

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
MAY 31, 1996

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, May 31, 1996, at 1:30 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Natchez Campus in Natchez, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Yvonne Brown, John Junkin, II, Perrin Purvis, William Seal, and George Walker.

**Members absent:** Patricia Puckett, Nell Rogers, and Hazel Terry.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Bunch, Jr., Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Janet Henderson, Sandra Lucas, R. L. McClellan, Ed Schneider, and Frankie Walton White.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Billy Thames, President of Copiah-Lincoln Community College, welcomed Board members and staff to the Natchez Center. Dr. Thames introduced Dr. Howell Garner, Academic Dean of Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Dean Travis Thorton, Academic Dean, Natchez Campus. Dean Thorton conducted a brief tour of the facility. The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Breazeale at 1:45 p.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

The invocation was given by Mrs. Yvonne Brown.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by George Walker, seconded by John Junkin, the Board approved the minutes of the April 17 and 18, 1996, meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Agenda**

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by George Walker, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda as presented.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Olon Ray passed around a thank you note from the Perrin Purvis family for the flowers sent as an expression of sympathy at the death of Mrs. Purvis.

Dr. Ray reported that Jimmy Heidel, working with a grant from the Department of Labor, has brought together state agency heads and other individuals from around the state to look at the issue of One Stop Career Centers. The taskforce has met three times and is scheduled to meet again on June 6, 1996. Dr. Ray stated that this taskforce could move toward a recommendation that could result in an Executive Order from the Governor establishing a working group to organize One Stop Career Centers. At some point, if Workforce block grants are received by the state, an operating, organized means for the disbursement of funds should be in place. Part of the recommendations formulated by the taskforce include an interagency group at the state level to make recommendations related to guidelines for the distribution of funds and the operation of One Stop Career Centers.

Dr. Ray reported that a taskforce is being formed and will meet on June 17, 1996, to examine better ways in which to utilize the Community College Network (CCN). Utilization of this important asset is growing daily.

Becky Cade reported to Board members that on May 23, 1996, the technology bonds were sold to Goldman-Sachs of New York in the amount of \$23,350,000.

Dr. Ray reported on the Community College Fellowship Program under the direction of Mississippi State University. This year's program will be held on July 28 through August 2, 1996. The program identifies future leaders in community colleges and provides leadership training. Yvonne Brown volunteered to attend the program to help award completion certificates as a representative of the SBCJC.

Dr. Ray reported that Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College had received a national Paragon Award. They received the Gold Award in the postcard division for marketing and public information achievement.

Also, Beth Canzoneri, CQP staff member, received two awards from the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi - a first place for the Skill/Tech Newsletter and a second place for the SBCJC Annual Report.

Executive Director's Out-of-Town Schedule:

June 13 and 14 - MAAACE Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Dr. Ray also announced that George Walker had been named Chairman of the Delta Council Development Board.

## **REPORTS/ACTION**

### **MACJC Report**

Dr. Billy Thames reported on the following agenda items discussed at the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges' April 26, 1996, meeting:

State Auditor Steve Patterson spoke to the Association about the CCN and his office's utilization of the network to do statewide training.

Dr. Tom Layzell, IHL Commissioner, and Attorney Paul Stevenson gave the Association a review of the Ayers Case.

A proposal to raise \$50,000 for the Small Business Development Centers was received from Mr. Raleigh Byars of the University of Mississippi. Using the Ole Miss Foundation, they were asking for permission to go into community college districts to raise the \$50,000. The presidents rejected the proposal.

Mr. John Hughes spoke to the Association about early admission for specially qualified high school students. The Association took his recommendations under advisement.

Dr. Olon Ray reported on State Work Force Council matters.

Dr. Ray also discussed a salary increase of 2% for community colleges.

The Association set a date for their Legislative Planning Workshop meeting of May 25, 1996.

Dr. Billy Thames reported on the Phi Theta Kappa Awards for 1996.

Mr. Joe Childers reported to the Association on matters concerning Dante' Jones.

Next, Dr. Thames reported on the following agenda items discussed at the Legislative Planning Workshop in Biloxi, held on May 25, 1996:

New 1996 Association officers were elected as follows: Chairman; Dr. Barry Mellinger, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Ted Alexander, and Secretary; Dr. Starkey Morgan.

1996 MACJC Committees are as follows: Executive Committee: Dr. Tommy Davis, Dr. Bobby Garvin, Mr. Gene Richardson, Mr. Jerry Reid, and Mr. John Vickers. Audit Committee: Dr. David Cole, Dr. Eddie Smith, and Mr. Adam Jenkins.

The Association approved \$4,200 for the Mississippi Arts Association for 1996.

Dr. Olon Ray presented information collected by Dr. Larry Day concerning water cost surveys around the state.

A committee consisting of Dr. Clyde Muse, Dr. Bobby Garvin, and Dr. Olon Ray, was appointed to speak with Dr. Tom Layzell about the Rural Health Corps Grant. The committee was charged with finding ways to fulfill a mandate to teach nursing courses over the CCN.

The Association discussed a Memorandum of Agreement to create a model for training needs on the CCN.

The Association discussed questions raised by legislators as to why the presidents were not registered as lobbyists. The law firm of Watkins, Ludlam, and Stennis has been asked to prepare a legal response for the presidents informing them of their legal responsibilities.

The presidents discussed the \$91,000 assessment of the colleges to the SBCJC.

#### Program Committee

On a motion by William Seal and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following program agenda items:

A request for Lower Level Course Approval from the University of Mississippi, DeSoto Center to offer Math 269 - Elementary Mathematical Analysis III, in the Northwest Mississippi Community College District.

A request from Meridian Community College to change the program name of Fitness Science to Sports Medicine.

A request from Meridian Community College for a curriculum option in Telecommunications Service Technology.

Termination of the following programs:

Hinds Community College - Microcomputer Service at the Jackson Academic and Technical Center, Agri Diesel Mechanics at the Raymond Campus, Industrial Maintenance at the Utica Campus, and Civil Technology at the Vicksburg Campus.

Holmes Community College - Licensed Practical Nurse at the Goodman Campus.

Pearl River Community College - Micro Computer Specialists at the Forrest County Center.

A request from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Jeff Davis Campus for a one year extension of approval for their Medical Unit Manager program.

#### Report on Association - Legislative Agenda Meeting

Dr. Olon Ray reported that these items would be handled through the Finance Committee report.

#### Finance Committee

On finance committee recommendation, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the May 31, 1996, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Funds 4080 and 4110 in the total amount of \$2,293,056.41. (Exhibit A)

John Junkin presented the Technology Bond Debt Service Schedule for the Board's review. No action was required. (Exhibit B)

On a motion by Perrin Purvis and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve salary increases with the understanding that the Executive Director would initiate increases that will be approximately 3.5%. Additionally, the Board approved a change in the Administrative Salary Schedule for FY 1997 to reflect the inclusion of the Video Teleconferencing Manager under the category of "Director".

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve DFA Form Z-1 for FY 1997 for Support in the amount of \$142,183,782, and Administration in the amount of \$14,755,675. (Exhibit D)

John Junkin presented the following exhibits for the Board's review:

General Fund Allocation at \$95,959,634 (Exhibit E)

Education Enhancement Fund Allocation at \$20,937,211 (Exhibit F)

Mississippi Resident Enrollment Figures - Fall 1995 (Exhibit G)

Health Insurance Allocation (estimate) - GF \$7,273,630 (Exhibit H)

Education Recurring Technology Expenses (Exhibit I)

Technology Positions \$750,000 (Exhibit J)

Rural Health Corps, One Stop Career Centers, Sign Language Interpreter, ITS Backbone, Salary Increases, New Positions (Exhibit K)

Salary Increases (Exhibit L)

H. B. 1666 Capital Improvements Bond Bill Allocation (Exhibit M)

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Perrin Purvis the Board voted unanimously to approve the allocation of the FY 1997 Appropriation (S. B. 3060) as presented in exhibits E - M.

On a motion by George Walker and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of computer equipment in the amount of \$109,503.94 from Unitech

(Exhibit N), and the sale of a 1981 Ford tilt cab truck in the amount of \$588.00.

John Junkin presented the Administration portion of the FY 1998 Budget Request for the Board's review. No action was required. (Exhibit O)

On a motion by John Junkin and a second by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Continuation increase portion of the FY 1998 budget request, in the amount of \$14,764,849. (Exhibit P)

John Junkin presented Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, 3292, and 4300 for the Board's review. (Exhibit Q) No action was required.

In other business, Deborah Gilbert presented for the Board's review, graphs showing the SBCJC state appropriation per FTE. (Exhibit R)

John Junkin presented the 1998-2002 Capital Improvements Plan (Capital Improvements - Exhibit S) and Capital Improvements Projects (Repair and Renovations - Exhibit T).

Deborah Gilbert presented a revision to the SBCJC Procedures for the Disbursements/ Reimbursement of the Community/Junior College Telecommunications Network Bonds approved at a prior Board meeting. On a motion by John Junkin and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the revised procedures. (Exhibit U)

#### Workforce Education Report

George Walker updated Board members on State Workforce Training Council matters. A survey from all the Skill/Tech Centers reporting types of completed training and projections of possible training for next year is being compiled. The survey will be compared to requested training needs from industry and taken to the Legislative Budget Office in July to acquire increased funding for the Skill/Tech Centers.

Mr. Walker reported on the status of vocational/technical programs at Coahoma Community College and changes to the programs being made as a response to requests from local industry leaders.

#### Health Care Committee Update

Dr. Larry Day reported on a meeting of the health care committee focus group. The group has identified three areas to address in a conference later in the year. These areas include an awareness component focusing on the health condition of Mississippi, a component on health care reform within the state, and the third component to focus on training of health care professionals across the state.

#### Appointment/Re-appointment of Proprietary Commission Members

On recommendation by Dr. Ray, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to approve re-appointment of Dr. Ross Story and appointment of Carl Comer to the Commission of Proprietary Schools and College Registration. Their five year appointments will begin on July 1, 1996. The Board authorized staff to produce an appropriate resolution and plaque in recognition of Mrs. Doris Benjamin's hard work and dedication to the Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration. Mrs. Benjamin will retire from the Board on June 30, 1996.

#### Proprietary School and College Registration Report

Janet Henderson reported on Proprietary School and College Registration Commission meetings held

on February 15, and April 18, 1996. (Exhibit V)

Legislative Report

Bill Bunch and Deborah Gilbert distributed for Board members' review a Legislative Summary of the 1996 Legislative Session. (Exhibit W)

Mr. Bunch also distributed information on legislative intent of SBCJC appropriations dating back to 1978. (Exhibit X)

EdNet Report

Chairman Breazeale reported that TruVision, EdNet's private partner, has merged with a Louisiana company, Wireless One. He also reported that the Oxford cell had been activated since the last SBCJC meeting and that the Bude cell will be activated on June 1. TruVision projects that all eleven cells will be active by the first quarter of 1997.

Appointment of SBCJC Member to ETV

On a motion by George Walker and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Olon Ray to serve on the Board of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Breazeale asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement to the following members:

EdNet Board Meeting, 5/20/96 - Paul Breazeale  
Health Care Focus Meeting, 5/20/96 - Hazel Terry

Executive Director's Review Committee

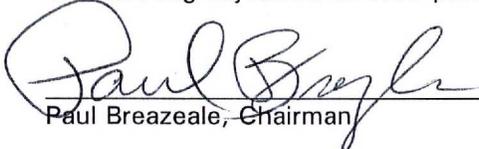
Chairman Paul Breazeale appointed a committee to conduct Dr. Ray's employee performance appraisal for 1996. The committee will consist of Alton Bankston, Chairman, Perrin Purvis and John Junkin along with Mr. Breazeale and George Walker serving as ex-officio members. The committee will report to the full Board at the next SBCJC meeting.

Acknowledgment of Dr. Haraway's Leadership

On recommendation by Dr. Ray, a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to authorize an appropriate resolution and plaque in recognition of Dr. David Haraway's leadership as President of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

  
Paul Breazeale, Chairman

  
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Executive Director