

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
JULY 18, 2003

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, July 18, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., in the Azalea D Room of the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi.

**Members Present:** Mr. Noal Akins, Major General Denver Brackeen, Ms. Patricia Randall, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Mr. George Walker, Mr. Lawrence Warren, and Ms. Veldore Young, and Mrs. Brenda Yonge.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Napoleon Moore and Mr. Jimmy Murphy.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry L. Day, Ms. Mary Clair Ford, Mrs. Sandra Lucas, Mr. Jim Southward, Mrs. Denise Walley, Dr. Evelyn Webb, and Ms. Frankie White.

**Guests in attendance:** Dr. Howell Garner – Copiah-Lincoln Community College; Dr. Rick Christmas, Dr. Cheryl Thompson, and Dr. Hal Higdon – Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Dr. Tommy Davis – East Mississippi Community College; Dr. Charles Chance, Mr. Troy Holliday, Mr. John Moore, Mr. John Cunningham, Mr. Jack Ramsey – Northeast Mississippi Community College; Dr. David Cole and Mrs. Jeannette Atkins – Itawamba Community College; Dr. Bill Smith – Institutions of Higher Learning

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman George Walker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All guests present introduced themselves.

**PRELIMINARIES**

Mrs. Patricia Randall gave the invocation.

**Oath of Office for New Board Members**

Mrs. Sandra Lucas administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Noal Atkins and Ms. Patricia Randall.

**Approval of Minutes of June 19-20, 2003, Regular Meetings**

Upon a motion by Mr. Lawrence Warren and a second by Major General Denver Brackeen, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 19-20, 2003, regular meetings.

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion by Major General Denver Brackeen and a second by Mr. Lawrence Warren, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher reported to the Board on discussions with IHL related to establishing a centralized computer system. The cooperative effort would allow the opportunity to pool resources to provide services for the SBCJC and IHL.

Dr. Stonecypher announced that a meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2003, for further discussion with the Mississippi State Department of Education concerning the transfer of the management of post-secondary career and technical education to the SBCJC. This meeting will begin the process of drafting a two-year contract between the SDE and SBCJC.

Dr. Randall Bradberry gave a brief report on the Junior/Senior College Conference held July 7 and 8, 2003, at Mississippi State University. He also reported that the University of Mississippi had hosted the Academic Deans' meeting. Both universities showed great interest in obtaining transfer students from the community and junior colleges.

Dr. Bradberry announced that Dr. Ed Davis, formerly with East Mississippi Community College, had been hired at Mississippi State University to work with the MidSouth Community College Fellowship Program. Dr. Ned Lovell is in charge of the program developed by Mississippi State to provide training for future administrators for the community college system.

Dr. Evelyn Webb gave a report on a meeting of community and junior college registrars held on June 26 and 27, 2003. The two-day meeting at Hinds Community College had 80 participants. The meeting reviewed the e-audits procedures that help to complete the process smoothly. The main issues featured were: 1) a request for a college to develop an avenue whereby a student could sign their on-line application electronically, and 2) the development of a system to transfer transcripts between high schools, colleges, and universities electronically. Dr. Webb explained that the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges does not abdicate the use of on-line signatures. The solution that was provided to the requesting colleges is a minimum criteria for meeting audit requirements.

Dr. Webb gave an update on the Two-Year College English Association meeting scheduled for September 5 and 6, 2003. A budget has been planned for the September meeting as well as the Southeastern meeting set for February, 2005. She stated that a copy of the budget will be forwarded to each community and junior college president next week along with a request for \$2,500 from each college to help cover expenses for both meetings.

Dr. Webb distributed a compilation of news articles from SBCJC Publications Specialist, Ms. Pamela Harrion (Exhibit A).

Dr. Webb reported that staff will conduct an orientation for new community college administrators on July 22, 2003, at the SBCJC office.

Dr. Stonecypher distributed a copy of his schedule for the Board members' information.

Dr. Stonecypher reported on a meeting with State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Henry Johnson, related to the Occupational Diploma. Currently the Occupational Diploma is issued only to special education students. In the future the college may face

a decision on whether to accept the diploma for admission. The ultimate decision to accept the Occupational Diploma would be up to the Board of Trustees at each college; however, the SBCJC makes the rules for reimbursement for students. The SDE hopes to work out details by November, 2003, and Dr. Stonecypher will keep the Board apprised of further developments.

Dr. Stonecypher asked Dr. Howell Garner to discuss Copiah-Lincoln Community College's plans related to their Magee, Mississippi off-campus operation. Dr. Garner gave a brief history of Co-Lin's efforts to obtain additional funding to support their operation at Magee. This year the local supervisors raised the millage from .7 to a full 3 mills for capital improvements and support of the Magee operation. After further meetings with the supervisors a site at Legion Lake has been obtained. The supervisors have agreed to pay the bond indebtedness for Co-Lin to issue \$4,000,000 in bonds to build the facility. Dr. Garner reported that the project should be ready to begin operation in Fall 2005.

Dr. Stonecypher asked Dr. Charles Chance, Northeast Mississippi Community College president, to speak to the Board related to centers in Corinth and New Albany. Dr. Chance stated the Northeast had historically catered to the full-time traditional students and had overlooked the adult non-traditional part-time student population. The college is now reviewing all five counties for possible sites to offer programs for part-time nontraditional students. Buildings in Corinth and New Albany have been secured, and the college is examining avenues to secure additional funding to offer expanded programs.

Dr. Randall Bradberry briefly discussed plans for the September SBCJC meeting that will be held on the campus of Mississippi Delta Community College.

## **REPORTS/ACTION**

### **MACJC Report**

Dr. Tommy Davis thanked the Board for their expression of sympathy at the passing of his mother.

Dr. Davis reported that the MACJC had not met since the last SBCJC meeting and thanked Dr. Clyde Muse for giving the report at the last SBCJC meeting.

Dr. Davis commended Dr. Garner and Dr. Chance for their college's efforts to reach out and meet the needs of their communities by offering new programs and expanding existing ones. He stated that this was important in completing today's mission and purpose of the community college system.

Dr. Davis reported that the Mississippi National Guard had invited the presidents to Camp Shelby for a visit earlier this week. He stated that the colleges work very closely with the National Guard on many projects. Currently the Guard is hoping to visit all the college campuses to demonstrate to students the opportunities available to them.

### EDNET Update

Dr. Evelyn Webb gave the EDNET report. The next meeting of the EDNET Board is set for Monday, July 21, 2003. In July the major activities for EDNET were centered around preparing to deliver the Mississippi Health Alert Network Project and monitoring the WorldCom claim. EDNET is anticipating a \$200,000 transfer of funds from the state on July 21, 2003, for the purpose of operations and \$900,000 in November from bond funds for system build out.

Dr. Webb reported that Nextel won a bid for \$144,000,000 for WorldCom's Broadband Wireless assets.

Dr. Webb reported that she had spoken with Mr. Jimmy Murphy who is very ill. He asked her to relay to the Board that he regrets not being able to attend.

### Workforce Report

Mr. George Walker reported that the State Workforce Development Council (SWDC) did not meet in July. He announced a meeting with the Federal Workforce Investment Board scheduled for August 6, 2003. The goal of the meeting is to find ways to coordinate the state and federal programs to deliver workforce training funding. Based on a report from Mr. Jim Lott, Mr. Walker stated that approximately 20% to 25% of the federal workforce training funds disbursed flowed through community and junior college programs. A goal of the cooperative efforts of the federal and state workforce boards is to have the community and junior college system designated as the system of choice for delivering workforce training programs in our State.

Mr. Walker stated that he had been invited to give a presentation to the Federal Workforce Investment Board on August 28 and 29, 2003.

Mr. Walker distributed a copy of a brochure on Mississippi's Workforce Education Program for the Boards' information (Exhibit B).

Mr. Walker commended the Board for its work on behalf of workforce training in Mississippi through the efforts of the SWDC. He reiterated that workforce training remains a critical element for the economic development and growth of our State. Last year a total of 19,022 classes were held that trained 285,000 persons at a total cost of \$11,495,000.

### Legislative Report

Dr. Randall Bradberry reported that the MACJC had voted to promote a capital improvements bond request for community colleges during the upcoming Legislative session. Historically, the bond funding for community and junior colleges has been included with other institutions.

Dr. Bradberry discussed the possible change in the make-up of the Legislature in this election year, and the change in leadership in the House. Dr. Howell Garner also stated that changes in key committee chairs would have a big impact.

\*The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Finance Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher presented the General Fund 2298 Disbursements for August and September 2003. Upon a motion by Mr. Lawrence Warren and a second by Ms. Veldore Young, the Board voted unanimously to approve General Fund 2298 Disbursements for August and September 2003, in the respective amounts of \$6,407,546 each (Exhibit C).

Dr. Stonecypher presented the Budget Contingency Fund Disbursements from Fund 3295 for July 2003. Upon a motion by Ms. Patricia Randall and a second by Ms. Veldore Young, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Contingency Fund Disbursements from Fund 3295 for July 2003, in the amount of \$1,274,151 (Exhibit D).

Dr. Larry Day presented the Quarterly Capital Improvement Report for the Board's review (Exhibit E). No action was required.

Upon a motion by Ms. Veldore Young, and a second by Dr. Dorothy Nelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve a contract with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office for legal services from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004, in the amount of \$21,377.40 (Exhibit F).

Upon a motion by Mr. Lawrence Warren and a second by Mrs. Brenda Yonge, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of CISCO IP/TV Equipment from Unistar Computers in the amount of \$12,900 (Exhibit G).

Dr. Stonecypher presented Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and 3291 as of June 30, 2003, (Exhibit H) for the Board's information. No action was required.

CPSCR Report

Dr. Randall Bradberry gave the Board an update on the activities of the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration. There are currently 35 schools licensed with 70 locations. During the June 19, 2003, meeting the Commission approved 1 new program of study for Virginia College, 4 program renewals, 34 new instructors' applications, 12 new agent permit applications, and approved 4 schools applications for exemption.

Dr. Bradberry reported that no complaints were filed with the Commission in the 2003 Fiscal Year. He also stated that the Commission collected \$2,034 in fees in May and June.

Dr. Bradberry distributed an informational brochure on Mississippi's Commission on Proprietary Schools & College Registration (Exhibit I).

Location of Fall Classes

Dr. Evelyn Webb presented the Location of Fall Classes for the Boards' review and action. Upon a motion by Dr. Dorothy Nelson and a second by Major General Denver Brackeen, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Location of Fall Classes for 2003

(Exhibit J) and to allow Dr. Webb to make necessary additions for approval at the next meeting.

#### Articulation Agreement

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher asked Dr. Howell Garner to give the Board a report on the Articulation Agreement between IHL and community and junior colleges. Dr. Garner began with a brief history of how the agreement was developed and is maintained. He stated that Mississippi has much to be proud of, including the Articulation Agreement. In 1931 the Junior/Senior College Conference was established and has grown over the years providing a platform whereby great relationships were established. These relationships helped to foster the Articulation Agreement, the first one in the United States. In July of 1987, Dr. Garner was chairman of the Academic Deans' Association and appointed a committee to work with the chief academic officers of the colleges to develop the agreement. The agreement began with 15 pilot programs and by August of 1991, 166 programs were included. In October of 1991 the Articulation Agreement was presented at the Mississippi Association of Colleges Conference and included the signatures of the IHL Board president, SBCJC chairman, MACJC chairman, Academic Deans' Association chairman, and six signatures of university articulation department chairs.

Dr. Garner stated that the agreement is reviewed annually and updated as necessary. The agreement provides ease of transfer for students from the community colleges to the university system. Other states have copied the Mississippi agreement.

Major General Denver Brackeen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Warren and Mr. Noal Akins, that the Board support the Articulation Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education Appointment

Dr. Randall Bradberry recommended that Dr. James Sones, former vocational/technical dean at Pearl River Community College, be appointed to the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education Board. Upon a motion by Mr. Lawrence Warren and a second by Ms. Veldore Young, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Dr. James Sones to a four year term on the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education Board.

#### Travel Authorizations

Mr. Walker asked if there were requests for travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. Upon a motion by Mr. Lawrence Warren and a second by Major General Denver Brackeen, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following travel authorizations:

Mr. George Walker for attending a Federal Workforce Investment Act Board meeting on August 28 and 29, and the SWDE meeting on September 10, 2003.

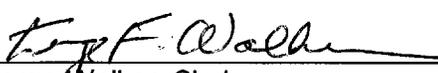
**OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. David Cole issued an invitation to the Board to hold a future meeting at Itawamba Community College.

Dr. Stonecypher stated that in addition to Dr. Cole's invitation, the Board had received invitations from Jones Junior College and Northwest Mississippi Community College to hold future meetings at their location. The invitations will be discussed at the next SBCJC meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

  
George Walker, Chairman

  
Wayne Stonecypher, Executive Director