

**Present:**

Premalatha Balanchandran, Donna Berryhill, Eric Blakely, Kristina Boggan, Martina Brewer, Shannon Dixon, Gazel Giles, Valerie Haynes, Carl Hill, Kelly Houston, Jamie Irby, Natcha Knight-Evans, Jeff McManus, Robert Metzger, Jean Munson, Kara Parham, Patricia Stewart, Sovent Taylor, Christ Cox White

**Absent-Excused:**

Jessica Coker, Judy Hart Forester, Alicia Goodson, Shellie Harrison, Felisa Redmond

**Absent-Unexcused:**

Pauline Beard, Terrance Brown, Bryan Davis, Raymus Purnell

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

**Call to Order:** The June Staff Council meeting was called to order by Natcha Knight-Evans at 10:31 AM, July 10, 2014

**Approval of June Minutes:**

- Motion to approve by Natcha Knight-Evans
- Seconded by Premalatha Balanchandran

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)).

**Approval of June Treasurers Report**

- Motion to approve by Christy Cox White
- Seconded by Sovent Taylor

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)).

**Approval of Corrected March, April, and May Treasurers Report**

- Motion to approve by Patricia Stewart
- Seconded by Valerie Haynes

**Nominations for Staff Member of the Month for July:**

- 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 July Staff Member of the Month is Jerry Hardin.

**New Business:**

- Staff Council Website has been updated. Please check it out.
- MASCO
  - o Initiatives being lobbied or discussed:
    - Change IHL Policy to allow two free classes at 8 sister universities
    - Allow 50% discount for children at all 8 sister institutions

- Dr. Hank Bounds (Commissioner of the IHL Board) has agreed to discuss this with all the universities and the Academic Affairs committee of the IHL Board
  - Insurance is self-funded through trust and then contracted out to BCBS
  - Going to ask Richard Self (State Insurance Administrator) to attend next MASCO meeting to ask questions regarding the policy such why the policy is why it is (no opt out) and why there is no other competitors for other insurance vendors
  - 360 evaluations for supervisors
  - Recognition of Staff Councils at all institutions
- New Initiatives
    - Reinstate the Children of Staff Scholarship
      - In the past we offered three \$500 scholarships
      - Will need to do more fundraising as a council
      - Must be classified as a junior or senior
      - Chosen by Financial Aid Office
    - Would like to do more events for staff throughout the year
  - Committee Sign-up Sheets
    - Public Relations and Marketing Committee
    - Staff Appreciation Committee
    - Elections Committee
    - Fundraising Committee
    - Hospitality Committee
  - Group Photo 2014-2015 will either be during the August or September meeting

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**Meeting adjourned 10:54 A.M.**

Next meeting: Thursday, August 12, 2014 at 10:30 A.M., Physical Plant Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Kristi Boggan.