

**Mississippi State University  
Staff Council**

January 15, 2014

10:30 a.m.

**Present:** Amy Burchfield, Mary Dikes, Sherry Fisackerly, Penny French, Tamara Gibson, Kenneth Graves, Lisa Hearn, Sharon Hewlett, Marc Measells, Jenna Mosley, Linda Perry-Babcock, Natalie Ray, Toni Roberson, Faye Smith, Angela Waller, Alex Washington, Dan Whatley

**Other Present:** Casey Finch

**Absent:** Ann Carr, Susan Brooks, Shauncey Hill, Jane Lewis, Mandy Netadj, Jessica Northcutt, Cade Smith, Adrienne Washington

**Guest Speakers on “University Campaign” for Faculty and Staff**

John Rush-Vice President for Development and Alumni & Chief Executive Officer – MSU Foundation

Asya Cooley – Director of Annual Giving – MSU Foundation

Jana Burke – MSU Foundation

John Rush along with Asya Cooley & Jana Burke came and spoke to Staff Council and asked for our permission to use the Staff Council name to help promote their new fund raising campaign. A Department Champions who help motivate the faculty and staff in their particular area to give was explained to the Council. Alumni that are faculty and staff may be contacted twice. This gift is 100% tax deductible. Champions can be nominated or recommended. If you are passionate about a particular area you can designate where your contribution would go. Any organization or unit that has a Foundation account is eligible to have money donated to them. And Development is willing to set up accounts for any department or unit who would like to have their name in the list.

After discussion by the members of Staff Council that were present it motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup> and was voted on. By unanimous consent the Council voted to allow the “University Campaign” use Staff Council’s name. And supported this enough by discussing allowing Development to put a tent up at the Luncheon in the Junction (Staff Appreciation Day) if they choose too.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the December 11, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report was approved as submitted.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- **Executive Council** – has not met
- **Faculty and Staff housing Appeals** – has not met

**Information Technology Advisory Committee** – Discussed the new funding model. A technology fee is tacked on to phone bills and ITS wants to separate this into two different bills.

The Novell to Microsoft migration will take place department by department, at least that is the current plan. Mike Rackley met with budget managers to get input about the changeover. They have run a few tests of all information being changed over and everything went smoothly. They have found a few glitches but are taking those on a case by case and learning from them. The plan for the changeover is currently behind by a couple of weeks but they still plant on starting things in late February to late March to have things all changed over by fall.

**Master Planning** – has not met

**President's Committee on Planning** – has not met

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Athletics Committee** – has not met

**Athletic Council** – has not met

**Calendar Committee** – met and reviewed the 2015 Calendar it was accepted by the majority of the committee member.

**Community Engagement Committee** –has not met

**Conflict of Interest** –has not met

**Dining Advisory Committee** – has not met

**Diversity Committee** – representative absent

**Efficiencies & Innovations Advisory Committee** – has not met

**Employee Benefits Committee** – has not met

**Health & Wellness Committee** – Announced the opportunity for staff to sign up for the Fitness Program.

**Financial Aid Appeals Committee** – The committee had a total of 80 appeals that went to be prescreened anything over that will need a committee vote.

**Game Day** – has not met

**Information Security Committee** – has not met

**President’s Commission on the Status of Minorities** – has not met

**Recreation Advisory Committee** – has not met

**Traffic Appeals Committee** – has not met

**Traffic Policy Committee** –has not met

**Work-Life Balance Committee** – representative absent

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Events Committee** – has not met

**Policy and Procedures Committee** – has not met

**Communications** – The communications committee has taken on the Publicity portion of Staff Appreciation Day planning. They are currently transitioning in preparation for this event.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Natalie will meet with Jeff Davis on January 16, 2014 to discuss Alumni’s annual donation for Luncheon in the Junction (Staff Appreciation Day).

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Roberson, Staff Council Secretary  
January 23, 2014