

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
September 19, 2002

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on September 19, 2002. Following dinner, board members and staff moved to the Crown Room in the Hotel.

The following members were present: Major General Denver Brackeen, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Ms. Patricia Randall, Mrs. Brenda Yonge, and Mr. George Walker. Members Absent: Mrs. Sara Fox, Mrs. Veldore Heidelberg, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Mr. Jimmy Murphy, and Mr. Lawrence Warren. SBCJC staff present included: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Ms. Debbie Borgman, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Sandra Lucas, Mrs. Denise Walley, Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Ms. Frankie White.

Chairman, Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Dr. Larry Day distributed copies of an enrollment report showing a summary of enrollment figures from July 2001 through June 2002. Dr. Day also distributed a report on public community and junior colleges percent of enrollment by age categories for the period of Fall 2001 vs Spring 2002. He discussed the highlights of the report with the Board.

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher announced that SBCJC staff would be participating in a strategic planning session on October 2, 2002, and solicited input and ideas from SBCJC members. He stated that staff would be examining future goals and expectations for the agency. After the plan is developed, it will be presented to the Board for approval.

Dr. Stonecypher updated the Board on the Funding Formula Study being completed by MGT, Inc. The initial report from MGT will be received by November 1, 2002, and will be presented to the Board for review. The Mississippi Legislature mandated the study during the 2002 session and the results will be presented to them in December.

Dr. Stonecypher reported that SBCJC staff is continuing the search to fill the Director of Affiliated Activities position.

Dr. Stonecypher gave the Board an update on meetings of the Vocational-Technical Workgroup chaired by Mr. Pete Walley. The group is working to resolve issues related to the transfer of post-secondary vocational-technical education from the Mississippi State Department of Education to the SBCJC. Dr. Stonecypher stated that SBCJC staff members are examining the possibility of entering into a management contract with the SDE that would allow the SBCJC to administer post-secondary vocational-technical programs.

Dr. Stonecypher reported that the SBCJC had been chosen to receive a \$5,000,000 federal grant to support the automotive industry in Madison County. The grant will provide start-up training funds for Nissan suppliers. SBCJC staff will work closely with Holmes Community College staff in providing the training.

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Dr. Stonecypher also reported on a lunch meeting called by Governor Ronnie Musgrove and the MACJC presidents, where revenue shortfalls and budget cut were discussed.

In light of the current special legislative session, Dr. Stonecypher announced that the Joint Legislative Budget Office had postponed and/or cancelled some budget hearings. The SBCJC hearing has been rescheduled for 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2002.

Ms. Debbie Borgman reviewed Finance agenda items as follows:

1. General Fund Disbursements for October, November, and December, from 2298 in the respective amounts of \$5,499,659, \$4,681,567, and \$4,681,567;
2. Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for September 2002, from Funds 4080, 4110, and 3295 in the total amount of \$2,700,222.73;
3. Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and 3291 for FY 2002 – Lapse Period;
4. Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and 3291 for FY 2003 as of August 31, 2002;
5. Report on FY 2002 General Fund Lapses and Special Fund Carryforwards, and
6. Purchasing approval for equipment for the Rural Health Corps program in the amount of \$32,852.

Dr. Stonecypher reported that the SBCJC, along with thirty other agencies, had been asked to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Nissan. He asked Assistant Attorney General, Frankie White, to review the agreement on behalf of the SBCJC.

Mr. Walker reported that Mr. Jim Lott, with the Mississippi Development Authority, is holding a series of local meetings across the state with community and junior colleges to determine how to work closer together and to find ways to tap into federal workforce training funds.

Dr. Evelyn Webb announced that a mini-orientation session would be held for new Board members on Thursday afternoon preceding the October SBCJC dinner meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.