

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
OCTOBER 21, 1993

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 21, 1993, in room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Jeannet Boston, Bob Breeden, Amos Bridges, Lanny Monroe, Perrin Purvis, and George Walker.

Members absent: Paul Breazeale, Barbara Ricks, and Nell Rogers.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Bill Bunch, Deborah Gilbert, Eloise Johnson, and Sandra Lucas.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lanny Monroe at 10:08 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Dr. Olon Ray.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

Lanny Monroe recognized the following guests: Dr. Clarence Roberts, Meridian Community College, Dr. Barry Mellinger, President of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Cathy Hayden, the Clarion Ledger, Bill Blasingame, Director of Vocational Instructional Development, State Department of Education, and Dr. Clifton D. Taylor, Vice-President of Jefferson Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved the minutes of the September 16, 1993, meeting as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

Mr. Monroe asked that items G. Non-Federal Scholarship Study, and H. Policy and Procedures Update, under section IV. Reports/Action, be deleted. On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board unanimously adopted the amended agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray introduced new staff member Jackie Bell who will be working with Bill Bunch and R. L. McClellan.

Dr. Ray asked Dr. Clarence Roberts, chairman of a committee appointed to study issues related to community college finance, give a brief overview of the committee's progress.

Dr. Roberts reported that upon the request of Representative Glenn Endris, a committee was formed to develop a more simplified plan to present the needs of community/junior colleges to the legislature. The committee will report its final work to the Board.

Dr. Ray gave the Board an update on the Ayers case. The Board has been requested to provide certain information related to community college work, and staff is in the process of gathering the necessary information. Dr. Ray informed the Board that pending concurrence of the Board, it was his intention to provide information as requested which is available without additional research.

Dr. Ray asked George Walker to report on workforce education and training. Mr. Walker presented a proposal to the Board on the facilitation of workforce training to bring jobs to the state. (Exhibit A) Community and junior colleges are the most logical and best conduit for this training. The Board was asked to review the proposal and offer comments. Action may be taken at the November meeting. An article from The Commercial Appeal was distributed to the Board on the success of workforce training at Delta Wire, Inc. (Exhibit B)

Dr. Ray reported that the Board's commitment to developing a plan for a Coahoma Community College district for this legislative year has been delayed. Dr. Presley and the Coahoma Board of Trustees are currently working on a process to answer questions and examine alternatives for this plan and hope to conclude the process by their November meeting. The SBCJC continues to stay in communication with Mississippi Delta Community College and Northwest Community College regarding the Coahoma Community College District.

Dr. Ray extended the Board an invitation to attend the regional legislative meetings being held by the president's Association. A list of dates and sites will be mailed to each Board member. Dr. Ray encouraged members to attend any and all of these important meetings as an emphasis of the Board's commitment to work in concert with the presidents on a unified legislative agenda.

Executive Director's out-of-town schedule:

October 25-26 - Mississippi Association of Colleges Meeting, Laurel, MS

November 4 - Mississippi Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators,
Natchez, Mississippi

Regional Legislative Meetings:

November 9 - Coahoma Community College - Noon

Northwest Mississippi Community College - Evening

November 10 - Itawamba Community College - Noon

Meridian Community College - Evening

November 11 - Hinds Community College - Evening

November 15 - Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Evening

November 16 - Mississippi Educational Television Premier of "Return to the
River" - Natchez, Mississippi

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC REPORT

Dr. Barry Mellinger, Secretary/Treasurer of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, reported on the following items addressed at the September 28, 1993 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges president's meeting.

Secretary of State, Dick Molpus, addressed the presidents. He reported that the middle class in Mississippi is dwindling, and that it is important for education, government, and private enterprise to develop partnerships. New directions for the State of Mississippi have community and junior colleges at the center. Mr. Molpus stated that community and junior colleges in other states had acted as the "magnet" to attracting new and foreign industry.

The Association recognized a group of Phi Theta Kappa regional and national award winners.

Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director of the SBCJC, gave a report on workforce initiative for school-to-work program. Federal level applications for this program are due by December 1, and soon thereafter an agency within each state will be designated as the workforce agency.

Dr. Clarence Roberts reported to the presidents on a study related to expanding associate degree nursing. Efforts are being made to find ways to alleviate problems in obtaining qualified instructors. Community and junior college's pass rate on the state board exam is 97% compared to IHL's pass rate of 87%.

The legislative committee reported to the presidents and action was taken to approve the regional legislative meetings for 1993. Dr. Clyde Muse, chairman of the legislative committee, presented the legislative program for approval. The program had previously been approved by the Trustees Association, Alumni Association, and the Faculty Association.

The date for the Legislative Appreciation Luncheon has been set for February 1, 1994, and Dr. Mellinger extended an invitation for all Board members to attend.

Dr. Clarence Roberts gave a committee report on a proposal from Representative Glenn Endris that would insure adequate funding for community colleges based on enrollments.

The presidents concluded their meeting with discussions of the MAC Junior/Senior College Conference, HEADWAE Luncheon, and athletic rules.

Dr. Mellinger reported that at a meeting of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Board of Trustees, the SBCJC's resolution expressing appreciation to the Association, Trustees Association, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Board of Trustees, and Dr. Mellinger, was accepted with much appreciation.

Finance Committee

On a motion by Jeannet Boston, seconded by George Walker, the SBCJC unanimously approved the November and December disbursements from fund 2298, in the amounts of \$3,513,103. and \$3,513,100., respectively. (Exhibit C)

In section five of the administrative appropriation bill, it directs the State Board to make reasonable assessments, not in excess \$91,205., upon the community and junior colleges. A carryover from FY 1993 in the amount of \$4,438.09 was deducted leaving a balance of \$86,766.91 to be divided among the colleges. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Alton Bankston, the SBCJC unanimously approved the FY 1994 assessment upon community and junior colleges in the amount of \$86,766.91. (Exhibit D)

On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Bob Breeden, the SBCJC unanimously approved the escalation of the administrative budget with 100% federal funds in the amount of \$100,191., for the JOBS Program utilized at Northwest, Itawamba, Meridian, and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community Colleges. (Exhibit E)

Deborah Gilbert gave a report on the Education Enhancement Fund, giving a summary of the funds to be received. The October disbursements from fund 4080 were \$1,408,865, and from fund 4110 were \$165,775, totaling \$1,574,640. (Exhibit F) No action was required.

Mrs. Gilbert presented a financial statement for fund 2291 and fund 3291 for the Board's information. No action was required. (Exhibit G)

Committee on Foundation Affairs

Lanny Monroe presented a draft of recommendations from the Committee on Foundations Affairs for the Board's review and comments. No action was taken however, Mr. Monroe asked that any suggestions or recommendations be made to Dr. Ray on or before Thursday, November 4, 1993, so that action could be taken at the November Board meeting. (Exhibit H)

Program Committee

Bill Bunch reported on Covich-Lincoln Community College's request to extend certificate degree level, in connection with the move to the model curriculum from the Bureau of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education for Machine Tool Operation/Machine Shop Technology. On a motion by Bob Breeden, and a second from George Walker, the Board unanimously approved Covich-Lincoln's request. (Exhibit I)

Fall Enrollment Audit Schedule

Mr. Bunch briefly discussed the fall enrollment audit schedule for the Board's information. Audits should be completed by November 12, 1993, and hopefully some form of preliminary audit results will be available at the next Board meeting.

Report on Model Literacy Program

Eloise Johnson gave a report on the model literacy project awarded to Mississippi State University, in connection with Starkville Public Schools, East Mississippi Community College, and Greater Columbus Learning Center, which will begin on November 15, 1993, with funds in the amount of \$198,000.

EdNet Report

Dr. Clarence Roberts gave a report from an advisory committee of community college personnel working closely with EdNet. There are three appointees from community colleges serving on this advisory committee: Dr. Eddie Smith, Dr. James Sones and Dr. Clarence Roberts. EdNet's first cell, in south Jackson, is scheduled to go on the air by February 1, 1994. The Board, as a license holder of one of the five EdNet channels, will be responsible for achieving this goal, providing twelve (12) hours of educational programming per week. Within a period of time the programming time will be extended to twenty (20) hours per week.

Travel Authorization

The Executive Director asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. None were presented.

Other Business

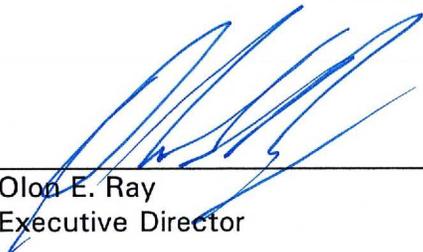
Dr. Ray distributed to Board members a copy of Literacy, A Mississippi Newsletter, a publication of the Governor's Office of Literacy, for their information. (Exhibit J)

The next meeting of the Board will be held on November 18, 1993.

Adjournment

On a motion by Lanny Monroe, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.


Lanny Monroe, Chairman


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Executive Director