

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, September 14, 2000, at 8:00 a.m., in room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Yvonne Brown, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Veldore Heidelberg, Henry Hudspeth, John Junkin, Jimmy Murphy, and George Walker.

**Members Absent:** Brenda Collins, and Lawrence Warren.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry L. Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Jason Pugh, Eloise Richardson, Danny Seal, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

**Guest in attendance:** Dr. Starkey Morgan, Holmes Community College; Dr. Elizabeth Nelms, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; and William Martin, Mississippi State Department of Education.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman John Junkin called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

Joanna Heidel gave the invocation.

\* George Walker, Sara Fox, and Jimmy Murphy entered the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes of August 17 and 18, 2000, Board Meetings**

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by Yvonne Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 17 and 18, 2000, meetings.

**Review of Agenda**

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Sara Fox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Olon Ray thanked the Board members that attended the Joint Legislative Budget Committee hearing on September 13, 2000.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert distributed and discussed with the Board a report reflecting Athletic Expenditures for Fiscal Year 1994-2000 (Exhibit A).

Mrs. Gilbert also distributed a report on the Governor's recommended budget and briefly covered the highlights (Exhibit B). The recommendation proposes a 5% reserve

reduction in the SBCJC Administration and Support budgets for FY 2001; however, the 5% would be added back to the FY 2002 budget. The recommendation also proposed to replace H. B. 400 monies with a deficit appropriation for FY 2001.

Dr. Ray suggested that a New Board Member Orientation Session be scheduled for October 19, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. Staff will contact new members to finalize a schedule for the session.

Dr. Ray reported on his participation in a committee that is pursuing the development of a proposal to deal with the alarming rate and cost of incarceration in our state. Mississippi's inmate population is growing faster than any other state in the nation. Mississippi ranks fourth in the nation in terms of the percent of population that is incarcerated. As a result Senator Billy Thames has asked representatives from numerous state agencies to research methods of dealing with this issue and to develop a proposal to be submitted to the Mississippi Legislature to reduce costs and recidivism of a select number of non-violent offenders.

Dr. Ray updated the Board on the final meeting with newspaper and television station Editorial Boards across the state. He thanked all the Board members that participated in the meetings that were designed in part to highlight and forward the position of Mississippi's community and junior colleges with regard to the IHL USM-Gulf Park issue. Joanna Heidel thanked Dr. Ray on behalf of the SBCJC for initiating and following through with the Editorial Board meetings across the state.

Dr. Ray shared a thank you note from new SBCJC member, Jimmy Murphy for the flowers sent him during his recent illness. Dr. Ray passed around two sympathy cards, for the Board members to sign. One card will be forwarded to Representative Herb Frierson whose father passed away, and the second to Representative Jim Barnett whose son and daughter-in-law were killed in a plane crash.

## **REPORTS/ACTION**

### **EdNet Report**

Dr. Evelyn Webb updated the Board on EdNet activities discussed at the August 21, 2000, meeting (Exhibit C). Dr. Webb also reported on an EdNet conference entitled "EdNet Today and Tomorrow" held on September 7, 2000. The conference was well attended by representatives of the community and junior colleges. Dr. Webb stated that these individuals would be able to help express the community and junior colleges' needs as the EdNet program progresses.

Dr. Webb announced that Florida's wireless organization (similar to EdNet) has initiated a program called "Teacher Tuesday Training" to provide staff development statewide for all teachers and staff.

Al Lind is continuing to serve as EdNet Interim President as the search continues to obtain a permanent president narrows.

### Finance Report

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October, November and December 2000, General Fund Disbursements from Fund 2298, in the respective amounts of \$8,826,653, \$7,366,715, and \$7,366,715 (Exhibit D).

Upon a motion by Sara Fox, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement from Fund 4080 and Fund 4100 in the total amount of \$2,506,722 (Exhibit E).

Mrs. Fox also presented the following reports for the Board's information. No action was required.

Financial Statements for Fund 2291,3291,and 4300 (Exhibit F)  
Report on FY 2000 General Fund Lapses and Special Fund Carryforwards (Exhibit G)  
Community and Junior College Support Data Sheet (Exhibit H)  
State Appropriation History Per Full-Time Equivalent Student FY 1990-2001 (Exhibit I).

### Workforce Education

Mr. Walker updated the Board on the activities discussed at the September 13, 2000, State Workforce Development Council (SWDC) meeting. Mr. Walker stated that members of the SWDC have expressed concern that the SWDC was not included nor allowed input into the Governor's recent economic development planning sessions. The Council discussed meeting with the Governor to express their concerns but agreed it might be best to set up a session with Dwight Evans prior to meeting with the Governor.

Mr. Walker announced that the SWDC's Best Practices Awards were presented to Oreck Corporation of Long Beach and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

### Proprietary School Report

Danny Seal updated the Board on the actions by the Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration (CPSCR) during their August 17, 2000, meeting. There are currently 37 schools with 91 locations under the CPSCR jurisdiction. Hattiesburg Radiological School canceled their registration due to a merger with Pearl River Community College. There were 26 new instructor applications, 11 agent applications, and 1 new program of study (Customer Service Specialist, submitted by HealthCare Institute of Jackson) approved. Also, Certificates of Registration were approved for Franklin College's Columbus Annex, Antonelli College's Jackson and Hattiesburg locations, Clinton Technical Institute, DeVry Institute and Nashville Auto Diesel College, and Ace Training Center announced a change in ownership. The next CPSCR meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2000, at 1:00 p.m.

### Invitation for Board Meeting at Copiah-Lincoln Community College

Upon a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to accept the invitation from Copiah-Lincoln Community College to hold the December Board meeting on December 14, and 15, 2000, at the Wesson campus.

Consideration of Change in Date/Time for Regular Board Meeting

After a discussion, John Junkin made a motion, seconded by Henry Hudspeth to continue holding SBCJC meetings on the third Friday and preceding Thursday evenings for the remainder of the year, but place the item on the December agenda for review and possible action on changing the date of the meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Virtual GED and Virtual Community College

Dr. Ray introduced Dr. Elizabeth Nelms, Distance Learning Coordinator for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Dr. Nelms, along with the aid of SBCJC Director of Distance Learning, Jason Pugh, took the Board on a visit to the GED Interactive Website.

Jason Pugh distributed copies of a report of preliminary enrollment figures for the Mississippi Virtual Community College for the Fall 2000 Semester (Exhibit J). Mr. Pugh urged the Board to visit the MSVCC.org website.

MACJC Report

Dr. Starkey Morgan updated the Board on the items addressed at the August 2000, meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Dr. Olon Ray presented a plaque to Dr. Ted Alexander and one to Dr. Eddie Smith, on behalf of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges in acknowledgement of their service to Mississippi's Community and Junior Colleges.

The Association approved participation in Mr. Larry Ridgeway's doctoral dissertation research project that will attempt to determine if the Mississippi Eminent Scholar Grant (MESG) program has resulted in a significantly greater number of Mississippi students with 29 or better ACT scores attending colleges and schools in Mississippi. Mr. Ridgeway, Director of Student Financial Aid at the University of Mississippi, is pursuing his doctoral degree through Auburn University.

Dr. Ray distributed a copy of an excerpt from the SBCJC July 14, 2000, minutes that would begin the implementation of a change from the traditional allocation formula based upon headcount enrollment to a formula based upon full-time equivalency (FTE) beginning July 1, 2000. This change was made realizing that the actual change in the allocation formula would require Legislative action.

Dr. Ray also distributed a copy of the Proposed Standard for Non-duplication of Upper-Level Programs, that was approved at the August 2000, SBCJC meeting.

Dr. Ray reported that the SBCJC also approved the Workforce Project Guidelines for fiscal year 2001 at the August 2000 meeting. He also distributed a copy of the guidelines to each president.

Dr. Ray announced that the Mississippi Virtual Community College's (MSVCC) Policies and Procedures were submitted to the Secretary of State's Office to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Dr. Ray discussed with the Association an initial notice from the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration of possible budget cuts in House Bill 400 funding.

Dr. Ray stated that the Mississippi Supreme Court has granted the motion for an Interlocutory Appeal of Chancery Court Judge William Singletary's decisions related to the IHL Gulf-Park Lawsuit. Dr. Ray gave a brief update on the lawsuit.

Dr. Ray introduced new SBCJC staff member, Jason Pugh. Mr. Pugh, SBCJC Director of Distance Education, gave the Association a status report on the MSVCC fall enrollment figures.

Dr. Ray reported on a meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Howard of Howard Industries. The Howards will visit with the Association to present a proposal for special rates and a working relationship with community and junior colleges.

Dr. Ray announced the appointment of three new SBCJC members: Mr. Lawrence Warren, Ms. Veldore Heidelberg, and Mr. Jimmy Murphy.

Dr. Starkey Morgan discussed meetings with Governor Ronnie Musgrove; Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development Director, Mr. J. C. Burns; Senator Jack Gordon's Sub-Committee; Representative Charlie Capps; Senator Bill Minor; and Representative Billy McCoy's Committee. Dr. Morgan also announced that the date of the Joint Legislative Budget Office Hearing has been set for September 13, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. He urged all the presidents to be in attendance.

Dr. Morgan appointed the MACJC Executive Committee for 2000-2001 as follows: Dr. Morgan, Chairman; Dr. Tommy Davis, Vice-Chairman; and Dr. Bobby Garvin, Secretary –Treasurer.

Dr. Morgan appointed the following MACJC committees: MACJC Legislative Committee - Dr. Clyde Muse, Chairman; Dr. Howell Garner, Vice-Chairman; Mr. W. E. Boggs; Dr. Tommy Davis; Dr. Bobby Garvin; Dr. David Haraway; Dr. Willis Lott; Dr. Ron Whitehead; and Dr. Starkey Morgan. MACJC Athletic Council - Dr. Howell Garner, Chairman; Mr. Mike Eaton - Itawamba Community College, Dean of Students' Representative; Mr. Gene Murphy – Hinds Community College, Athletic Directors' Representative; Mr. Glen Shoemaker – Southwest MS Community College, Registrars' Representative; and Dr. Charles Chance.

Dr. Scott Elliott gave an update on the History of Mississippi's Community and Junior Colleges project.

Dr. Muse discussed with the Association the MACJC legislative platform. He encouraged the presidents to continue to support the platform and present a unified front to support the legislative package.

Dr. Bradberry led the MACJC in a discussion on where to hold the Mississippi Association for Community and Junior Colleges Trustees' Association annual meeting in the future.

Dr. Randolph Strickland reminded the Association that Jones County Junior College will host Lamplighters on September 27, 28, and 29, 2000. He encouraged the presidents to send their faculty members.

The Association entered into an Executive Session to hear an appeal of a ruling by Dr. Randall Bradberry, MACJC Commissioner, and related sanctions imposed on Northeast Mississippi Community College for violation of MACJC recruiting policies. The Association then voted on the following motion: To amend the action of the MACJC Executive Committee to place Northeast Mississippi Community College on probation for a period of three years and limit the number of out-of-district students receiving scholarships to 330 per year during that period (2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003) as a penalty for recruiting violations. Also that during the probationary period they must not violate the intent of the policies of the Association and an agreement that was reached between Northeast and Itawamba Community College regarding recruitment policies. The motion also included a request that the MACJC Chairman appoint a committee to review the MACJC Handbook of Rules and Regulations in an effort to improve clarity. Motion passed. (The vote was 11 – yes, 4 attending members did not vote.)

Dr. Starkey Morgan appointed the following committee to review the section of the MACJC policy manual related to the recruiting issue and make recommendations to the Association: Dr. Howell Garner, Chairman, Dr. Charles Chance, Dr. William Lewis, and Dr. Scott Elliott.

The Association discussed a determination by the Mississippi Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) regarding the number of hours worked to be considered a full-time employee of a college.

Dr. Morgan stated that the Association would be carefully examining the issue of out-of-state athletics.

#### 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 John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement of travel expenses for the following:

George Walker for attending the State Workforce Development Council meeting on October 8, a budget preparation meeting in Jackson on September 12, a SWDC meeting with Dwight Evans on September 19, and a meeting in Hattiesburg on October 4, 2000, to speak on workforce training in Mississippi.

Yvonne Brown for attending an EdNet Board meeting on September 18, 2000.

John Junkin for attending an Editorial Board meeting in Natchez.

#### Other

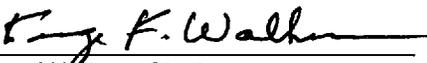
Becky Cade announced that the Mississippi Community College Public Foundation, Inc. would meet at the Entergy Auditorium at 1:00 a.m. today.

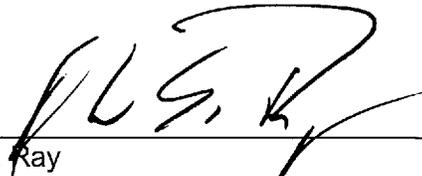
Mr. Walker announced that he would not be at the October Board meeting. He and his wife will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Rome, Italy.

Dr. Starkey Morgan announced that the MACJC had removed from their legislative package the transfer of post-secondary vocational technical education from the State Department of Education to the SBCJC.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Henry Hudspeth made a motion, seconded by Henry Hudspeth, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

  
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George Walker, Chairman

  
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Executive Director