

**Mississippi State University Staff
Council Meeting Minutes**

January 8, 2020 @ 10:30 a.m.
Sanderson Center Conference Room

ATTENDANCE: (P) = Present (A) = Absent

P Amy Adkerson*	P Lilli Harris	P Anna Sparks*
A Caleb Alford	A Jan High	P Cristi Stevens
P Heather Andrews*	A Angela Hill	A Yolanda Tate
P Zac Ashmore*	A Melissa Inmon	A Jessica Thornton
P Amanda Baine	P Kelly LaSalle	P Ronnie White
A Susan Brooks*	P Paul McKinney	P Catherine Williams
P Julie Burt	P Ardra Morgan	A Tiffney Williams
P Melanie Chesser	P Jessica Northcutt	P Lynn Wyman
P Jason Cory	A Suzanne Parker	
A Austin Dillard*	A Kenner Patton	
A Savannah Greenlee	A Mashala Pulliam	*Executive Board
P Nathan Gregory*	A Yvett Roby	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the December 2019 meeting were not available for review. They will be presented at a future meeting.

FINANCE REPORT: The December financial reports were reviewed. Motion to approve by Ronnie White and seconded by Anna Sparks. The general fund has \$14,005.38. The foundation account has \$29,692.11, and the scholarship account has \$40,645.34.

Guest Speaker: Dr. David Nolen is an Associate Professor in the history department, editor of the Grant Papers collection, and co-author of *Hold On with a Bulldog Group*. He spoke to the group about the history of the collection of Ulysses S. Grant papers, and he encouraged the Council members to visit the Presidential Library on the 4th floor or Mitchell Memorial Library.

CHAIR'S REPORT (Zac Ashmore)

The various committee meetings typically attended by Chairman Ashmore were all canceled in the month of December.

Faculty Senate – There was no Faculty Senate meeting in December.

Vice CHAIR'S REPORT (Nathan Gregory)

Meeting Speakers: Potential speakers for spring meetings include Police Chief Vance Rice and Director of the TK Martin Center Kayce Stratton Gadke

President's Committee on Planning – No updates.

Information Technology Council – Four classrooms had technology upgrades over the Christmas break. Office 365 conversion is scheduled for late February. Two final vendors have been selected for the firewall upgrade, and ITS is working on a strategic plan.

EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Anna Sparks)

- We are working on a T-shirt design so that we can do pre-orders of Staff Appreciation Day T-shirts. Draft design may be available for review at the Feb general meeting.
- March 18 the general meeting will be held on the Meridian campus.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE (Heather Andrews)

- No updates.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Austin Dillard)

- No updates.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE (Amy Adkerson)

- The spring application deadline is January 15.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- The Staff Development conference was a large success and the survey for feedback has closed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A sign up sheet for committees for staff appreciation day was passed around.
- There was discussion about how to handle vegetarian meals at SAD. There needs to be a system for ordering these meals for specific individuals and setting these meals aside.
- Stephanie Green has resigned from Staff Council due to conflicts with office responsibilities. The seat will be filled at the end of the semester.
- Nominations for officers for 2020-21 are needed. Members may let Zac or Kelly know if they would like to serve and/or nominate another member.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Only the Traffic appeals committee had anything to report. A small number of cases were handled by the committee.

No other committees had updates/reports/meetings due to the holiday schedule in December.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37. Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Adkerson, Staff Council Secretary