

Present:

Premalatha Balachandran, Ev Barrett, Blake Bostick, Kelli Coleman, Erica Covington, Gazel Giles, Mohamed Ali Ibrahim, LeTosha James, Ryan Miller, Joanne Mitchell, Sheila Padgett, Jason Shirkey, Deetra Wiley

Absent:

Bradley Baker, Anne Scott Barrett, Jessica Coker, Jeremy Cook, James Corner, Kevin Cozart, Kelly Houston, Christy Isom, Anne Kligen, Natcha Knight-Evans, JeLisa McGee, Robert Metzger, Michael Moseley, Aretha Nabors, Danielle Noonan, EJ Presley, Johnny Price, Erin Ridout, Steven Ridout, Cindy Rimoldi, K.T. Short, Pam Smith, Precious Thompson, Jacqueline Vinson

I. Call to Order

The October Staff Council meeting was called to order by Gazel Giles at 10:30 AM, October 12, 2017.

II. Attendance (sign in sheet)

III. Approval of Minutes – September

- The minutes are sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Ev Barrett (ebarrett@olemiss.edu).
- Motion to approve by Blake Bostick.
- Seconded by Erica Covington.
- The September Minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of Treasurer’s Report – September

- There was not a report.

V. Staff Member of the Month for October

- Staff members submit nominations through UM Today announcements and the Staff Council website.
- The nominations included for October are listed on page 3.
- The Staff Council members voted electronically on the nominees. Kelly Houston announced by email that the Staff Member for the Month for October is Ashley Olson, Operations Manager in Facilities Planning.

VI. Reports of Committees

- Marketing committee
 - Deetra reported that this committee met and decided on the final options for the logo design.
 - This committee also discussed strategies for publicity, which includes using social media.
 - Deetra showed the logo options to the Chancellor at our last meeting. He said that he

would approve whichever logo that the council approved. Deetra passed around the logo options and will email these to all members.

VII. Unfinished Business

- Blake brought up the January meeting at the Desoto campus. These details need to be nailed down at our next meeting.

VIII. New Business

- The Chancellor called an emergency of the executive council to discuss the student mascot initiative. The executive council voiced strong support for the student decision.
- At the Townhall meeting, the Provost mentioned the Staff Career-Life Connector initiative. Donna Strum is responsible for this new program which will provide new staff members with a veteran staff member to support them in transitioning to Oxford and the University. Details of this program have not been released yet. Staff Council members would like for the Staff Council to be involved in this initiative if possible.
- MASCO (Mississippi Association of Staff Council Organizations) will meet on November 7 at MUW. Several members of the executive council will attend.

IX. Concerns

- Deetra will check on starting a box account for Staff Council.

X. Upcoming Events

Meeting adjourned 10:51 a.m.

Next Executive Council Meeting with the Chancellor: October 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Facilities Management Conference Room.

Draft Minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on October 13, 2017.

Final minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on October 23, 2017.

**Staff Member of the Month Nominations
For
OCTOBER 2017**

Lindsey Abernathy, Associate Director, Office of Sustainability
Alexa Arndt, Interim Director, Fraternal Leadership and Learning
Brandy Bacon, Human Resources Assistant, Human Recourses
Brooke Barnes, Development Officer II, University Development
Lindsey Bartlett Mosvick, Assistant Director for Violence Prevention, Counseling Center
Matthew Becker, Research Associate, School of Pharmacy
Kim Carr, Senior Secretary, Division of Outreach-Office of PreCollege Programs
Peggy Duke, Staff Assistant, Pharmacy Practice
Michael Hirschel, Staff Psychologist, Counseling Center
Dana Hood, Financial Assistant, Institute of Child Nutrition
Carrie Long, Administrative Assistant, Computer and Information Science
Steven Miller, Broadcast Engineer, Student Media Center
Susan Morton, Senior Records Coordinator, School of Applied Sciences
Andrew Newby, Assistant Director Veterans and Military Services, CSSFYE
Ashley Olson, Operations Manager, Facilities Planning
Joy Rowsey, Senior Staff Assistant, College of Liberal Arts
Joy Shideler, Director of Accounting
Jordan Smith, Administrative Assistant, Theater Arts
Alex White, Assistant Director, Inclusion and Cross Cultural Engagement
Lynn Woo, Research Associate, Center for Population Studies