help manage this? I can see where this would happen. I will give you an example. Currently commuter parking passes are currently sold at a ratio of 3:1. You should never exceed 2.5:1 and 2.2:1 is better. I really prefer 2:1. All day long you would have spaces. At 3:1 spaces would have to turn over a high rate. We have to get the ratios right. With this new software we will be able to do this. We will sell commuter passes at a rate of 2.2:1. Once all commuter passes are sold the system will only give you the choice of Park and Ride. At first, they will be upset but after a few days it becomes habit.
 - Will contractors still get to keep the same permit or will they have to get a new one each day? If they are in a marked vehicle they will not need a permit. If they are in a personal vehicle and park within the fenced area you will not be ticketed. Construction permits will be available and allow to park at the Park and Ride lot only and will be left up to the foreman to make sure they get to work.
 - Article in the paper regarding Parking Meters on Old Taylor Road. How will this affect students that have decals to park in this area? Current decals expire in August. This is me, but I don't know how the City and University operate but I think that this will be a last resort and may not even happen. This is a city street, and Legal is looking into it, but this is a city street and they can do whatever they

want to with it. But that would take 129 commuter spaces. I did forget to mention the new parking lot being built on Jeanette Phillips Drive.

Update on Meeting with Chancellor:

- Met on March 25 and April 15, 2014
 - o Post Office Closure
 - A committee, based on their findings, the Post Office services are not being utilized by the students and they are in the process of making accommodations for students to receive mail.
 - At the March meeting Chancellor advised that the Post Office has not asked for another location on campus.
 - The Post Office has not decided on whether or not we can keep the University, MS 38677 address or incorporated into the Oxford, MS address.
 - The Post Office will close June 16th.

Approval of March Minutes:

- Motion to approve Sovent Taylor
- Seconded by Valerie Haynes

The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Kristi Boggan (kboggan@olemiss.edu).

Approval of March Treasurers Report

- Motion to approve by Pat Stewart
- Seconded by Pauline Beard

The treasurer report will be sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be sent to Kelly Houston (kbhousto@olemiss.edu).

Nominations for Staff Member of the Month for April:

- 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 March Staff Member of the Month is *Mildred Ivy*

New Business:

- Outstanding Staff Member Elections
 - o Paper Elections will be available
 - o It was brought to our attention that the application is quite cumbersome for some workers to fill out.
- Staff Appreciation Week
 - o We need everyone's help with this in order to make it successful
 - o H.R. has received a grant to help develop opportunities for staff to be healthier
 - Extra events will be scheduled throughout the week
 - o Vendor Lists available
 - o Door Prizes are still needed
 - o Letters available for vendors
 - o Sign-up sheets for Staff Appreciation Activities

- Donations can be dropped off in Carl Hill's office (117 Old Athletics Building)
- Staff Council Executive Officer Elections
 - Nominations due April 30, 2014
 - Elections at May meeting

Standing Committee Updates/Reports:

- Sovent Taylor - OMBUDSMAN committee is talking to other universities with the same position to see what they do

Announcements:

- Ideas for fundraiser – raffle tickets for a chance to win one of three \$100 gas cards to Kroger. Possibly might get a \$100 grocery card to Larson's Cash Saver.

Meeting adjourned 11:43 A.M.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes recorded by Kristi Boggan.