



## General Council Meeting Agenda

**Date: September 8, 2021**  
**Time: 10:33 AM**

**Location: Sanderson Center**  
**Conference Room**

**Attendance:**

Arterberry Latara P  
Ashmore Zac P  
Belcher Dominique P  
Boyett Nicole P ONLINE  
Burt Julie P ONLINE  
Butler Lateshia P ONLINE  
Chesser Melanie P ONLINE  
Cory Jason P  
DeLoach Cindy P  
Dye Lisa P  
Guess Jeffrey P

Havelin Libbi P  
Inmon Melissa P  
Jelinkova Veronika P  
Lasalle Kelly P ONLINE  
McAdory Jim P  
Moody Sarah P ONLINE  
Mord Summer P  
Northcutt Jessica A  
Palmer Elizabeth A  
Parker Suzanne A  
Patton Kenner A

Ramsey Jordan P ONLINE  
Sparks Anna P  
Standley Elizabeth P  
Stevens Cristi P  
Vanhorn John Michael P  
White Ronnie P  
Williams Catherine P ONLINE  
Wilson Nancy P ONLINE  
Wyman Lynn P

- 1. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES:** Zac Ashmore made a motion to approve the August minutes with John Michael VanHorn providing the second. The motion passed by unanimous vote to approve.
- 2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST FINANCIALS:** Zac Ashmore made a motion to approve the August financials with John Michael VanHorn providing the second. The motion passed by unanimous vote to approve.
- 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - a) Chair – Anna Sparks**
    - Master Plan and Develop Advisory Committee: Meeting is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - Alumni Association National Board: no meeting
    - Faculty Housing Appeals Committee: There was one appeal to extend a housing contract and it was granted for 6 months.
    - President’s Executive Council: The August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting updated several operating policies including outside sound limits, the different types of foundation funding, the recognition of undergraduate

academic achievement and faculty workloads. Anna can provide these to anyone who wishes to see more detail.

**b) Vice-Chair – Jason Cory**

- Faculty Senate: There will be an opportunity for staff to take a picture with the National Championship trophy at a later date TBD. The taskforce sent their recommendations for changing the current teaching evaluation methods. A request for revisions of bylaws in order to allow for electronic meetings was presented however; it will affect other bylaws and therefore will need more exploration. A meeting is scheduled for Friday where two resolutions will be presented. The first concerns reinstating weekly Covid taskforce updates, documenting the status of vaccination status on campus, and mandating the vaccine for students, faculty, and staff. The second is a resolution that recognizes the positive job the administration has done during the pandemic. Jason requested feedback from the council on feelings concerning a vaccine mandate. Several members spoke up that the feeling of staff they know is not to mandate vaccines but instead continue to encourage getting the vaccine. Jason stated that any member could email him their feedback to maintain confidentiality.
- President's Committee on Planning : no meeting
- Information Technology Council: Members presented the feedback they received from others for wish list items. IT council is in the process of developing a strategic plan and many of these items will become part of the document.
- Blue Cross & Blue Shield of MS Foundation: no meeting

**c) Events Committee Chair – Cristi Stevens**

- Fall Events – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> – Chik-fil-a: The concourse is confirmed as the location. Plain and chicken biscuits will be distributed.
- Fall Sale – Long Sleeve T-shirts: The council chose a dark gray/white t-shirt and the sale will be open for preorder for 1-2 weeks and the cost is \$12/shirt. Email will be sent to campus employees. The distribution is set for the week of homecoming.

- d) Policies and Procedures Committee Chair – Lynn Wyman
  - MSU Staff Survey: All gift certificates are distributed and Lynn is looking for someone to do the analysis of the results.
- e) Communications Committee Chair – John Michael VanHorn
  - BullyWatch: Please encourage others to submit names for this honor.
  - Newsletter, Website, Facebook, Twitter: The newsletter is posted on Facebook and Twitter and John Michael is working with ITS to have it sent out in an email as well.
- f) Awards & Scholarships Committee Chair – Elizabeth Standley
  - Fall Awards: Jonathan Ceh and Alena Jones
  - Rubric Updates: The Award committee met to discuss updating the rubric to include questions that will provide more insight into the applicants. With adequate funding, it was decided to increase the award to \$300 and up to 10 awards depending on funding amounts.
  - Department Donations: The committee will be speaking with Don Zant, Dr. Shaw, and the Dean's to try to raise money for the award increase.

#### **4. Ongoing Business**

- a) Staff Development Conference – Postponed and will not happen this year.
- b) SC Position Open – Student Affairs: Dr. Hyatt has provided her nomination and hopefully this will complete the Staff Council membership.

#### **5. New Business**

- a) Staff are not represented on the Covid Taskforce. The executive council discovered that it was due to not having a direct VP. The executive council met with Dr. Julie Jordan and she agreed to update the staff council at any time. The Covid Taskforce is now meeting once a week. The executive council will meeting again with Dr. Jordan on the 15<sup>th</sup> and will then update the full council.

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**University Committee Assignments 2021-2022**

**University Committee**

**Staff Council Representatives**

Athletic Council: meeting next Wednesday

Ronnie White (Nicole Boyett)

Calendar Committee: no meeting

Melissa Inmon (Jim McAdory)

Community Engagement Committee: no meeting

Jeffrey Guess (Lateshia Butler)

Conflict of Interest: no response

Jessica Northcutt (Melissa Inmon)

Dining Advisory Committee\*: no meeting

Zac Ashmore (Nancy Wilson)

Employee Benefits Committee: no meeting

Melanie Chesser (Libbi Havelin)

Health and Wellness: no meeting

Jordan Ramsey (Elizabeth Palmer)

Instructional Technology Advisory Committee:  
Not able to attend

Julie Burt (Dominique Belcher)

Parking and Traffic Regulations Committee

Sarah Carpenter Moody (Latara Arterberry)

August 26<sup>th</sup> – upcoming parking lot closures for spring were discussed and one concern is  
The health center commuter lot closing will affect the staff in numerous buildings nearby.

Staff have requested designated parking spaces. No decisions were made at this time.

Performing Arts Committee: no meeting

Suzanne Parker (Veronika Jelinkova)

Recreation Advisory Committee: no meeting

Catherine Williams (Jordan Ramsey)

Satisfactory Academic Progress Committee\*: no response

Jessica Northcutt (Cindy DeLoach)

Special Events & Game Day:

Ronnie White (Sarah Carpenter Moody)

Discussions held concerning the merchandise tent location. Hail State tailgate will be  
Located next to the Kid Zone. The Cowbell cleanup was approved for recycling.

Sustainability Committee: no response

Kenner Patton (Catherine Williams)

Traffic Appeals Committee

Veronika Jelinkova (Lisa Dye)

No meeting however information was sent via email. There were 9 appeals and most were  
For no visible permit. Parking will update the totals for incidences each semester.

Work-Life Balance Committee: no meeting

Julie Burt (Summer Mord)

*\*not an official university standing committee*

## **Staff Council Committee Assignments 2021-2022**

### **Communications Committee**

John Michael VanHorn – CHAIR

Jeffrey Guess

Dominique Belcher

Nicole Boyett

Sarah Carpenter Moody

Suzanne Parker

Cindy DeLoach

### **Policies and Procedures Committee**

Lynn Wyman – CHAIR

Ronnie White

Lalara Arterberry

Melanie Chesser

Nancy Wilson

Jim McAdory

### **Awards & Scholarships Committee**

Elizabeth Standley – CHAIR

Veronika Jelinkova

Lateshia Butler

Elizabeth Palmer

Kenner Patton

Jordan Ramsey

### **Events Committee**

Cristi Stevens – CHAIR

Julie Burt

Jessica Northcutt

Cedric Gathings

Lisa Dye

Libbi Havelin

Melissa Inmon

Zac Ashmore

Catherine Williams