

**MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Cochran Hall, Third Floor  
Saturday, July 19, 2014

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

President Jenny Katool called the meeting to order at 1:15. Malinda Mabry-Scott moved to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

**II. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

Jenny welcomed all board members, especially our new board members.

**III. ROLL CALL**

The roll was called. MUW Alumni Association Board Members present:

Jenny Katool, President	Barbara Austin (by teleconference)
Amy Strickland Tate, President-Elect	Stephen Taylor
Malinda Mabry-Scott, Treasurer	Elizabeth Whittington (by teleconference)
Katy Canion Pacelli, Secretary	Brandy Burnette
Cheryl Jackson Cooper, Immediate Past President (by teleconference)	Carrie Pate
Ruth Pettey Jones, MUW Foundation President	Chris Halbrooks
Mary Libby Payne	Troy Lewis (by teleconference)
Gus Argrett	Wanda Ray
David Ivey	Wesley House Garrett, Parliamentarian
Donna Marrero	

MUW Alumni Association Board Members absent:  
Katherine Shell Benson

Ex-officio Members of the MUW Alumni Association Board present:  
Lyndsay Cumberland, Director of Alumni Relations

Guests present:

Sue Simmons Freeman  
Courtney Ballard Murtaugh  
Erin Gioia

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

David Ivey moved that the minutes of the 2013-2014 Board meeting on 3/29/14 be approved. The motion carried.

Katy Pacelli moved that the minutes of the 2014-2015 Board meeting on 3/29/14 be approved. The motion carried.

## **V. ALUMNI OFFICE REPORT**

Lyndsay Cumberland asked all Board members to complete the Conflict of Interest and Board Policy forms located in their folders and return them to her. She also reported on upcoming events. She announced that Mary Jo Kirkpatrick, Chair of the Associate Nursing Program, received the Faculty Member of the Year award that the MUWAA presents in conjunction with Mortar Board. She was presented a \$1,000 award from MUWAA. Lyndsay also reported on membership numbers of the association: 1,090 paid members in 2013; 1,260 of new grads; 272 life members for a total of 2,524. She noted that 98 life members also gave a minimum of \$40 and that is why the total doesn't quite add up. She encouraged everyone to grab a stack of the MUWAA brochures and send them to anyone they know to join the Association. Lastly, she announced she will be taking maternity leave soon and that everyone needs to go ahead and start copying Andrea Stevens on everything!

## **VI. MUWAA OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Malinda Mabry-Scott, Treasurer reviewed the different accounts held by the Association and what they fund specifically. She also reviewed the account balances.

## **VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nominations Committee – No report.

Elections Committee - No report. Due to personal reasons, Shasta Dodd resigned as Chair of the elections committee.

Bylaws Committee – David Ivey, Chair reported the results of the Bylaws Amendment vote. We received 177 total votes; 168 voted to accept all proposed amendments; 2 voted to oppose all proposed amendments; 7 chose to vote on each amendment individually. Of those 7, 2 opposed Amendment 3; 1 opposed Amendment 7; 1 opposed Amendment 8.

David Ivey moved that we change the word 'should' to 'shall' in the advocacy procedures in the Policies and Procedures. The motion carried.

Recruitment & Retention Committee – Courtney Ballard Murtaugh, Chair, reported that Sarah Kennedy had been selected to receive the Legacy Scholarship; Dustin Vance had been selected to receive the Southern Grace Scholarship; and Callie Hampton was selected to receive the Culinary Arts Advisory Board Scholarship.

Courtney presented proposed changes to Appendix D: New Faculty Award of the Policies and Procedures. Donna Marrero moved to accept the changes as presented. The motion carried.

Chapters & Constituency Groups Committee - Katy Canion Pacelli, Chair presented an updated Chapter Guidelines, which included the addition of information regarding chapters obtaining W-9 Forms from vendors and an updated sign in sheet to include class year, as requested by the Alumni Office. Katy Canion Pacelli move to accept the new Chapter Guidelines document as presented. The motion carried.

Additionally, Katy announced The Chapter Development Workshop to be hosted in conjunction with our winter board meeting on January 24. The event will offer sessions for those alumni who may be interested in starting a chapter or current chapter members.

Special Events Committee – In the absence of Chair, Katherine Shell Benson, Jenny Katool presented the report. The committee is asking each board member to get at least one item donated or sponsorship donated for the Silent Auction. The Long Blue Line Auction is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2015.

Finance Committee – Malinda Mabry-Scott, Chair presented the following changes to the MUWAA Budget for 2014 – 2015:

1. Reduce President’s Travel Budget from \$2,000 to \$1,000.
2. The Chapter and Constituency Groups Committee will be budgeted \$500 for hosting the The Chapter Development Workshop.
3. The Former Presidents Committee will be budgeted \$500 to host a Former Presidents Luncheon during Welty Weekend.

Malinda Mabry-Scott moved that we accept the changes to the 2014-2015 budget as presented. The motion carried.

Public Relations Committee – The report was given by committee member, Carrie Pate, because Chair, Elizabeth Whittington was participating via teleconference. Carrie Pate pointed out that they are working on an editorial calendar for the year.

Former Presidents Committee – In the absence of Emily Myers Garner, Chair, Jenny Katool reported that the committee is planning a luncheon for the Former Presidents to be hosted during Welty Weekend.

#### **VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Southern Grace Committee – Gus Argrett, Chair reported that the committee has discussed ways to reduce the inventory and are working with the University to determine if these means are acceptable. The committee requests if we know of a store or someone who could potentially open a wholesale account, please let them know.

Gus made a motion to move \$2,000 from the Southern Grace Restricted Account to the Culinary Arts Advisory Board Scholarship. The motion carried.

Strategy & Support Committee – No report.

#### **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Immediate Past President Sherrie Cooper and President Jenny Katool reported that the Nominations and Elections Committee will be working to establish a Policy and Procedure for the nomination and election process. A draft of this will be presented at the October Board meeting.

#### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

Ratification of Email Votes:

Jenny moved to approve an additional \$57 in order to pay Board Insurance of \$807. Motion carried.

Jenny moved to approve the committee appointments as listed in 2014-2015 Committees listing. Motion carried.

Jenny moved the funds that were approved for the Registration Day Faculty Luncheon be used for the New Faculty Orientation Luncheon. Motion carried.

Amy Strickland Tate moved to approve the additional committee members listed below. Motion carried.

**Elections:** Chair: Sue Simmons Freeman; **Recruitment and Retention:** Rebecca Rogers; **Chapters and Constituency Groups:** Sunshine Bradshaw Burgess, Jennifer Meriwether, Sally Wells Black; **Special Events:** Amber Kugle, Deidra Gore-Fitzpatrick; **Public Relations:** Heather Fasciocco Stone, Clemmie Phillips; **Southern Grace:** Helen Burks.

#### **XI. OPEN FORUM**

President Katool welcomed guests to the meeting and asked for comments.

There was a discussion on membership and membership renewal.

#### **XII. PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Jenny Katool asked each board member recruit at least 5 new active members for the Alumni Association.

Jenny also encouraged the Board Members who are Mississippi residents to buy the new W car tag and promote them to fellow alumni.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 25. Committee reports are due Monday, October 11, two weeks before the meeting.

President Katool declared the meeting adjourned at 2:28

Respectfully submitted,  
Katy Canion Pacelli, Secretary