

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
MARCH 24, 1999

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Yvonne Brown, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Billy Hewes, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

Members absent: Patricia Puckett and William Seal.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Eloise Richardson, Ed Schneider, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Frankie Walton-White.

Guests in attendance: Dexter Holloway, State Department of Education; Dr. Andy Mullins, University of Mississippi; Dr. Ted Alexander, Pearl River Community College; Dr. David Powe, Ken Christian, Dr. George Leggette, and Dr. Danny McBrayer, Stennis Space Center; Steve Barlow, Mississippi State University; Milton Chambliss and Dr. Allan Falconer, Mississippi Space Commerce Initiative; Pete Walley, IHL; and Andy Kanengiser, the Clarion Ledger.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:05 a.m. All guests present gave their names and the institutions they represented.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

Approval of Minutes of February 18 and 19, 1999, Board Meetings

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 18 and 19, 1999, meetings.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Billy Hewes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray gave an update on the activities of the Mississippi.Future.Net Workgroup. Dr. Ray distributed a draft of possible outcomes and a proposed timeline for the project developed by the business sector of the workgroup (Exhibit A). The initial draft will be presented to the workgroup's public sector membership for their comments at a meeting scheduled in the near

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future. The workgroup is in the process of finalizing a worksheet showing the public educational technology funding needs for the future. As soon as the worksheet is complete a copy will be distributed to Board members.

Dr. Ray also distributed a copy of a concept paper prepared by the Electronic Advisory Council's Sub-Committee on Virtual Community Colleges entitled The Next Steps in the Development of the Mississippi Virtual Community College (Exhibit B). At this point plans are to have the system operational by the Spring 2000 semester. The community and junior college presidents have scheduled a meeting over the CCN next week to work on the plan. Dr. Ray also reported on the LAAP Grant Proposal that will aid in moving the MS Virtual Community College project forward.

Dr. Ray reminded the Board of the Mississippi Quality Awards Conference scheduled to be held at the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi on April 9 and 10, 1999.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of the Governor's Executive Order Number 795 establishing the State Workforce Investment Board (Exhibit C).

Dr. Ray also announced that SBCJC Chairman, George Walker, has been chosen as a member of the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame and will be inducted during a ceremony on April 26, 1999.

Dr. Ray also distributed a copy of an article by Charlie Mitchell, entitled Job-training Seekers Will Still Face a Maze (Exhibit D).

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Ted Alexander reported on the following items discussed at the February 23, and March 23, 1999, meetings of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

A report was received with regard to the establishment of a Development Institute for community and junior college personnel.

Dr. Ned Lovell gave a report on the Mid-South Partnership for Rural Community and Junior Colleges. The Association unanimously endorsed the concept of the Partnership.

The Association discussed the reorganization of the Red Red Rose Honorary Society. The program provides graduate scholarships for young school administrators working toward doctoral degrees.

The Association recognized Mrs. Vashti Muse who received the 1999 National Award for Service to Developmental Education at the National Association of Developmental Educators (NADE) Conference held in Detroit, Michigan. The 2000 conference will be held in Biloxi, Mississippi.

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Finance Report

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April, May, and June, 1999, General Fund 2998 Disbursements in the respective amounts of \$8,742,138, \$7,354,815, and \$7,354,815 (Exhibit I).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 31, 1999, Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Funds 4080 and 4110 in the total amount of \$2,084,940.14 (Exhibit J).

Mrs. Fox also presented Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 for the Board's review (Exhibit K).

Mrs. Fox notified Board members that the premium of \$1,082 for fidelity bond coverage for SBCJC staff and members had been paid covering the period of February 5, 1999, through February 5, 2000.

Program Committee

On a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve placing on probation a listing of vocational/technical programs with low enrollment as presented (Exhibit L).

On a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to add a certificate option to the Surgical Technology program at East Central Community College (Exhibit M).

On a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve removing the following programs from probationary status inasmuch as the programs have increased their enrollments:

- Emergency Medical Technology (Technical and Certificate Level Options)
Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Wesson
- Diesel Equipment Repair (Technical and Certificate Level Options)
Itawamba Community College, Tupelo
- Auto Machinist (Certificate Level Option)
Jones County Junior College, Ellisville
- Diesel Equipment Repair (Certificate Level Option)
Mississippi Delta Community College, Moorhead.

Vocational Education State Plan

Upon a recommendation by the Executive Director, a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the State Department of Education's Five Year State Plan for Vocational and Technical Education with reservations as expressed in a memo to SBCJC members dated March 22, 1999 (Exhibit N).

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A meeting was held with Dr. Dennis Mitchell, prospective editor for the Community College History 1972-2000 project.

The MACJC will hold their April meeting at the Mississippi Resource Center, at the Landmark Center facility in downtown Jackson.

Representatives of Howard Industries in Laurel, Mississippi gave a report on their new endeavor, Howard Computers, and then hosted lunch for the Association.

A report was received on the Phi-Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team recognitions. A Luncheon will be held later today at the Ramada Coliseum.

Education Program

Dr. Andy Mullins, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, gave a report on the Teacher Corps program. He also discussed with the board the Luckyday Scholarship program that is available for teacher education majors who are community and junior college transfer students (Exhibit E). Dr. Mullins solicited the support of the Board in spreading the word about the Undergraduate Secondary Education program that was re-established during the Fall 1998 session at the University of Mississippi.

Commercial Remote Sensing

Dr. David Powe, Chief of Education and University Affairs for Stennis Space Center, gave a presentation on the Commercial Remote Sensing Project (Exhibit F).

Dr. Allan Falconer, Executive Director of the Mississippi Space Commerce Initiative, presented information on the establishment of Spacial Application Centers (Exhibit G). NASA has designated all Mississippi Community and Junior College Skill Tech Centers as Spacial Application Centers. The Mississippi Space Commerce Initiative is providing software packages and training free of charge to the Centers. The Centers will use the training to explore methods for utilizing remote sensing in businesses and industry.

EdNet Report

Yvonne Brown distributed a copy of a recommendation for action on alternative site installation with regard to the build-out of the EdNet System by Wireless One (Exhibit H). The EdNet Board has received the request from the Mississippi Head Start Association to connect 210 Head Start sites to EdNet. There would be as many as 25,000 students served. Mrs. Heidel voiced her reservations that in agreeing to the 210 alternate sites EdNet might be denied to public schools.

Also, Mrs. Brown reported that EdNet Director, Michael Gallagher, is visiting sites that are being considered as Local Origination Sites to verify their facilities. Mr. Gallagher plans to complete the site visits by the April EdNet Board meeting. Hinds Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and Northeast Mississippi Community College will be recommended as Local Origination Sites.

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Appointment of Representative to Mississippi Higher Education Assistance Corporation

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Howell Garner from Copiah-Lincoln Community College to a four year term on the Mississippi Higher Education Assistance Corporation.

Adult Basic Education State Plan

Eloise Richardson reported that the Mississippi State Plan for Adult Education had completed the Administrative Procedures process and presented a copy for approval by the Board (Exhibit O). Upon recommendation by the Executive Director, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted uananimously to approve the Mississippi State Plan for Adult Education.

Personnel Changes

Dr. Olon Ray reported that SBCJC staff members Tracy Heggins and Patrick McKinnis, had resigned to pursue other endeavors, and that Tina Bradley and Ray Smith, both former SBCJC staff members, have rejoined the SBCJC.

Workforce Education

Mr. Walker reminded the Board of the upcoming Mississippi Quality Awards Program scheduled for April 8 and 9, 1999, at the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi. He urged Board members to attend.

Mr. Walker also gave a brief report on the State Workforce Development Council's March meeting and an update on the School-to-Careers grant. A request for proposal was developed and distributed during March and Sub-grants will be awarded in April.

Mr. Walker distributed copies of a report entitled, A Survey of American Manufacturers. The Skills Gap for the Board's information (Exhibit P).

GED Report

Eloise Richardson reported on the activites of the GED Division. Since January 1, 1999, 3,618 applicants have been given the GED test, and 4,169 GED transcripts have been issued. Mrs. Richardson also reported that the SBCJC ABE/GED Team is developing a short term and long range marketing plan to provide the public with more information regarding the GED.

Legislative Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher gave an update on pending legislation and bills signed by the Governor that would affect the SBCJC and community colleges. At the end of the legislative session a summary of enacted legislation will be prepared and distributed to Board members.

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SBCJC Invitation to Hold April Meeting at East Mississippi Community College

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to accept an invitation from Dr. Tommy Davis, to hold the April meeting at the East Mississippi Community College District on April 15, and 16, 1999.

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by Joanna Heidel, seconded by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for reimbursement of travel expenses for George Walker for his attending a School-to-Careers meeting on March 2, a teacher prep conference at Hinds Community College, Eagle Ridge facility on March 3, and a State Workforce Development Council meeting on March 10 1999.

Election of Officers

Chairman George Walker opened the floor for nominations for the office of SBCJC Chairman for the term beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000. Billy Hewes nominated George Walker for Chairman, seconded by Sara Fox. Joanna Heidel moved the nominations cease, seconded by John Junkin. John Junkin moved that Mr. Walker be accepted by acclamation, seconded by Joanna Heidel. The Board voted unanimously to elect George Walker Chairman.

Chairman George Walker opened the floor for nominations for the office of SBCJC Vice-Chairman for the term beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000. Joanna Heidel nominated John Junkin for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Sara Fox. Henry Hudspeth moved that the nominations cease and that Mr. Junkin be accepted by acclamation, seconded by Hazel Terry. The Board voted unanimously to elect John Junkin Vice-Chairman.

Other Business

Upon a motion by Billy Hewes, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to draft a letter of support to Dr. Richard Thompson and the State Board of Education endorsing the new accountability plan and goals for the Mississippi Department of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Billy Hewes, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. The Board then proceeded to the Ramada Coliseum to participate in the Phi Theta Kappa Academic Recognition Luncheon.


George Walker, Chairman

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Executive Director