

***** PROPOSED MINUTES *****

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Approved Staff Council Minutes

July 11, 2000

1. Call to Order

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

The following members were present: Victoria Adams, Rusty Anderson, Ann Billings, Jennifer Blalock, Joan Brashears, Bradley Bridges, Kim Busche, Kalin Butirich, Melissa Carpenter, Shannon Davis, John Green, John Hayman, Faye Mallette, Janeal McKee, Larry McMickle, Connie Morgan, Polly Odom, Pam Posey, Jan Roberts, Susan Sanders, Mary Sumrall, Tracy Townsend, Ruby Waits, Sam Williams, and Ronnie Williamson.

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted as written.

3.0 Call for Proxies

The following members were represented by proxy: Connie Morgan for Terry Bethea, Victoria Adams for David Kinsey, Alrie' Poillion for Janeal McKee, and Susan Sanders for Charlene McMillin.

The following members were absent without representation: Mike Giles, Lin Harper, Jessie Person, Veda Spencer, and Richard Vogel.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Mary Sumrall noted a minor correction. Ann Billings made a motion to approve minutes as amended; Rusty Anderson seconded. Minutes were approved as amended.

5.0 Officers' Reports

5.1 President's Report – Sam Thomas – No report. Sam announced that he would be attending the MASCO meeting Thursday at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus at Plymouth Bluff Convention Center.

5.2 President–Elect's Report – Tracy Townsend – No report

5.3 Assignment of Action Items – Tracy Townsend. Action items will be distributed to the new committee chairs at the next meeting.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Election of 2000–2001 Officers. A ballot was distributed for the election of new officers consisting of president–elect, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary. Susan King thanked those who volunteered to have their names listed on the ballot. She commented that these offices are very important and rewarding. Susan recognized the nominees for each category: Mary Sumrall and John Hayman for president–elect; Connie Morgan and Kim Busche for recording secretary; and Shannon Davis and Jan Roberts for corresponding secretary. Sam called for nominations from the floor for each category. Council members were asked to fill out the ballots, and the ballots were picked up by the Election Committee members to be counted.

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Constitution & Bylaws – No report

7.2 Legislative – No report

7.3 Salaries & Benefits – No report

7.4 University Relations and Cultural Diversity – No report

7.5 Technology & Training – No report

7.6 Other Committee Reports

*Parking Appeals – No report

*Parking Task Force – No report

0. New Business. Sam Thomas thanked the council for its support. He has become very knowledgeable through attending meetings and being involved in various things on campus. He was able to voice concerns of the staff to Dr. Fleming through cabinet meetings. He also had the opportunity to participate in several commencements. Sam gave special thanks to the Executive Committee, Tracy Townsend, Virginia Kittrell, and Becky Holder for their hard work throughout the year, and to Polly Odom, who volunteered for the parliamentarian position. He recognized Debby Hill, who was present, as past president, and who is still involved with Staff Council in some ways.

1. Transition of the President's Position. Sam asked the council's support of Tracy Townsend, as incoming president. He presented Tracy with the gavel and an inspirational desk plaque. With the passing of the gavel, Tracy thanked Sam for his encouragement throughout the year and presented Sam with a plaque for his dedication and service to Staff Council for 1999–2000. A list was then passed around for members to list their e-mail addresses.

8.1a Committee Assignments. A sheet was included in the packet for committee assignments, and each member was asked to list, in order of priority, the committees he/she wants to serve on. Members were also asked to note if they wanted to serve as chair of a committee. Volunteers are needed for two other committees. Tracy asked at the June meeting for a volunteer for the Advisory Board for the Union renovation. Charlene McMillin agreed to serve on this committee. A volunteer was asked to serve on the Campus Planning Committee. Rusty Anderson noted that he already serves on this committee and was willing to serve on it as a representative from Staff Council.

8.1b Member Information List. A new member list was distributed, and members were asked to note any changes. President Townsend stated that new nameplates will be available at the next council meeting.

8.1c Meeting Dates. The Staff Council meeting dates will be the first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be at 9:45 instead of 9:30 at the Union. Everyone is asked to meet downstairs for pictures before the meeting. The November 7 meeting will be at

Gulf Park, and the March 6 meeting will be at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.

8.1d Category Representative Selection. On the member list that was passed around, there was a representative from each EEOC category with an asterisk beside it. Tracy will be contacting those people to confirm their willingness to serve as the EEOC representative. The members in categories with only one Staff Council representative are automatically selected as the EEOC representative.

9.0 Announcements

1. New Officers. Congratulations to the new 2000–2001 officers. Ballots were counted, and the results are as follows:

President–elect Mary Sumrall

Recording Secretary Connie Morgan

Corresponding Secretary Jan Roberts

If any of the new members need a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws, please see Tracy.

10.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Virginia Kittrell,
Recording Secretary
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