

**Mississippi State University  
Staff Council**

February 13, 2013

10:30 a.m.

**Present: Amy Burchfield, Allen Cooperwood, Sherry Fisackerly, Penny French, Kenneth Graves, Lisa Hearn, Debbie Huffman, Jane Lewis, Sam Manning, Marc Measells, Calvin Mosley, Natalie Ray, Toni Roberson, Faye Smith, Rebekah Sparks, Angie Waller.**

**Absent: Ann Carr, Pat Cox, Mary Dikes, Sharon Hewlett, Mandy Netadj, Jessica Northcutt, Linda Perry-Babcock, Cade Smith, Lyle Tate, Adrienne Washington.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the January 16, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Financial report was approved as submitted

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

- **Staff Council Executive Council**
- **Master Planning**
- **MSU Dining Advisory Group**
- **MSU Executive Council**
- **Game Day**
- **Meeting with Judy Spencer**
- **Request for annual or semesterly meeting with Staff Council and President**
- **Formation of Efficiencies and Innovations Advisory Group (established to continue the work of the Select Committee on Efficiencies and Innovation)**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Athletics Council – discussed the stadium expansion and the other Athletics related construction projects.

Master Planning – There was an update on the meals projects. Plans for the new hotel at The Mill are going forward. They are working out issues with the Historic Preservation Society. New way-finding signs will be purchased and posted in the near future. There was lots of

discussion on Aiken Village project. The discussion focused on affordability of housing in Starkville for grad students. (specifically for internationals). The University worked with apartment complexes in Starkville to accommodate these students when Aiken Village was closed. A subcommittee will be formed to determine best ways to help grad students. University might need to consider subsidizing housing for grad students. The price of housing in the proposed Aiken Village project makes its cost prohibitive for grad students. Asbestos abatement and ADA requirements make the project too costly for the University. The University is now looking at it for storage space and office space.

President's Commission on the Status of Minorities – the diversity award winners have been chosen, but still in process of getting a speaker for the event.

Diversity – Tommy Stevenson has been appointed the new Head of Diversity and Inclusion.

Financial Aid Appeals Committee - 140 appeals have been heard

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Events Committee – Natalie said that SAD planning is going well. HR is concerned whether they could set up at Junction. Natalie suggested the M club.

Policies and Procedures – Calvin discussed the items detailed in his report.

Communications – Bekah discussed the items the Committee is working on. Cade asked the Committee to put forth any ideas for newsletter items. He said that he has suggested the new parking options that are coming would be a good topic. Sam asked if we could find a way for staff members who take pictures at SAD to upload them to the Council website. Natalie suggested that we have archived lists of Council members from past years to aid people who want to nominate.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

SAD Sign-up Sheet

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Bekah presented three logo designs created by Hal Tesler at University Relations. Sam made a motion that we select one of the three. 12 members voted in favor of the motion, with 2 opposed. Logo 1 received 10 votes, logo 2 received 0 and logo 3 received 1. 4 members abstained. Logo 1 was adopted as the official logo of Staff Council.

Nominations Committee - Nominations are open for people to serve as officers. Cade asked that members consider motivation to serve and ability (time) to serve because of time.

Sam reminded Cade that when Betty left, the property records were not switched to Casey. He will get this taken care of soon.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Burchfield, Recording Secretary  
February 13, 2013