

**Mississippi State University
Staff Council**

November 9, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Present: Amanda Bell, Amy Burchfield, Allen Cooperwood, Sherry Fisackerly, Missy Hadaway, Jane Lewis, Anthony Lowe, Sam Manning, Marc Measells, Mandy Netadj, Natalie Ray, Cade Smith, Faye Smith, Jonathan Tucker, Mary Vaughn, and Adrienne Washington.

Absent: Linda Perry Babcock, Robbie Black, Patricia Cox, Mary Dikes, Penny French, Lisa Hearn, Debbie Huffman, Dinah Jenkins, Jessica Northcutt, and Angela Waller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes of the October 12, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Amanda Bell reported that there is a new committee resulting from the poll of students regarding tobacco use conducted during Homecoming. The committee will help decide on a tobacco-free campus policy and the implementation of such. Amanda also discussed another new committee on work balance. Amanda and Mary Vaughn will serve on this committee. The work balance committee addresses issues concerning faculty and staff such as adoption, faculty spouse placement, etc.

The Campus Master Planning Committee approved the naming of two new residence halls, Magnolia & Oak, as well as the changing the name of Building 3 to North Hall. In addition, the committee also approved the concept of the stadium renovations. The Aiken Village master plan was approved in phases.

Amanda also reported the Longest Student Health Center is working on a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield to get a walking track around the lake by the Sanderson Center.

The Staff Appreciation Day Fund (an MSU Foundation account) has been changed to the Staff Council Fund. Also, earnings from the Zacharias Distinguished Staff Award fund have been re-invested so the endowed fund will earn more interest.

If any of the Staff Council members are not already fans of the new Staff Council Facebook page, they should consider doing so.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Benefits. Chair Mary Vaughn had no report.

Programming. Pat Cox, Chair, was absent, but Amanda Bell did mention that Pat is preparing a program opportunity for Spring 2012 concerning Alzheimer's education and living with those who are suffering from it.

Publicity. Sam Manning, Co-Chair, reported that more of the Homecoming staff jackets were sold on the junction, but there were still a couple of boxes remaining to be sold. Also, McArthur won the Homecoming contest for 20 Egg Bowl tickets, the Police Department came in second, and NSPARC placed third.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Game Day Operations. Cade Smith reported that the committee is still meeting regularly, but there are no big issues at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing reported.

NEW BUSINESS

Sam Manning is working on the Staff Council newsletter to send out to communicate to faculty and staff. Email Sam any information or interesting facts that you think would be appropriate to include in the newsletter.

Pat Cox is preparing a program on Alzheimer's likely to take place in April 2012 to give faculty and staff an option to attend.

The next Staff Council meeting will be December 14th.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amanda Bell reported that the E&G fund has a balance of \$18,265.61; the Foundation account has a balance of \$17,026.36.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Netadj, Recording Secretary
November 21, 2011