

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
March 21, 1991

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 1991, in Room 507 of the Paul B. Johnson, Jr. Building, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi. All members were present. Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon E. Ray, Executive Director, Mr. Bill Bunch, Dr. Larry L. Day, Mr. Robert McClellan and Ms. Elizabeth Reynolds.

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

Mr. Paul Breazeale gave the invocation.

Dr. Ricks acknowledged the following guests in attendance: Ms. Cathy Hayden, Clarion Ledger, Ms. Susan B. Donohue, State Faculty Association, Ms. Frankie White, Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Billy Thames, President, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Mrs. Beth Williams, State Faculty Association, and Mrs. Linda Gray, MS Delta Community College.

On a motion by Lanny Monroe, seconded by Paul Breazeale, the minutes of the February 21, 1991, meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Wesley Burkhardt, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the agenda was adopted by unanimous vote with the following two additions: Section III Item B.4 AdHoc Committee Report and Section III Item F.a. Committee Assignments.

Dr. Billy Thames, President of Copiah-Lincoln Community College, standing in for Dr. McKinley Martin, President of Coahoma Community College presented the report from the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC). Dr. Thames reported that items dealt with at the February meeting included:

- *Minutes were approved on February 26, 1991.
- *Capital Improvement Project presented by Mr. Triplett of the Bureau of Building and Grounds for 5-year expansion at a cost of \$10 million a year was endorsed by MACJC.
- *Standardized vocational-technical curricula should be delayed and implementation deferred.
- *Association appointed a committee of 5 people to write a paper to express concerns over the proposed standardized curricula. Committee members were: Dr. Bill Scaggs, Meridian Community College; Dr. Ted Alexander, Pearl River Community College; Dr. David Haraway, Northwest Community College; Dr. Clyde Muse, Hinds Community College; and Dr. Eddie Smith, East Central Community College.
- *Tuition increases for next year will be reported by March 31.
- *Termination of programs.
- *Attendance at the March 4 AdHoc Committee Hearing.
- *Reviewed legislative bills.

On a motion by Lanny Monroe, seconded by Paul Breazeale, the Board unanimously approved the following community/junior college support disbursements for the month of April 1991:

2290 Associate Degree Nursing	\$ 574,105
2292 Aid to Colleges	4,487,118
2293 Vocational Support	428,612
2294 Part-time Academic	1,022,848

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board unanimously approved the following lower-level courses for the University of Mississippi:

LA 100 Accounting for Legal Assistants (Univ. Center)
LA 202 Legal Bibliography (Tupelo)

On a motion by Wesley Burkhardt, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board unanimously approved a policy on acceptance of applications for Vocational-Technical programs. **(See Exhibit 1.)**

On a motion by Jean-Marie Hill, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board unanimously approved the following response to the NAACP request made by Dr. Morris Kinsey at the State Board for Community and Junior College meeting of January 22, 1991.

- (1) Chair to write letter to Dr. Kinsey notifying him of status of board response;
- (2) Identify areas in which NAACP requests have previously been addressed by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges;
- (3) Have board members review Dr. Kinsey's requests as made to the Board in its meeting of January 22, 1991 and list any requests in that letter considered by them to constitute a priority concern of the Board.

On a motion by Wesley Burkhardt, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted unanimously to request that the Policy and Procedures Manual in its initial phase be completed prior to the Board retreat.

On a motion by Wesley Burkhardt, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board voted to have the staff examine the current budget to determine the availability of \$2,000 for the completion of the policy and procedures study. Voting yea: Breeden, Bridges, Monroe, Childs, Burkhardt, Ricks, Rogers, Boston, and Hill. Voting nay: Breazeale.

On a motion by Nell Rogers, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board unanimously voted to adopt a response to the request by the State Division of Vocational Education as recommended by the AdHoc Committee on Vocational Education. **(See Exhibit 2.)**

Dr. Ray explained the duties and purpose of the six-member Joint Committee on Vocational Education. Dr. Ray stated that Dr. Thompson had already appointed the three (3) members from the State Department of Education. They are Mr. Elwyn Wheat, Mr. R. D. Harris (Deputy Superintendent of Education) and Mrs. Judy Rhodes (Assistant Superintendent for Finance).

Upon a motion by Lanny Monroe seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously voted to include a synopsis of the AdHoc Committee Hearing in the minutes. **(See Exhibit 3.)**

Mr. Bill Bunch reported on legislative matters. Mr. Bunch stated that the health insurance bill for public schools and community college teachers has been referred to a conference committee. Mr. Bunch reported that the 25-year retirement bill had also been referred to a conference committee.

Mr. Paul Breazeale updated the board on the activities of the EdNet Board. Mr. Breazeale reported that the EdNet Board had met on March 1, 5 and 18, and that these meetings were devoted to indepth

assessments of the two proposals which had been submitted. Mr. Breazeale further reported that both proposers, **A+ Television Network** and **Wireless Cable of MS**, had made serious proposals which had been analyzed by two different wireless cable consultants. He also reminded the Board that the RFP had been drafted with the assistance of an authority on wireless cable. Mr. Breazeale invited board members to inspect proposals and financial information offered by each group with the understanding that confidentiality must be maintained in order to produce proprietary and trade information. Questions were invited and answered by Mr. Breazeale.

At 2:45 p.m., Dr. Ted Alexander, Mr. Willis Lott and Mr. Sonny Sones, all of Pearl River Community College, joined the meeting in progress.

Olon Ray reported that the April 18 board meeting will be held at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Mississippi.

Mr. Tom Childs reported on the status of 501(C)(3). It was reported that a number of important questions had been addressed by members of the 501(C)(3) Committee in consultation with Deborah Gilbert and Frankie White. Mr. Childs reported that a meeting would be held prior to the April board meeting so that an update could be given at the April board meeting.

Dr. Ricks reported the following committee appointments which had been made in response to preferences expressed by each board member.

<u>Planning:</u>	Jean-Marie Hill, Chairman Wesley Burkhardt Nell Allen Rogers
<u>Finance:</u>	Lanny Monroe, Chairman Robert Breeden Paul Breazeale Amos Devon Bridges
<u>Program:</u>	Thomas Childs, Co-chair Barbara Ricks, Co-chair Jeannet Boston

Dr. Barbara Ricks announced that the election of officers will be held at the April Board meeting.

Dr. Ray discussed with the Board the need to finding more innovative solutions to meeting educational employment training needs for students in community colleges. He further pointed out that the Joint Committee on Vocational Education offers an opportunity to develop creative responses to new training needs and further suggested that new roles be established between community colleges and business/industrial interests.

Dr. Ray informed board members that Jones County Junior College had provided each board member with an Easter Lily.

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously approved payment of per diem and travel expenses for members attending the EdNet meetings during the month of March, and the AdHoc Vocational Committee Hearing. **(See Exhibit 4.)**

On a motion by Paul Breazeale and duly seconded, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

Dr. Barbara Ricks, President

Dr. Olon E. Ray, Executive Director

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