

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
December 12, 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 December 12, 2002. Following dinner, board members and staff moved to the Crown Room in the Hotel.

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

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

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher introduced Mr. Jim Southward who recently joined the SBCJC staff as Director of Affiliated Activities.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert gave an update on the SBCJC Funding Study completed by MGT of America, which included fourteen (14) recommendations. She reported that the community and junior college presidents were interested in how the recommendations would affect funding for their individual institutions. Mrs. Gilbert had prepared worksheets showing the effects of implementation of the recommendations and discussed them with the Board. She also stated that some of the recommendations were not addressed because they needed further study.

Mrs. Gilbert stated that the report from MGT had been distributed to the Board members, community and junior college presidents and business managers. She reported that the presidents had scheduled a special meeting for Thursday, December 19, 2002, to discuss the recommendations. The presidents suggested that the base amount be set at 5% and increase by 2% per year for 5 years, or 1% for 5 years. The presidents also discussed developing a figure indicating how much additional funding would be necessary to implement the recommendations without any college showing a loss. The presidents also showed concern regarding the recommendation that allied health programs be weighted the same as Associate Degree Nursing programs. After further discussion, the presidents agreed to submit their suggestions to the Funding Study Advisory Committee so that she could prepare figures showing the outcomes of various scenarios for their review at the December 19th meeting.

Mrs. Gilbert reported that a tentative date of January 27, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. had been secured for MGT to present their report to the Mississippi Legislature. She stated that hopefully by that time, the SBCJC and community and junior college presidents could reach an agreement on the recommendations and be able to offer responses and input to the Legislature. This would allow both input before the Legislature makes any decision on the recommendations.

The SBCJC then discussed meeting the afternoon of January 16, 2002, at 2:00 p.m., and decided to ask the presidents to attend in order to plan for the January 27, 2002,

meeting. They agreed that it would be best if the SBCJC and presidents could present a common platform by speaking with a unified voice when addressing the Legislature.

Mrs. Gilbert presented for the Board's review the SBCJC GED State Policy with regard to the charge for additional transcripts and diplomas. The SBCJC had previously approved the change that would allow business, corporate, and educational institutions to submit checks for that fee. The policy was submitted to the Secretary of State's office and has completed the Administrative Procedures Process without comment. The SBCJC will take action on the policy change at the regular meeting tomorrow.

Mrs. Sara Fox and Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reviewed Finance agenda items as follows:

1. General Fund 2298 Disbursements for January 2003, in the total amount of \$25,989.060;
2. Education Enhancement Fund and Budget Contingency Fund Disbursements for December 31, 2002, from Funds 4080, 4110, and 3295 in the total amount of \$2,812,267.70;
3. Joint Legislative Budget Committee Recommendations for FY 2004;
4. Governor's Budget Recommendations for FY 2004;
5. Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and 3291 as of November 30, 2002.

Dr. Randall Bradberry presented a request from Meridian Community College to offer Emergency Management Communications Technology as an option under their Fire Protection Technology program. Action will be taken during the regular meeting tomorrow.

Dr. Evelyn Webb announced that an orientation session for the new SBCJC members had been postponed until February 2003. She also reminded the Board that SBCJC staff would be hosting a Christmas luncheon immediately following the meeting tomorrow. The luncheon will be held at the Phi Theta Kappa Building.

Mr. Walker read a letter of commendation for SBCJC Supervisor of Accounting, Ms. Debbie Borgman in recognition of her receiving the CCBO Outstanding Business Officer for Region IX. The letter will be presented to Ms. Borgman at the SBCJC meeting tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.