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The University of Southern Mississippi
Approved Staff Council Minutes
August 7, 2001
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Call to Order

President Sumrall called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

The following members were present: Rusty Anderson, Joan Brashears, Bradley Bridges, Cindy Burnett, Cheryl Burnette, Kim Busche, Kalin Butirich, Melissa Carpenter, Shannon Davis, Carol Dunaway, Mike Giles, John Green, Lin Harper, John Hayman, Kathy Hayman, Robin Johnson, Faye Mallette, Charlene McMillin, Kenton McNeese, Polly Odom, Jessie Person, Pam Posey, Jan Roberts, Susan Sanders, Carol Sims, Veda Spencer, Arlin Steen, Mary Sumrall, and Ronnie Williamson.

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Adoption of the Agenda

Adopted as printed

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Call for Proxies

The following members were represented by proxy: Ramona Beard for Russell Beard, Jan Roberts for Mary Ann Iverson.

The following members were absent with no representation: David Kinsey, Connie Morgan, Sam Williams.

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Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July regular meeting were approved as printed. The minutes of the July special meeting were approved as printed.

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Officers' Reports

5.1 President's Report – Mary Sumrall

My first month as Staff Council President has been rather exciting. Having a called meeting the first week of my

presidency presented challenges to all of us, but we handled ourselves as the professionals we are. I prepared the letter of support for Dr. Fleming to the Board of Trustees and faxed and mailed it on July 12. Even though our efforts seem to have been in vain, our support meant much to Dr. Fleming.

Then I headed to Salt Lake City for the annual meeting of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals and a week of vacation.

On my return last week, I attended the 2:30 and 6:30 commencements. Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny Dupree spoke to graduates at 2:30, and State Superintendent of Education Richard Thompson spoke at 6:30. Two Board members, Virginia Newton and Ricki Garrett, attended commencement.

I want to thank Cheryl Burnette and Pam Posey for attending Cabinet meetings for me in my absence. Also, I want to thank Kathy Hayman and Kenton McNeese for attending the July Board meeting.

5.2 President-Elect's Report – Pam Posey

The July 27 Cabinet meeting was uneventful. Candy Santell mentioned at this Cabinet meeting that there would be a presentation to representatives of IHL concerning PeopleSoft. The representatives would be here to evaluate the efficiency of the University's implementation of PeopleSoft.

In discussion that followed the report, Kenton McNeese announced that he and others from Southern Miss will do a PowerPoint presentation to the IHL Board at its retreat in West Point on August 9 concerning PeopleSoft.

5.3 Assignment of Action Items

Action Item #71 –questioning why level nine and above were not changed to biweekly payroll in March as originally announced. Assigned to Salaries and Benefits Committee.

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Old Business

No old business

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Committee Reports

- 7.1 Constitution & Bylaws – Kathy Hayman – no report
 - 7.2 Legislative – Rusty Anderson – no report
 - 7.3 Salaries & Benefits – Jan Roberts – no report
 - 7.4 University Relations – Susan Sanders/Sam Williams – no report
 - 7.5 Technology & Training – Lin Harper
- The fall schedule for training is being finalized. There is a need for trainers. Those who would like to be a trainer should contact Lin at her office.
- 7.6 Other Committee Reports
- Parking Task force – Polly Odom – no report
 - Parking Appeals – David Kinsey – no report
 - Campus Master Planning – Rusty Anderson – no report
 - Student Life Center – Kathy Hayman – no report
 - Parliamentarian – Polly Odom

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New Business

No new business

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Announcements

1. Approved June minutes were distributed to everyone. They were not included in the mailout.
2. An action item form is included in the monthly mailout. We need to speed up the action item process. Please help with this process by getting the forms to Pam or Mary as soon as you can.
3. Parking guideline books are now available. Please get one. Guard your hangtag well.
4. Help ensure that student athletes are not treated unfairly.
5. The IHL Board will be at a retreat this week. We may have information about the interim president by the end of the week.
6. Human Resources will meet with DFA next week regarding insurance. A representative from Human Resources will be the speaker at our October meeting to give an overview.
7. Flowers were sent to the funeral of Linda Mullis, longtime Southern Miss employee. Those who want to help with the cost, please see Pam Posey.
8. If any member didn't receive the last monthly mailing, please see Cheryl Burnette.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Kim Busche

Recording Secretary

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