

Mississippi State University

Staff Council

May 11, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Present: Amanda Bell, Robbie Black, Patricia Cox, Keith Daniels, Mary Dikes, Sherry Fisackerly, Penny French, Barbie Hampel, Debbie Huffman, Marie Jeffries, Dinah Jenkins, Jane Lewis, Anthony Lowe, Mandy Netadj, Tedrick Ratcliff, Cade Smith, and Mary Vaughn.

Absent: Linda Perry Babcock, Allen Cooperwood, Missy Hadaway, Sam Manning, Sarah White Melland, Jessica Northcutt, and Faye Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes of the April 13, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mary reported that Lesia Bryant has been named director of Internal Audit. She has received the nominees for new members from DAFVM. Questionnaires have been sent to them, and the Executive Board will be conducting interviews as soon as possible.

The Information Security Committee has been working on a new policy that will allow students access to administrative banner and other systems that contain sensitive information. A new policy, Access to Systems Containing Sensitive Information, will apply to staff, student workers, and graduate assistants. A new form will be developed so that only one form is needed to gain access to the system needed. The committee is looking at a new software program to use for information security certification.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Game Day Operations. Cade Smith reported the committee will meet today. Use of golf carts on campus is still being discussed.

Master Planning Committee. Amanda Bell announced that the university is negotiating with Aramark to reduce the number of years left on their contract. The green area between Barnes and Noble and the Bost Building will be turned into a parking lot for game day parking. Parking Services will decide how the lot will be used at other times. The committee approved building three new practice fields using donated funds.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- ✓ Staff Opinion Survey. Cade Smith discussed results of the survey (see attached). Of approximately 3,400 staff members eligible to participate, 1,169 completed the survey for an approximate 34% completion rate. About one-third of those responding included

comments. There was a general negative response regarding Human Resources Management. A majority were not satisfied with their ability to advance within their department/unit. Parking was another concern. The Staff Opinion Survey ad hoc committee will continue to work on how Staff Council can use this information.

- ✓ Staff Appreciation Day. Approximately 1,250 people went through the lunch line. Some suggestions for improvement were having a sign naming ice cream flavor selections and a tent for the ice cream location. If we continue in the same format, maybe hot dogs and entertainment should begin at 10:30. Pat thanked everyone for their efforts before and during Staff Appreciation Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Tedrick announced he has resigned from the university effective Friday. He said he has enjoyed working on Staff Council.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mary Vaughn reported that the E&G fund has a balance of \$15,732.92; the Foundation account has a balance of \$29,744.19.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Purvis, Acting Secretary
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