

EVENING MEETING
BOARD WORK SESSION
February 21, 2002
MINUTES

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met for dinner at 6:00 p.m. in The Edison Walthall Hotel, 225 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on February 21, 2002. Following dinner, board members and staff moved to the Camellia Room on the 8th floor in the Hotel.

Mr. George Walker, SBCJC Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The following members were present: Mrs. Sara Fox, Mr. Donald Green, Mrs. Joanna Heidel, Mrs. Veldore Heidelberg, Mr. Henry Hudspeth, Mr. Jimmy Murphy, and Mr. George Walker. Mrs. Brenda Yonge, Mr. David Marsh and Mr. Lawrence Warren were absent. SBCJC staff present included: Dr. Olon Ray, Mrs. Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Mrs. Sandra Lucas, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, and Dr. Evelyn Webb.

Mr. Walker called on Mrs. Deborah Gilbert to review finance agenda items as follows:

1. Budget Contingency Fund and Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for February 2002 for \$833,333 from Fund 3295, \$2,083,564 from Fund 4080, and \$50,662 from Fund 4110;
2. Z-1 Budget Revisions as follows: Revision # 7 to the Support budget, and Revision #4 to the Administration budget;
3. Consideration of Purchasing Approvals to Plato Learning, Inc. for Courseware, software, audio and printed materials – Comprehensive Post-Secondary Curriculum in the amount of \$230,000; and the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television for an outsourcing arrangement for the operation and scheduling of the CCN from February 1, 2002, through June 30, 2002, in the amount of \$34,416.65;
4. Salary Schedule Update;
5. A report detailing the impact of 5% General Fund budget cuts on the Support Formula by community college district;
6. Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and 3291 as of January 31, 2002;
7. The Senate Version of S. B. 3139 (Administration Appropriation) and S. B. 3140 (Support Appropriation).

There was no other business under finance so Mr. Walker asked if there was any business that needed to be discussed under programs. Mrs. Joanna Heidel, Board liaison for Programs, stated that a request had been received from Copiah-Lincoln Community College to add a Medical Records Technology option to their Business and Office Technology Program located at the Wesson Campus.

Mr. Walker called on Dr. Olon Ray for general comments. Dr. Ray distributed information detailing SBCJC staff reorganization. The purpose of the reorganization is to shift personnel to growth areas of the office to compensate for changes experienced from the growth in the areas of distance education and workforce programs, and to cope with budget cuts. The report included a new organizational chart and detailed the cost savings to the SBCJC.

Dr. Ray commended SBCJC staff for their work in preparing documents with regard to the search for a new SBCJC Executive Director. He briefly outlined the steps SBCJC had completed and asked for the Board's input on the continuing process. Copies of the search announcement along with an application will be presented for review during the regular Board meeting tomorrow.

A question was raised pertaining to the status of the lawsuit. Dr. Ray explained that there had been no change. Mr. Walker shared that Dr. Ray and he had been invited to a meeting with representatives of IHL and Coast 21, to try and work out an amicable solution to the lawsuit. Mr. Walker stated that during the meeting participants did not seem to be open to working toward a resolution but were confident that USM would prevail in the lawsuit. Mr. Walker stated that legislation that would provide bond funding for the USM Gulf Park Campus for the purchase of land and to build parking facilities had been introduced. He expressed his concern about the expenditure of such funds during such a tight budget time in the State.

Mrs. Gilbert asked that the Board review the personal information listed on the travel vouchers in order to ensure that the correct information is being used to process travel reimbursements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.