

Present:

Premalatha Balachandran, Anne Scott Barrett, Ev Barrett, Blake Bostick, Erica Covington, Kevin Cozart, Emily Echols, Gazel Giles, Mohamed Ali Ibrahim, Anne Klingen, Natcha Knight-Evans, Michael Marascalco, JeLisa McGee, Aretha Nabors, Danielle Noonan, Johnny Price (through conference call), Erin Ridout, Steven Ridout, Jason Shirkey, Camille Toles, Jacqueline Vinson, Jason Wilkins

Absent:

Jessica Coker, Jeremy Cook, James Corner, Catherine Hultman, Christy Isom, LeTosha James, Robert Metzger, Sheila Padgett, Precious Thompson, Laura Vaughn, Deetra Wiley

I. Call to Order

The May Staff Council meeting was called to order by Gazel Giles (Johnny Price attended by conference call) at 10:30 AM, May 10, 2018.

II. Attendance (sign in sheet)

III. Approval of Minutes – April

- 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 with revisions by Kevin Cozart.
- Seconded by Jason Shirkey.
- The April Minutes were approved.

IV. Approval of Treasurer’s Report – April

- The Treasurer’s Report is sent out via email, and any comments/questions/or changes should be emailed to Je’Lisa McGee (hairston@olemiss.edu).
- Motion to approve by Erica Covington Ford.
- Seconded by Aretha Nabors.
- The April Treasurer’s Report was approved.

V. Staff Member of the Month for May

- Staff members submit nominations through UM Today announcements and the Staff Council website.
- The nominations for May included:
 - Marina Phelps
 - Mohamed Ali Ibrahim
 - Rosette Brown
 - Melissa Jones
 - Camille Toles
 - Renee' Jacobi
 - Suzy Norwood
 - Katherine Slone
 - Melanie Hall
 - Anne Buntin Pringle
 - Beverly Martin

- Joy Shideler
- Jessica Evans
- Meredith Miller
- The Staff Council members voted electronically on the nominees. Blake Bostick announced that the Staff Member for the Month for May is Katherine Slone, Executive Assistant to the Provost/VC for Academic Affairs.
- Blake reminded the council that each Staff Member of the Month receives:
 - Notification of his/her supervisor;
 - A certificate for the award;
 - An interview with Inside Ole Miss; and
 - Inclusion on the list on the Staff Council website.

VI. Business

A. Staff Appreciation Week

- Door prizes – Gazel or Johnny can take door prize donations. These will be divided among the activities and handed out throughout the week.
- Staff members signed up to assist with the various activities.
- Lunch is the same as last year with an additional taco or potato bar.
- Gazel needs one more speaker for Music and Meditation.
- Anne and Kevin will be taking pictures throughout the week. Staff Council members can send any photos to Anne to be put on the website.
- The meal ticket will be punched this year. Since the lunch falls during Ramadan we discussed the possibility of providing take-out boxes for staff members who need to eat later in the day. Gazel will make sure that we have the proper take-out boxes.

B. Elections of officers

- Gazel informed the members by email that she has served as president-elect and will be president for 2018-19.
- Gazel asked for members to email nominations (including self-nominations) to Johnny.
- Johnny will call a meeting of the Elections Committee to create the ballots.
- Voting will take place at the June meeting.

C. Recognition of Special Appreciation – Gazel recognized the following Staff Council members for their recent efforts on behalf of Staff Council:

- Kevin and Anne for the successful Red and Blue celebration.
- Anne Scott for her work in designing the Staff Appreciation t-shirts.

D. Polos for Staff Council members – Jason will distribute these to all members. Staff Council members should wear polos on Friday 5/18. When you rotate off of the council, you should turn your polo in to the president.

VII. Reports from Committee

A. Student Affairs Standing Committee – Mohammed Ali Ibrahim

- **Campus Recreation** should be ready by early 2019.
- Wellness unit receives a grant of about \$18000 to moves campus towards tobacco free.
- **Career Center** (Martindale 3rd floor) helps students find their academic home and end up with a job. Also they share outcomes with IHL to see what happen to students after

graduation.

- **Center for Student Success and First Year Experience** has been created 2013 and is paying attention to retention of undergraduate student from 1st year to 2nd year.
- Students can bring their comfort animal to class and faculty may ask if this is a service animal or not and if the answer is yes, the animal will stay in the class.
- **Students Counseling Center** offer counseling 1:1 for students (walking service 10a.m.-4.15 pm), deal with anxiety, depression, relationship problems, and teach stress management. UM employee can benefit from this department (4 sessions assessments) and work problems that could be related to work place. There is designated staff to see employee (calling or same day appointment)
- **University Health**, there is full time psychiatric and nurse practitioner for students only. Orthopedic for students and athletic. There is no charge for students to see the physicians but only if lab. work is needed. There are 5 nurses trained for sexual assault (nurse needs 5 days for clinical training to be able to work with such crimes). The hospital can have the sexual assault exam done but they do not have a trained nurse for that. There is a new hired second physician to work with the employee (hired since January). Students have free HIV testing (take ~ 20 min by trained nurse as the students need to discuss more about their sexual history and what the outcome of this test means.
- **Testing Center** opened since January and about 600 students have been tested there and faculty can reserve it online.

B. Library Council – Premalatha Balachandran

- The Library is going to add new study rooms.
- Used staff textbooks can be stored at the Library and reused by staff members.

VIII. Concerns

IX. Upcoming Events

- Anne will call a meeting the week of 5/21 to discuss the Red and Blue Celebration. This will take place at Ventress Hall.

Meeting adjourned 10:59 a.m.

Next Executive Council Meeting with the Chancellor: TBD

Next meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the Facilities Management Conference Room.

Draft minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on May 10, 2018.

Final minutes submitted by Ev Barrett on May 22, 2018.