

Staff Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
September 5, 2006

1.0 Call to Order

President Fitts called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

The following members were present: Tyia Brooks, John Burks, Melissa Carpenter, Steve Coleman, Margaret Firth, Wynde Fitts, Michelle Fleming, Keith Long, Vassie Owens, Pam Posey, Melissa Coker, Shane Coghlan, Linda Davis, John Hayman, April Jordan, Jin Joo McClendon, Sharon Meyers, Tracey Robinson, Arlin Steen, Mandy Tilley, Amy Thorton, Mary Virgil and Cory Williams.

Proxy: Susan Bone, Tracy Robinson, Leigh Allison Iovino, April Jordan and Mary Virgil.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Keith Long and seconded by Margaret Firth. Unanimously approved.

3.0 Minutes

We will hold the vote on the minutes next month.

4.0 Officer Reports

4.1 President's Report- Wynde Fitts

4.1.1 Action Items- To designate a smoking section announced and given to University Relations (Tracey Robinson) to review action item and Wellness for review and will be assigned an action item number.

4.1.2 Cabinet Meeting-

4.1.2.1 Freshman class number is up and residence life is full with a waiting list. Enrollment is up on the coast campus. New faculty orientation on Gulf Coast.

4.1.2.2 Bob Pierce will coordinate the presidential transition team and legislative receptions. We will host one on the coast and alumni will host one.

4.1.2.3 New Printing and Graphic standards and new ads.

4.1.2.4 Fall Convocation Sept. 13, 2006, in the Thad Cochran Center 3:00- 4:00 p.m. Offices may close.

4.1.2.5 Wynde is the United Way co-chair.

4.1.3 Presidential Transition- Tracey Robinson, Margaret Firth and Mary Virgil

4.1.3.1 Aug. 17, 2006, meeting in Alumni House, not an official committee, to help with transition of new president. Informal meeting with questions to each group; questions included leadership, institution and business background. Margaret, stated this will be used for a more effective transition in the future. This will be done with a wide variety of groups. Search begins in November.

4.2 President Elect- John Hayman

4.2.1 Faculty Senate will meet this Friday. IHL board meeting and main items were Physical Plant. We moved to Executive session for two hours and then received video about Eagle Dining/ Aramark proposal. IHL had concerns about personnel issues and they were worried and felt that all universities could receive some benefits. This process could take two to three years before it is discussed again. Money was moved to complete projects for campus, such as Thad Cochran Center theatre, Commons building and land acquisition. Wynde will e-mail Joe Morgan to see the status of Physical Plant and what we should do. Hiring consultants will take six months; two years for research and to see results.

5.0 Secretary Report- John C. Burks

5.1 Check the contact sheet; we still some information on members.

6.0 Secretary Elect- Melissa- No report

7.0 Unfinished Business

7.1 Golf Tournament- great income for scholarship committee and Valerie did a great job getting sponsorships and Wynde is going to get help getting funds. We need to get funds from other sources. We need to decide as a council whether or not to participate and discussion followed. Motion by Margaret Firth not to participate this year, seconded by Mandy Tilley. Vote unanimous not to participate.

7.2 Steve Coleman suggested to have a silent auction or a 50/50 raffle.

8.0 Standing Committee Reports

8.1 Constitution and Bylaws- Keith Long- no report

8.2 Legislative- Margaret Firth- no report

8.3 Salaries & Benefits- Mandy Tilley- no report

- 8.4 University Relations & Cultural Diversity- Tracy Robinson- meeting soon
- 8.5 Technology & Training- Steve Coleman- Freshmen move-in on web; waiting for Danny Rawls to send Council photo.

- 9.0 Liaison to University Committee Reports
 - 9.1 Department of Parking Management- No report, possibly new decals- had to be redone
 - 9.2 President's council- Susan Bone & Melissa Carpenter- no meeting
 - 9.3 Wellness Program- Susan Bone- flyers for programs, meet Tuesday Sept. 26, 2006, at noon to set goals
 - 9.4 IT Advisory Board- John Hayman- no meeting, working on SPAM
 - 9.5 Master Facility Planning Committee- Margaret Firth- meeting with different departments coming along well. Will meet at the end of November.

- 10.0 New Business
 - 10.1 Employee of the Month forms- don't forget to nominate
 - 10.2 2006-2007 Staff Council Goals- get goals from Wynde

- 11.0 Announcements
 - 11.1 Executive Committee Meeting- Sept. 21, 2006, at 8 a.m. in FYE
 - 11.2 IHL Meeting- Sept. 20 & 21, Board Meeting and Retreat
 - 11.3 MASCO meeting
 - 11.4 Adjournment