General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 8, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Perry Conference Room

Darrell Banks A

Sophia Barnett A

Dominique Belcher P

Joni Branning P

Lateshia Butler A

Lisa Dye P

Cambrie Frizzell P

Hunter Goodson A

Tiffanie Hancock A

Libbi Havelin P

Courtney Headley P

Timothy Hopkins A

Hannah Howell A

Veronika Jelinkova A

Ogorchukwu Johnson P

Davie Jones P

Kelly LaSalle A

Matthew Mackey A

Allison Matthews P

LaKitha Murray P

Alicia Musselwhite A

Samantha Nall P

Ty Nichols A

Ashley Patterson A

Lynn Palmer Purnell A

Jessica Rahim P

Cindy Ratcliff A

Connor Simmons P

Chantel Solis-McCoy A

Elizabeth Standley P

John Michael VanHorn P

1. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES –** These will be voted on at November meeting
2. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS** – These will be voted on at November meeting.
3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** 
   1. Chair – Sophia Barnett

* Master Plan and Develop Advisory Committee – No meeting
* Alumni Association National Board – No meeting.
* President’s Executive Council- No meeting but did take email vote on the Resolution to change the Senior Management Official (SMO) from the President of the university to the Vice President for Research.
* Faculty Senate –6 action items.

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends approval of the revised AOP 12.26 – Credit for Prior Learning policy, which clarifies undergraduate credit procedures, adds department-approved standardized exams, and outlines implementation steps including a new CPL Committee and transcript recording processes. Approved

The Ancillary Affairs Committee recommends approval of the revised AOP 12.22 – Undergraduate Student Course Load policy, which updates course load limits based on weekly contact hours to better accommodate shortened-format terms and proposes increasing Winter Intersession enrollment from 4 to 6 credit hours for eligible students to align with summer session standards. Approved

The Faculty Affairs Committee recommends approval of the revised AOP 13.05 – Faculty Grievance Procedures, which clarifies grievance definitions, expands committee roles and processes, ensures fairness and confidentiality, and incorporates faculty feedback to improve resolution mechanisms and procedural transparency. Approved

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate passed a resolution requesting documentation and evidence of shared governance in the development of Mississippi State University’s 2025–2026 new parking system, emphasizing transparency, stakeholder input, and alignment with university values.

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate passed a resolution urging the University President and Provost to enhance shared governance by requiring a 60-day faculty review period (excluding summer) for significant policy changes like Operating Procedures (OPs), and to provide RHFS with background information before implementing changes that impact the academic enterprise.

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate passed a resolution requesting the University President and Provost to pause implementation of the new centralized advising model and provide documentation and evidence of shared governance, emphasizing the need for faculty input and transparency in decisions affecting academic advising across campus.

* Standing Committee Review Board – No meeting.
* Conflict of Interest Committee – Meeting in October.

* 1. Vice-Chair – Ogo Johnson
* Faculty Housing Appeals Committee – No updates.
  1. Events Committee Chair – Libbi Havelin and Lisa Dye
* Fall Sale – Email went out September 30th and there have already been sales. Having a division contest for fall design. Another email will be sent out as a reminder of sale. It was decided to extend deadline to October 15th to allow for more sales. An email reminder will go out.
* Meet & Greet – Was a success! All donuts were gone, and we had positive feedback from attendees.
* Staff Development Conference -December 17th. The keynote that we reached out too was too expensive. If you have ideas for a speaker please reach out to Lisa.

* 1. Policies and Procedures Committee Chair – Cambrie Frizzell
* Teaching Staff – No updates. 
  1. Communications Committee Chair – Dominique Belcher
* BullyWatch – Nominations have been consistent. Recommendation was made to change the award to gift card and bulldog bobblehead. There was no vote. Perry has agreed to $15 food vouchers for the nominator.
* Newsletter – Went out September 30th with information on fall orders and the meet and greet.
* Website, Facebook, Twitter – A staff member mention to Dominique about the meeting minutes not being on the webpage. He is in the process of updating. Working with ITS to get the staff graduate names added.
  1. Awards & Scholarships Committee Chair – Jessica Rahim
* Department Donations/Fundraisers
* Summer/Fall Awards: Jessica reported that she met with Sophia to discuss awards. No other updates.

1. **Ongoing Business**
2. **New Business**

**11:02 AM Meeting Adjourned**

Next scheduled meeting: November 12, 2025

**University Committee Assignments 2025-2026**

**University Committee** **Staff Council Representative (Backup)**

Athletic Council Lateshia Butler (Cindy Ratcliff)

Calendar Committee-Spring break 2027 will be week of Veronika Jelinkova (Connor Simmons)

  March 8th

Dining Advisory Committee\* Hannah Howell (Lynn Palmer Purnell)

Employee Benefits Committee Veronika Jelinkova (Cindy Ratcliff)

Health and Wellness Tiffanie Hancock (Alicia Musselwhite)

Inclusive Excellence Leadership Timothy Hopkins (Davie Jones)

Instructional Technology Advisory Committee Ashley Patterson (Davie Jones)

Parking and Traffic Regulations Committee-Provided Elizabeth Standley (Courtney Headley)

  Faculty Senate with information they needed.

Performing Arts Committee Hunter Goodson (Allison Matthews)

Recreation Advisory Committee Darrell Banks (LaKitha Murray)

Satisfactory Academic Progress Committee\* Joni Branning (Elizabeth Standley)

Special Events & Game Day John Michael VanHorn (Allison Matthews)

Sustainability Committee Samantha Nall (Ty Nichols)

Traffic Appeals Committee Alicia Musselwhite (LaKitha Murray)

University Workplace Safety Committee Matthew Mackey (Chantel Solis-McCoy)

Work-Life Balance Committee-Has not been active Ashley Patterson (Tiffanie Hancock)

\**not an official university standing committee*

**Staff Council Committee Assignments 2025-2026**

**Communications Committee**

Dominique Belcher – CHAIR

Ty Nichols

Davie Jones

Connor Simmons  
Samantha Nall  
Chantel Solis-McCoy

**Policies and Procedures Committee**

Cambrie Frizzell – CHAIR

Matthew Mackey

Ashley Patterson

John Michael VanHorn

Alicia Musselwhite

Allison Matthews

**Awards & Scholarships Committee**

Jessica Rahim – CHAIR

Elizabeth Standley

Veronika Jelinkova

Lateshia Butler

Joni Branning

Timothy Hopkins

**Events Committee**

Libbi Havelin – CO-CHAIR

Lisa Dye – CO-CHAIR

Hannah Howell

Tiffanie Hancock

Courtney Headley

Cindy Ratcliff

Darrell Banks

Lynn Palmer Purnell

Hunter Goodson