

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
OCTOBER 18, 1990

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, October 18, 1990, in Room 334, Paul B. Johnson, Jr. Building, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi. Members present were: Ms. Jeanett Boston, Mr. Paul Breazeale, Mr. Robert Breeden, Mr. Amos Bridges, Mr. Thomas Childs, Jr., Ms. Jean Marie Hill, and Dr. Barbara Ricks. Members absent were: Dr. Wesley C. Burkhardt, Mr. Lanny Monroe, and Ms. Nell Rogers.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Barbara Ricks, Chairman.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Paul Breazeale.

Welcome And
Recognitions

Chairman Ricks recognized Dr. Olon Ray as new Executive Director and commended him for his leadership abilities. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Ricks issued a charge to Dr. Ray to fully implement the coordinating responsibilities of the Board and offered him full support.

Chairman Ricks recognized the following persons in attendances: Dr. Worth Haynes, Mr. Kermit Nations, Dr. Jim Shill, Mrs. Susan Donohue, Ms. Bethe Williams, Dr. Bobby Garvin, Dr. James Sones, Dr. McKinley Martin, Dr. Billy Thames, and Dr. Ted Alexandar.

Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Robert Breeden, seconded by Mr. Paul Breazeale, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, and the special meeting of September 28, 1990 were approved unanimously.

Agenda
Presentation

On a motion by Mr. Tom Childs, seconded by Mr. Robert Breeden, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the addition of a presentation by Mrs. Susan Donohue, president of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Faculty Association.

Reports

MACJC

Dr. McKinley Martin, president of the Mississippi Community and Junior College Association, welcomed Dr. Olon Ray as new Executive Director, and emphasized Chairman Ricks' comments regarding leadership. He stated that leadership is the key for a successful community college board.

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Dr. Alexander reported on a hearing held early in the day in the Senate Education Committee room wherein information and concerns were presented for updating laws on the certification procedures of the Mississippi Schools and College Registration Act. Among the causes cited for the need for new legislation were: 1) too informal registration procedure; 2) national student loan default of \$1.2 billion of which 20% or about \$389 million is caused by 84 proprietary schools; 3) unfavorable recruiting practices; and 4) inflated tuition costs.

In the absence of Mr. Robert McClellan to give a report on an athletic eligibility litigation, Chairman Ricks called on Mr. Paul Breazeale to give a report from EdNet.

EdNet

Mr. Paul Breazeale gave a brief report on an EdNet meeting of October 4, 1990, and a status report on the cable system. He reported that EdNet Board voted to amend bylaws to remove the position of ETV executive director from the EdNet Board, but allow this person to serve as president. EdNet Board is now composed of four representatives from each of the following boards: State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, Institutions of Higher Learning, Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, and State Board of Education. Mr. Breazeale reported that EdNet is continuing to search for insurance coverage. The Board decided not to proceed with RFP until pending application for FCC license is approved. Mr. Breazeale reported that EdNet's competitive applicant had withdrawn application for FCC license. A proposal from competitive applicant and EdNet's counter-proposal are under consideration. Construction sites for towers have not been finalized. On behalf of the EdNet Board, Mr. Breazeale challenged the State Board to begin thinking about ways to implement the system.

Finance

In the absence of Mr. Lanny Monroe, chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Robert Breeden presented the following items from the Finance Committee.

State Board Administration Financial Statement ending September 30, 1990.
Exhibit A

Coahoma's Bimonthly Progress Report. Exhibit B

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On a motion by Mr. Robert Breeden, seconded by Mr. Paul Breazeale, the Board unanimously approved the following amended budgets of H.B. 3 Bond projects: Exhibit C

- 1) Jones County Junior College
Art Department Repair & Renovation
Budget increase from \$641,000 to \$875,233, an increase of \$234,233 in local funds.
- 2) Southwest Mississippi Community College
Byran Science Building Renovation
Budget increase from \$413,000 to \$683,399, an increase of \$274,367 in local funds.

On a motion by Mr. Robert Breeden, seconded by Ms. Jeanett Boston, the Board unanimously approved a list of specific capital improvement project requests by college for FY 1992 based on a five-year plan (1992-1996).
Exhibit D

On a motion by Mr. Robert Breeden, seconded by Ms. Jean Marie Hill, the Board unanimously approved November and December disbursements from Fund 2292 in the amount of \$5,796,034 per month, and authorized the staff to make changes in these disbursements as mandated because of budget cuts.

On a motion by Mr. Robert Breeden, seconded by Mr. Amos Bridges, the Board unanimously approved staff recommendations relating to budget reductions in the Board administration budget should a 5% cut be mandated. Exhibit E

On a motion by Dr. Barbara Ricks, seconded by Mr. Paul Breazeale, the Board voted unanimously to proceed in filing an application with IRS under Section 501(c)(3) which allows a tax exempt status for established organizations.

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Based on an enrollment projection of an 8% increase and a budget request original predicated on an enrollment increase of 6.5%, the board voted unanimously to approve a modification in the FY 1992 Support Budget Request for an increase of \$2,434,350. Motion by Mr. Robert Breeden, seconded by Ms. Jeanett Boston.

On a recommendation by Dr. Olon Ray to delete four of seven positions previously requested in the FY 1992 Administration Budget Request, the board voted unanimously to approve a modification in the FY 1992 Administration Budget Request. Motion made by Mr. Robert Breeden, seconded by Ms. Jeanett Boston.

Athletic
Eligibility

At this time, Chairman Ricks called on Mr. Robert McClellan for an athletic eligibility report. Mr. McClellan reported on the litigation of Bazley, Browning, Antoine vs. Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, et al. He stated that the Association won and the case was dismissed with all costs assessed to plaintiffs (Case Docket #6222 in the Chancery Court of Stone County, Mississippi, October 16, 1990).

East Mississippi
Community
College

Dr. Olon Ray gave a progress report on East Mississippi Community College. He stated that the President, Dr. Thomas Davis was demonstrating effective leadership, the college is experiencing a modest enrollment increase, an audit by the State Department of Audit is in final stages, college can expect cash flow problems in November and December. Dr. Ray further stated that Dr. Davis will give a report to the State Board in November.

Standardized
Curriculum

The next item on the agenda was a report on standardized curriculum. Dr. Worth Haynes distributed organizational charts of the Vocational-Technical Education Bureau and briefly commented on its structure.

Mr. Kermit Nations made available copies of fifty-two standardized curriculum. Dr. Jim Shill gave a basic historical overview of the process of developing the curriculum. Mr. Don Robohm, a member of the Technical Committee, reported on specific problems experienced while developing the curriculum. He cited examples of courses being taught inadequately which resulted

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in students being unprepared for employment.

Dr. Worth Haynes stated that without standardized curriculum there is no legal way to fund programs at the post-secondary level.

After discussion on this matter, Chairman Ricks appointed Mr. Bob Breeden to chair an Ad Hoc Committee on Vocational-Technical Education and charged committee to gather information and report back to the Board in November.

Faculty
Association

Mrs. Susan Donohue, president of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Faculty Association reported on their fall meeting of October 6. She stated the Association's theme is "All Systems On Go - Working Together To Make A Better System." She shared information on projects of the association in cooperating with their mission of all working together.

- 1) Honoring retiring executive director, George Moody
- 2) Participating in district legislative meetings
- 3) Publishing a brochure wherein salaries, insurance coverage, and support of presidents' legislative program are featured.
- 4) Participating in Appreciation Luncheon for Legislators in January with the MACJC
- 5) Reviewed the committee report on Standards and submitted concerns and issues to the Committee

Mrs. Donohue concluded this report by commending the Lamplighter '90 Conference - a celebration in excellent teaching sponsored by the academic deans.

Executive Director
Report

Dr. Olon Ray expressed appreciation to the board members and staff for helping him on his new job and he was glad to be practicing education after two years in the political arena. Dr. Ray reported on the following items.

- 1) A request for a grant to conduct board retreats for board members, staff, and spouses had been made to the Phil Hardin Foundation.
- 2) Recommended that the board adopt an emblem. After discussion on this recommendation, Mr. Robert Breeden moved that the board adopt this recommendation. Motion, seconded by Ms. Jean Marie Hill, passed. It was the consensus of the board to involve community colleges in a competitive manner.
- 3) Recommended that the board change regular board meetings to third Tuesday each month. After discussion on this recommendation, Mr. Paul Breazeale moved the board adopt this recommendation and implementing the change in December. Motion seconded by Mr. Bob Breeden carried unanimously.
- 4) Reported on visits with legislators in the state.
- 5) Reported on Informational Initiatives Regional meetings. Objective in these meetings was to carry a message to the public that education is in jeopardy because of the funding situation in the state.
- 6) Encouraged members to attend as many regional legislative meetings in November as possible.

Travel & Per Diem

On a motion by Mr. Robert Breeden, seconded by Mr. Paul Breazeale, travel and per diem was approved for members attending meetings other than regular meetings.

Adjournment

State Board adjourned at 4 p.m.

Signed By: _____



Dr. Barbara S. Ricks, Chairman

Date Approved: _____

November 15, 1990