

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
NOVEMBER 15, 1990

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, November 15, 1990, in Room 334, Paul B. Johnson, Jr. Building, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi. Members present were: Ms. Jeannet Boston, Mr. Paul Breazeale, Mr. Robert Breeden, Mr. Amos Bridges, Dr. Wesley Burkhardt, Jr., Mr. Thomas E. Childs, Jr., Mr. Lanny Monroe, and Dr. Barbara Ricks. Members absent were: Ms. Jean-Marie Hill and Ms. Neil Rogers.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by
Dr. Barbara Ricks, Chairperson.

Invocation Mr. Paul Breazeale

Welcome and
Recognitions Dr. Ricks recognized the following visitors:
Mr. Ivan Hand, Dr. Thomas Davis, Ms. Rose Frost
Dr. Ted Alexander, Dr. Terry Puckett, Ms. Susan
Donohue, and Dr. Clyde Muse.

Minutes Motion by Mr. Robert Breeden, seconded by Mr. Paul
Breazeale, minutes of the regular meeting of
October 18, 1990, were approved with the following
insertion, change, deletion, and addition.

- (1) Insert the words Call to Action in parentheses
after September 28, 1990, on page 1, third
paragraph from the bottom, to identify the
special meeting.
- (2) Change the minutes to reflect that Mr. Robert
Breeden made the motion instead of Dr. Barbara
Ricks, on page 3, last paragraph.
- (3) Delete the word specific on page 4, fourth
line from bottom of page, and add to the
same paragraph the following sentence.
Mr. Breeden asked Mr. Robohm to furnish our
board with the specific data of each of the
unacceptable situations to which he referred,
including the college, the course, the dates,
the experience, etc.

Review of Agenda Motion by Mr. Paul Breazeale, seconded by Dr. Wes
Burkhardt, to adopt the agenda with a change on
Item 6(D), instead of Mr. Breeden giving legislative
report, Dr. Olon Ray would make report. Motion
carried.

Reports

Ednet Mr. Paul Breazeale reported that the EdNet Board
continues to proceed with the issue of RFP, and
would soon finalize the RFP draft, and hopefully
by January a contract would be signed. After a
discussion on liability insurance, Mr. Breazeale

EdNet

emphasized that EdNet is seeking liability insurance and it is a matter under consideration. Mr. Breeden suggested that EdNet put into the RFP liability insurance specifications, and to be sure that the EdNet's attorney is a competent insurance advisor and the attorney participates in writing that section of the RFP.

At this point in the meeting, Dr. Ricks, on behalf of the board, acknowledged that the retirement dinner for Dr. George Moody on November 6, was a joint effort between MACJC and SBCJC, and expressed appreciation to Mr. Robert McClellan and Dr. Clyde Muse for their hard work and excellent planning for this occasion.

MACJC

On behalf of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, Dr. Ted Alexander expressed appreciation to the board for its cooperation in planning the retirement dinner for Dr. George Moody. He remarked that all addresses made were totally appropriate and extremely meaningful.

Dr. Alexander reported briefly on the following items of business and actions from the MACJC October meeting.

- 1) Dr. Ray did an excellent job in making presidents aware of the rationale and overview of the public awareness meeting to be held around the state.
- 2) MACJC supports efforts of SBCJC and SBE to resolve concerns relative to proposed implementation of vocational-technical education standardized curriculum.
- 3) A report was received on Project 95 and the proposal for board retreat.
- 4) MACJC supports proposal for changing enrollment audits from counting students enrolled last day of end of first six weeks to counting students enrolled last day of end of first four weeks.
- 5) MACJC agreed to negotiate with Dr. George Moody to represent MACJC in the 1991 Legislative Session.
- 6) MACJC voted to invite Susan Donohue and Beth Williams of the faculty association to attend all regional legislative meetings.

Reports

East Mississippi
Community College
Status Report

Dr. Thomas Davis, president of East Mississippi Community College presented a status report on East Mississippi's progress and the following are summarized comments.

Since September 1, 1990, a meeting has been held with all supervisors in the district except one county and in the near future, a meeting will be held with this county.

Boards of Supervisors of Clay, Oktibbeha, and Lowndes agreed to drop its motion of declaratory judgement against East Mississippi. This action resolved the problem of division of funds between the two campuses.

Positive recruiting steps are in motion. East Mississippi has a full-time recruiter and faculty members by their own volition attend high school career days. Positive responses are being made toward recruiting efforts.

The Board passed an amended budget with a cut of \$84,000 and this cut did not affect instruction.

Faculty and staff committees from both campuses are working well together on an institutional effectiveness plan for SACS.

Dr. Davis reported that beauty and beau pageant and homecoming activities were held at no cost to the college. Plans for a fine arts festival in the spring are being made.

Dr. Davis also reported that the college's creative writing magazine, Syzygy would be privately funded and student literary contributions from Scooba, GT, and CAFB would be published in one publication.

At the conclusion of Dr. Davis' report, Mr. Childs congratulated Dr. Davis on what he was doing. He also congratulated Mr. Hand and other board members in the selection of Dr. Davis as president - a very dedicated person and a person of integrity.

Legislative
Report

Dr. Olon Ray reported briefly on regional legislative meetings conducted in the districts of Mississippi Delta, Northwest, Northeast, and Meridian. He reported that participation had been good on part of legislators and there has been a high level of interest and positive feedback.

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ReportsStandardized
Curriculum

Mr. Robert Breeden, chairman of Ad Hoc Committee on Vocational-Technical Education made the following comments on the proposed standardized vocational-technical curriculum by the Vocational-Technical and Adult Division of the State Department of Education. He stated that the initial information available is that there is no legal requirement for the standardized curriculum for the state. The additional information presently available points to the fact that it seems that our board has the prerogative to make decisions concerning curriculum insofar as vocational-technical programs are concerned. Additional information is being gathered by board staff and a letter from the staff will be sent to the Vocational-Technical Division requesting them to put in writing to our board just what they are proposing that we do. When we have that information in hand, we will then, as a committee, be able to go forward with an evaluation of the subject and report further to the board.

501(c)(3)
Application

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reported that all necessary forms from IRS relative to the 501(c)(3) application had been secured and reviewed. Before the board can make application for tax exempt status with IRS, an establishment of an organization or foundation is required.

The board needs to address the following questions:

What type of non-profit organization does the board want?

What will the name of the corporation be and who will be the incorporators and members?

Will the corporation own, lease, or acquire personal or real property?

Upon dissolution of the corporation, how would the assets be distributed?

The staff recommends that the board form a committee to discuss the needed information, then bylaws and articles of incorporation can be formed, and necessary work for tax exempt status can be completed and submitted to IRS.

The Chair appointed Mr. Tom Childs to work with the staff and legal counsel on this matter.

ReportsStandards
Revision

Dr. Larry Day gave an update on Standards revision. He reported that the Advisory Committee is on schedule in revising the Standards. The Committee has completed the initial draft of the revised Standards. The major change that should be noted at this time is that the Committee has recommended the adoption of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Criteria for Accreditation as the State Board's base standards, supplemented with those laws and policies peculiar to the State of Mississippi.

Dr. Day reported that the initial draft had been distributed throughout the community college system for feedback. The staff is currently analyzing the feedback and will report to the full Advisory Committee on November 29. It is anticipated that final recommendations on the revised standards will be made in the December meeting.

Mr. Breeden requested that a summary of feedback be provided to the board so that the board can understand a little bit more adequately the thought process and give us a better insight.

Program
PresentationRequest for
Approval of
Lower-Level
Course

On a motion by Dr. Wes Burkhardt, seconded by Ms. Jeannet Boston, the Board unanimously approved a request for approval of four (4) lower-level courses by the University of Mississippi, at Tupelo Campus, Itawamba Community College District:

- 1) PSC 205 Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics
- 2) LA 210 Public Records and Abstracting
- 3) LA 201 Introduction to Law
- 4) LA 209 Mechanics of Property Transactions

Request for
Approval of
Associate
Degree Level
Program

On a motion by Dr. Wes Burkhardt, seconded by Mr. Bob Breeden, the Board unanimously approved a request from Hinds Community College to move the following program from a certificate status to an associate degree level status:

Surgical Technology: CIP Code 17.0211

It was the consensus of the Board to accept the recommendation of the program committee to be reluctant to approve new vocational-technical programs, new curriculums, and new degrees until further study is made on the standardized curriculum proposal.

Finance Presentation

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reported on the following items in the Finance Report:

- 1) Status of FY 1989 Audits - Attachment I
- 2) SBCJC Administrative Financial Statement ending October 31, 1990 - Attachment II

Dr. Larry Day reported on two change orders for capital improvement projects: Attachment III

- 1) Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Change Order No. 1: Re-Roofing Stone Hall
Project #211-009
- 2) Copiah-Lincoln Community College
Change Order No. 1: Handicapped Access Program
Project #202-016

On a motion by Mr. Lanny Monroe, seconded by Mr. Bob Breeden, the Board approved the recommendation of the Capital Improvement Projects by District and Project for 1993-96. Attachment IV

Director's Presentation

Dr. Olon Ray reported on a meeting held on November 6, 1990, with members of the Senate Universities and Colleges Committee. Items of discussion included:

- Fall 1990 Enrollment Projections
- Report on 1990 Nursing Test Scores
- Effects of Budget Constraints on Community Colleges
- Update and Progress Report on East Mississippi Community College
- Modifications of 1992 Administrative Budget Request
- Report on Community College Academic Faculty Salary Schedules Which Are Below The Secondary Minimum Foundation Program.

The meeting was very positive, very supportive, and very complimentary of work that community colleges are doing.

Dr. Ray reported that in addition to the Governor's mandated cuts, there is a \$2,383,213 cut to be made in vocational education funds. As a result of this reduction in state support vocational education funds, the federal requirement of annual "maintenance of effort" will not be met for fiscal year 1991. By not maintaining the same level of state support as in the preceding year, the state is subject to losing federal vocational funds in the amount of \$11,672,933.

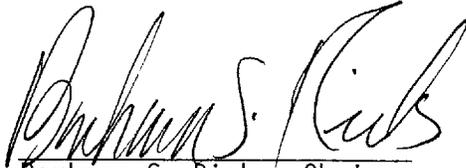
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Dr. Ray reminded the Board that there are three important issues to deal with: 1) the state's financial condition - a problem without resolution; 2) proposed standardized vocational-technical curriculum; and 3) the open door admission policy.

In conclusion, Dr. Ray remarked that successful stories are occurring every day in our state about community colleges.

Mrs. Susan Donohue, president of the Mississippi Faculty Association, distributed the association's legislative brochure, A Class Act - Crisis in Mississippi.

Upon a motion by Mr. Amos Bridges, seconded by Mr. Bob Breeden, and unanimous vote, the State Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Barbara S. Ricks, Chair
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Olton E. Ray, Executive Director
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Approved: 12-18-90
Date