

**Mississippi State University Staff
Council Meeting Minutes**

October 9, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m.
Sanderson Center Conference Room

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the September 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 Ronnie White and seconded by Lynn Wyman. The general fund shows \$14,952.62; the foundation account shows \$17,227.33, and the scholarship fund shows \$41,045.34.

Guest Speaker: Michael Lane, Program Coordinator for the Idea Shop and the Center for Entrepreneurship and Outreach, was the October speaker. The Idea Shop opened in March 2019 to provide students and others a retail product accelerator space, as well as workshop space and equipment. Vendors of local, handmade items are provided sales data, display feedback, and other assistance. Those who use the workshop have access to a woodshop, 3-D printing, laser cutting, design software and others. The Shop sells memberships or users may pay a daily fee to use the workshop.

CHAIR'S REPORT (Zac Ashmore)

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

The Alumni Association National Board – no meeting.

The Faculty Housing Appeals Committee – 1 appeal was approved.

President's Executive Council – No meeting was held.

Staff Development Conference – Subcommittees are beginning to work on details.

Faculty Senate – Jason Cory reported on the meeting. Faculty Senate received a letter requesting that parking rates in relation to university salaries be looked at.

Vice CHAIR’S REPORT (Nathan Gregory)

Meeting Speakers: Softball coach Samantha Ricketts is scheduled to speak in November.

President’s Committee on Planning – No updates.

Information Technology Council – Thousands of users are still connecting to msu1x. It will be decommissioned Oct. 15. Seven RFPS have been submitted for risk assessments. Hoping to have Banner 9 registration module running when Fall 2020 registration takes place in April. Site Improv software is being used to help us meet standards for web accessibility.

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

EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Anna Sparks)

- We are making a dent in the inventory of older items.
- A Sign up genius will be emailed for SC members to sign up for jacket sales shifts.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE (Heather Andrews)

- No updates.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Austin Dillard)

- A September newsletter was not sent. It was held up while work was being done to give us online sale capability of the inventoried items and also for upcoming sale info.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE (Amy Adkerson)

- The fall scholarship application deadline was pushed to Oct 15.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- SC seat for Division of Research & Economic development – Two candidates have been nominated.
- Extension conference is Oct. 31. We will try to be on the agenda to make a brief presentation and also have a sales table.

NEW BUSINESS

- Community Service – Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. A link to a sign-up genius will be emailed to poll the group for potential dates that SC would ring the bell.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletic Council – Athletics is working on a life after sports initiative. A search committee is in place for a new Faculty Athletic Representative. Dr. Steve Turner is stepping down after many years in this role. SEC legends have been named and will be recognized later this year.

Community Engagement – new chair of the committee is Kathleen Thomas. The award application is open until Oct. 17. Next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 6.

Instructional Technology Advisory Committee – the committee is making recommendations for 14 classrooms in which to upgrade the technology.

Parking - request to increase staff spaces in Zacharias Village was denied. Two STOP signs will be added at Newell Grissom.

Special Events and Game Day Committee – Contract with Southern Tailgate has been renewed for 2020. Solicitation policies were discussed. Walk of Freedom will take place Oct. 19 at the LSU game.

Sustainability Committee – Plans for the new Music building were viewed. It will use improved materials for efficiency. Recycling opportunities, especially in the library, will be looked at. University of Alabama campus is a good one to model.

Traffic Appeals – Committee has reviewed 20 appeals so far this school year.

Work Life Balance – Committee met on Sept. 26. Afterschool programming at the partnership school was discussed, as well as Dawg Perks discount programs around town.

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, Performing Arts, President's Commission on Status of Minorities/Women, Recreation Advisory Committee, Satisfactory Academic Progress,

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m. Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Adkerson, Staff Council Secretary