

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
June 15, 2000

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, June 15, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., in the Conference Center at Stennis Space Center at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Members present: Brenda Collins, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Patricia Puckett, William Seal, Hazel Terry, and George Walker.

Members Absent: Yvonne Brown, Sara Fox, and Joanna Heidel.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry L. Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

Guest in attendance: Dr. Willis Lott, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Brenda Collins.

Approval of Minutes of May 18-19, 2000, Board Meetings

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 18-19, 2000, meetings.

Review of Agenda

Dr. Olon Ray requested that an item regarding the proposed standard for non-duplication of upper-level courses be added to the agenda. William Seal also requested that consideration of an athletic matter be added to the agenda, and Deborah Gilbert asked that items 2 and 5 be deleted from the Finance Committee agenda. On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Brenda Collins was officially administered the Oath of Office as a member of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges by Sandra Lucas.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray distributed copies of a draft proposal for the Mississippi Center for Lean Manufacturing (Exhibit A) for review. Lean manufacturing is a culmination and perfecting of the

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Toyota Quality Circle control system whereby corporate sector leadership is brought together for training on how to take less and obtain better results. Current sources of this training are all located out of Mississippi. The proposal is being prepared to allow for the "lean manufacturing" training using in-state options. Conversations are being held with Mississippi State University relative to forming a partnership with community colleges to provide this training; however, the proposal does not limit or exclude the participation of any other Mississippi university.

Dr. Ray reported that the American College Testing (ACT) association will hold a workshop for the fifteen community and junior colleges on July 6-7, 2000. The purpose of the workshop will be to examine a set of services that might be provided by an ACT Center. ACT is interested in having at least four Centers located in Mississippi that would offer on-site and/or on-line training and assessment to businesses. The workshop will allow the colleges to examine the program and decide if they wish to participate as an ACT Center.

Dr. Ray also reported that the administrative procedures process for the SBCJC Full Time Equivalency (FTE) Funding Formula change has begun and written responses are being accepted for review. He stated that the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College presidents voted 13 to 1 to endorse the FTE funding formula with a provision stating that over a 5 year period of time, funding in the amount of \$11,000,000 would be sought to ensure that no college would suffer undue financial losses during the transition from headcount to an FTE formula in the change process.

Dr. Ray reported that enrollment for the Mississippi Virtual Community College Summer Semester is going well. At last count there are approximately 800 enrollees and 50 courses being offered on-line. Dr. Ray stated that plans for the Fall Semester will offer over 100 on-line courses. Dr. Ray also stated that Ron Marcy, SBCJC Director of Distance Education will be leaving the staff to take a position at an Alabama community college as Chair of the Science Department.

Dr. Ray announced that an interlocutory appeal has been filed with the Mississippi Supreme Court by the IHL in connection with the IHL-USM Gulf Park Lawsuit.

Dr. Ray also announced that Mississippi Delta Community College has received a \$400,000 Advanced Technology Award from the federal government. This will qualify Mississippi Delta for additional grant opportunities in the future.

Dr. Ray distributed copies of editorials that recently appeared in newspapers across Mississippi regarding Mississippi community and junior colleges (Exhibit B).

Dr. Ray also distributed copies of a handout outlining funding issues for the Mississippi Virtual Community College (Exhibit C).

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Willis Lott reported on the following items discussed during the MACJC Legislative Planning Workshop held on June 9-10, 2000, and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) meetings on May 23 and June 11, 2000:

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The MACJC discussed ways to pay Attorney James Robertson for services rendered with regard to the IHL-USM Gulf Park Lawsuit. The MACJC will participate in the process by soliciting approximately \$80,000 in private non-public funds.

The Association voted to host the National ACCT Meeting for 2005 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Mississippi hosted the national conference in 1991.

The Association received input from key legislators and discussed new ways to present their legislative request during the next legislative session.

Dr. Lott reported that the Association voted to try to control and contain costs involved with athletic programs at the current level in light of budget constraints.

The Association voted to support an FTE reimbursement funding mechanism at a weight of 0.75 for the Mississippi Virtual Community College beginning in FY 2002.

The Community and Junior College History project is on-going and hopefully the volume will go to press in the fall.

The Association voted to continue the Regional Legislative Meetings and encouraged the colleges to meet individually with their legislators to present their needs and to build support for the colleges.

Dr. Willis Lott thanked the SBCJC for their continued support of Mississippi's Community and Junior Colleges.

Non-Traditional Instructional Program Delivery

Dr. Willis Lott distributed copies of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Strategic Plan 2000 (Exhibit D). He also discussed conversations between Gulf Coast and Franklin University of Columbus, Ohio. Franklin University offers unique alliances with community colleges to provide on-line Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration, Technical Administration, Computer Science, Management Information Systems, Public Safety Administration, and Health Services Administration. Dr. Lott reported that Mississippi Gulf Coast has chosen not to participate in the Franklin University alliance at this time but is simply looking at this as a concept.

Status Report on Lawsuit

Dr. Ray updated the Board on the IHL-USM Gulf Park lawsuit and reported that he and George Walker participated, along with IHL Board Member, Ricki Garrett, and Coast 21 member, Ron Peresich, on an ETV television program discussing the lawsuit issues.

Finance Report

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by William Seal, the Board

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voted unanimously to approve the July 2000 disbursements from General Fund 2298 in the total amount of \$33,187,974.00 (Exhibit E).

Deborah Gilbert presented and discussed with the Board the FY 2002 Budget Request for Support (Exhibit F). Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2002 Support Budget Request.

Deborah Gilbert presented and discussed with the Board the FY 2002 Budget Request for Administration (Exhibit G). Upon staff recommendation, a motion by William Seal and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2002 Administration Budget Request.

Dr. Larry Day presented the 2nd Quarter Capital Improvements Report for the Board's review (Exhibit H). No action was required.

Mrs. Gilbert presented for the Board's information financial statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 for the period ending May 31, 2000 (Exhibit I). No action was required.

*The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m.

**The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Workforce Education

Mr. Walker announced that Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development Director, Mr. J. C. Burns, is working to help develop an economic plan that will be addressed during a special legislative session that may be called by Governor Ronnie Musgrove in August. During the State Workforce Development Council (SWDC) meeting held on June 14, 2000, it was suggested that a written statement be developed and presented to Mr. Burns at economic development summits being held around the state. Mr. Walker distributed copies of the Council's written statement for the Board's information which outlines comments, observations, and recommendations related to workforce training in Mississippi (Exhibit J).

Hazel Terry asked that Mr. Walker report on how Alabama is raising extra money for workforce training. Mr. Walker stated that the SWDC received a report that Alabama has placed a \$1.00 surcharge on utility bills to provide additional workforce training funds. The money collected is earmarked for a private/public partnership which provides inducements to attract industry and business to Alabama.

Dr. Ray reported on an invitation and subsequent visit to Lextron Corporation to discuss the company's training needs. Dr. Ray saw first hand some of the problems employers face in remaining competitive in today's market. Mr. Charles Doty, the owner of Lextron, has issued an invitation to the SBCJC to hold a future Board meeting at their facility.

FY 2001 Workforce Project Guidelines

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher presented a draft of the SBCJC Workforce Project Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2001 for the Board's review and action (Exhibit K). Upon a motion by John Junkin, and a

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second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to begin the administrative procedures process for the SBCJC Workforce Project Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2001.

Comments on Innovative Economical Development in Kemper & Lauderdale Counties

Hazel Terry gave a report on exciting economic development initiatives taking place in Kemper and Lauderdale counties due to the efforts of new leadership in that area. Ms. Terry reported that a meeting is scheduled to announce the purchase of 500 acres of land which will be developed into an industrial park for businesses. She updated the Board on new businesses and industries that are locating in Kemper County. She complimented East Mississippi Community College for their efforts in promoting economic development opportunities.

Travel Authorizations

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

George Walker for attending a School to Careers meeting on June 6, and the State Workforce Development Council meeting on July 12, 2000.

Other

In other business, William Seal discussed with the Board his concerns about the cost of scholarshiping out-of-state athletes. At Mr. Seal's request, Dr. Randall Bradberry, SBCJC Director of Affiliated Activities, gave the Board statistical information related to the cost of supporting out-of-state athletes. The Board discussed the impact on the colleges of the high cost of out-of-state athletes in a tight budget period. William Seal made a motion, seconded by John Junkin, that the SBCJC go on record opposing the awarding of scholarships to out-of-state athletes, and secondly that the MACJC be strongly encouraged to consider action on this matter in an expeditious manner. Motion passed unanimously. The SBCJC asked that Dr. Ray communicate their concern and action to the Association.

Dr. Olon Ray presented a proposed Standard for Non-Duplication of Upper-Level Programs for the Board's review (Exhibit L). Upon a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to adopt and begin the administrative procedures process for the Standard for Non-Duplication of Upper-Level Programs.

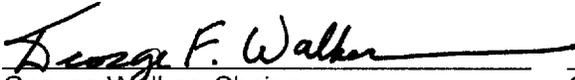
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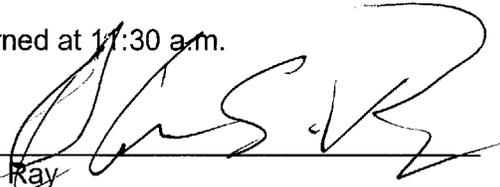
SBCJC members then proceeded to conduct an Employee Performance Evaluation for Executive Director, Olon Ray. Upon a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve an 8.5% salary increase for Dr. Olon Ray effective July 1, 2000. Mr. Walker stated that he would forward written confirmation of the Board's action to Dr. Ray.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.


George Walker, Chairman


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Executive Director