

**Mississippi State University Staff
Council Meeting Minutes**

November 13, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m.
Sanderson Center Conference Room

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the October 2019 meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Ronnie White and seconded by Heather Andrews.

FINANCE REPORT: The September financial reports were reviewed. Motion to approve by Lynn Wyman and seconded by Ronnie White.

Guest Speaker: Don Zant, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, spoke to the group about his new role and the restructuring of the areas of finance and facilities. His team grew from 110 to 450 employees, and he is responsible for a \$1B budget.

CHAIR'S REPORT (Zac Ashmore)

Master Plan and Develop Advisory Committee –Next meeting Nov. 14.

The Alumni Association National Board – No one from SC was able to attend the fall meeting in Nov.

The Faculty Housing Appeals Committee – no appeals.

President's Executive Council – No one was able to attend the Nov. Meeting

Staff Development Conference – Committee met Nov. 4. Registration is now open.

Faculty Senate – Jason Cory reported on the meeting. On Nov. 8, FS had a report from the University Resource Committee about parking concerns and requested Jeremiah Dumas speak to the Senate. Also the university policy on Lecturers is being reviewed. Currently there are 66 full-time lecturers employed at MSU.

MASCO - on Nov 12, MSU hosted the annual MASCO meeting for other Staff Council boards from around the state. Some ideas presented by other schools included recognition ceremony for staff completing degrees and community service projects for staff. Next year the meeting will be held at University of Mississippi.

Vice CHAIR’S REPORT (Nathan Gregory)

Meeting Speakers: Softball coach Samantha Ricketts will be asked to speak in December.

President’s Committee on Planning – No updates.

Information Technology Council – Horn Cyber won the RFP for the security assessment. ITS is uncertain when students will be switched over to Office 365. Phone emails will have to be reconfigured. 92 percent of new students have completed the SAVE training portion of Maroon U; 130 students will be placed on hold until they complete the module.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of MS Foundation – nothing new to report.

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.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE (Heather Andrews)

- No updates.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Austin Dillard)

- A November newsletter is targeted for 11/14.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE (Amy Adkerson)

- The fall scholarship award recipients will be announced soon.

ONGOING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Anna and Nathan asked for council members to send any ideas for speaker suggestions.
- The idea of asking Barnes & Noble and Aramark to give customer discounts for staff wearing staff council T-shirts or jackets was discussed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletic Council – Next meeting is Nov. 13.

Community Engagement – Award applications are being reviewed. There are 3 candidates for the open position of assistant director.

Special Events and Game Day Committee – Mississippi Hwy Patrol will have a tent set up in the Junction. Holmes Cultural Diversity Center will have a DJ at their homecoming tailgate. Sid Salter will replace Amy Tuck as the chair of the Game Day committee.

Work Life Balance – Afterschool programming at the partnership school was discussed.

No meeting was held or no report given for the following committees: Calendar Committee, Conflict of Interest, Dining Advisory Committee, Employee Benefits Committee, Health and Wellness, Instructional Tech Advisory Council, Parking and traffic, Performing Arts, President's Commission on Status of Minorities/Women, Recreation Advisory Committee, Satisfactory Academic Progress, Sustainability, and Traffic Appeals.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Adkerson, Staff Council Secretary