

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
NOVEMBER 21, 1997

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, November 21, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in the Library Projection Room at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Mississippi.

Members present: Yvonne Brown; Sara Fox; Billy Hewes; Henry Hudspeth; John Junkin, II; William Seal; Hazel Terry; and George Walker.

Members absent: Joanna Heidel and Patricia Puckett.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:55 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

George Walker thanked Dr. Ron Whitehead, President of Jones County Junior College, for the hospitality extended to the Board in hosting the November meeting. Dr. Whitehead introduced members of the Jones faculty and staff present as follows: Ken Dupree, Dr. George Huffman, Amy Herrington, Tim Waldrop, Mike Edmonds, John Carter, and Jessie Smith. Mr. Walker also recognized the following visitors present: Dr. Cyndi Gaudet representing the University of Southern Mississippi, Jean Davis representing Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Mr. Buddy Tisdale representing Northwest Mississippi Community College, and Dan Hart representing Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, seconded by John Junkin, the Board approved the minutes of the October 16, 1997, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of an EdNet report.

Policy Recommendation

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher presented a proposed SBCJC General Educational Development (GED) State Policy. Upon staff recommendation, a motion by William Seal, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the SBCJC General Educational Development (GED) State Policy (Exhibit F).

Funding and Formula Report

John Junkin reported on an SBCJC Funding and Formula Study Committee meeting held on October 31, 1997, where each workgroup identified issues and made recommendations to the full Committee for further review (Exhibit G). An organizational committee was appointed as follows: Jerry Senter - Chair, Dr. Bill Scaggs, William Seal, Dr. Bobby Garvin, Ron Holmes, and John Junkin. The committee will take the issues and recommendations and prepare a report. Input regarding the issues and recommendations will be received from all interested parties and determination will then be presented to the full committee, possibly in the Spring. At that point a writing committee will take the final recommendations and prepare the final form. The writing committee was appointed as follows: Dr. Eddie Smith, Chairman, Dr. Barry Mellinger, George Walker, Henry B. McClellan, and John Junkin. It was suggested that board members review the initial recommendations and be ready to discuss them further at the December Board meeting.

Accountability Taskforce Update

Dr. Evelyn Webb reported that the Accountability Taskforce reconvened on November 7, 1997, at Alply in DeKalb, Mississippi. At this time the taskforce revised the Legislative Accountability Report form. Dr. Webb distributed a copy of a draft letter that will be sent by each community/junior college Career Center to the companies in their area which received state subsidized training during the preceding twelve months along with the Legislative Accountability Report form (Exhibit H). These forms will be sent regardless of the size of the company and regardless of the number of employees receiving training.

On a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the third Thursday evening and Friday morning as official Board meeting dates.

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to change the dates of the December Board meeting to December 11 and 12, 1997.

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Yvonne Brown, the Board voted unanimously to place on the December Board meeting agenda, an item examining the Board's position on school superintendents serving on community college Board of Trustees.

Dr. Olon Ray announced that Patricia Puckett's father remains in a comma following a stroke, and that Joanna Heidel's mother is not doing well in her bout with cancer.

MACJC Report

Dr. Ron Whitehead reported on the following items discussed by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges at their meeting on October 28, 1997:

Vice-Chairman, Dr. Ted Alexander, presided at the meeting.

Dr. Olon Ray gave a report on the organization and structure of One Stop Career Centers for the State. Dr. Ray introduced Mrs. Jean Denson with the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development and Mr. Jim Bunch with the Mississippi Employment Security Commission. Mr. Bunch and Mrs. Denson addressed the presidents and distributed information on a proposal for a one-stop career center delivery system (Exhibit A) prepared by the One-Stop Interagency Executive Council (OSIEC). The recommendations proposed that existing district workforce councils' membership be restructured to include representation from the following: the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, the Planning and Development Districts, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, the Local Education Agency (Vocational-Technical), the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation, and the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development (JTPA, if not represented through the Planning and Develop District) and the SBCJC. Additionally, the restructured district workforce councils would provide the structure for district wide planning and coordination of all workforce and education programs and initiatives. The Association voted to support the recommendations adopted by OSIEC.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of a memorandum addressed to community and junior college presidents, business managers, and academic, vocational and student services deans related to the nine non-financial performance standards listed in the SBCJC appropriations bill.

Dr. Ray gave an overview of a meeting hosted by the SBCJC Inter-Office Technology Team on October 9, 1997. The team met with technology experts and vendors to discuss future technology needs for the SBCJC and community colleges.

Dr. Ray gave a brief report on the Council on Educational Technology's "Mississippi Technology Infrastructure Plan".

Dr. Ray reported on status of distance learning graduate level nursing programs. He updated the MACJC on efforts to pursue outside sources for offering graduate level nursing courses over the CCN. After discussion, the MACJC agreed that Dr. Ray should write IHL on behalf of the presidents and the SBCJC, asking them to outline their future plans for providing the graduate level nursing courses.

Dr. Ray asked that each president name an individual to represent their college at the upcoming Higher Education Technology Conference scheduled for February 3 and 4, 1997, at the Holiday Inn Southwest, in Jackson.

Dr. Therrell Myers presented a proposal from the State Department of Education (SDE) to pursue funding from the Mississippi Legislature to provide training and technology

support for K-12 schools and community and junior colleges. Dr. Tom Burnham further discussed with the presidents the proposal. The Association voted unanimously to support the SDE's proposal to secure funding from the Mississippi Legislature for training and technology support services for local school districts.

Dr. Clyde Muse distributed 100 copies of the MACJC legislative programs to each president and gave an overview of the program format that will be followed during the meetings

Dr. Olon Ray distributed a copy of a report concerning a meeting held on October 9, 1997, of the SBCJC Inter-office Technology Team's outside experts group.

Dr. Tommy Davis reminded the presidents of the Southern Association of Community, Junior and Technical Colleges (SACJTC) luncheon held during the SACS annual meeting in New Orleans.

Dr. Eddie Smith gave an update from the Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team Program planning committee.

The Association voted unanimously to approve payment of a statement from Watkins, Ludlam, and Stennis for representation for the MACJC in a court case involving the MACJC waiver/release policy in the amount of \$4,067.72

Dr. Randall Bradberry gave a report on his efforts to secure a directors and officers liability bond for the Director of Affiliated Activities and the officers of the Association.

The Association voted unanimously to hold the summer legislative planning meeting at the Grand Casino Hotel in Tunica, Mississippi on May 29 - June 1, 1998.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement of travel expenses to the following:

George Walker for attending a Volunteer Conference on November 4, a Regional Legislative Meeting at Mississippi Delta Community College on November 10, a Senate Hearing on November 11, the State Workforce Council meeting on November 12, an EdNet Distance Learning Conference on November 17, and for speaking at a town meeting in Macon on November 20, 1997.

Billy Hewes and William Seal for attending a regional legislative meeting in Gulfport on November 13, 1997.

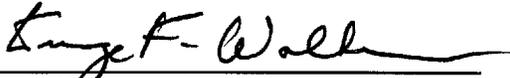
Yvonne Brown for attending an EdNet Distance Learning Conference on November 17, in Raymond, and a regional legislative meeting at Holmes Community College on November 20, 1997.

Other Business

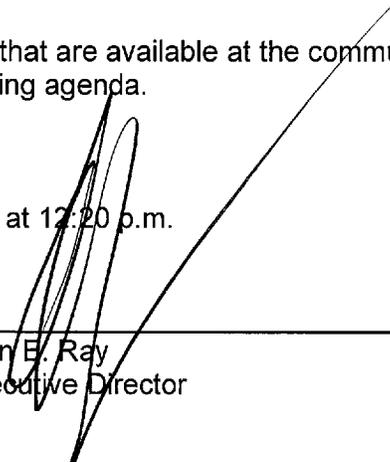
John Junkin asked that an item regarding scholarships that are available at the community colleges and their use be added to the December meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



George Walker, Chairman



Olon E. Ray
Executive Director