

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
December 18, 2003

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 5:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on December 18, 2003.

The following members were present: Mr. Noal Akin, Major General Denver Brackeen, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Ms. Patricia Randall, Mr. George Walker and Mrs. Brenda Yonge. *Members Absent:* *Mr. Jimmy Murphy, Mr. Lawrence Warren and Ms. Veldore Young.*

SBCJC staff present: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Mrs. Denise Walley and Ms. Frankie White.

Guests present: Dr. Bill Smith – IHL.

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

After welcoming everyone present, Mr. Walker asked Mrs. Deborah Gilbert to give a report on the Joint Legislative Budget Recommendations for the Community and Junior Colleges for FY 2005. Mrs. Gilbert gave a brief explanation of the charts that are attached to the December 19, 2003 Meeting minutes as "Exhibit L", which shows a reduction of \$720,481 (11.7%) in General Funds. Also, the Budget Contingency Fund (a one-time funding source) in the amount of \$8,210,168 has been eliminated. This means the recommended overall state cut for the Board is 61%.

Dr. Stonecypher reported on a recent meeting that he, Dr. Randall Bradberry and Mr. Dexter Holloway attended with the Mississippi Manufacturers Association (MMA) regarding tax credit. He briefly explained problems that have occurred and stated that they were able to draft legislation that hopefully will rectify the difficulties.

Dr. Stonecypher stated that Dr. Webb was not present due to the loss of her sister, and asked the Board to keep her and her family in their prayers. He also related that Dr. Horace Holmes, President of Southwest Mississippi Community College, has been in the hospital, but expects to go home soon.

Dr. Stonecypher stated that Mr. John Adcock, who retired from East Central Community College, will contract with the SBCJC office after the first of the year to help with the transfer of the day-to-day operations of post-secondary vocational-technical education. Dr. Stonecypher shared a copy of a "to do" list that outlines what needs to be accomplished to assure a smooth transition. A

copy of the list is shown as "Exhibit A" of the December 19, 2003 Meeting minutes.

Dr. Day was then called upon to give a report on the location of classes for Spring Semester 2004, shown as "Exhibit H" of the December 19, 2003 Meeting minutes.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reviewed the Finance agenda items, as follows:

1. General Fund 2298 Disbursements for January 2004 in the total amount of \$17,720,233.
2. Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for November 2003 from Fund 4080 (\$2,061,205.44) and Fund 4110 (46,744.38) in the total amount of \$2,107,949.82.
3. Budget Contingency Fund Disbursement for January 2004 from Fund 3296 in the amount of \$1,274,151.
4. Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of November 30, 2003.

Mrs. Gilbert then gave an update on the retirement of Mrs. Helen Nelms in the Finance Division, effective December 31, 2003. Approximately 50 applications were received for the Accountant/Personnel Manager position. Interviews have been conducted and they expect to make a decision tomorrow.

Dr. Bradberry reported that Coahoma Community College has requested to add three (3) options under their Business Office System Technology program, which will be Accounting Technology, Medical Records Technology and Micro Computer Technology.

Dr. Bradberry referred to a memo that was sent to the Board recently requesting recommendations for the Nissan Scholarship Selection Committee. Dr. Bradberry recommended Mr. Wayne Eason from East Central Community College and Mr. Louis Dugas from Copiah-Lincoln Community College. The Board will be asked to vote on an appointment at tomorrow's meeting.

Dr. Stonecypher then mentioned that the joint meeting of the three (3) education boards that is scheduled in February. The invitation list has expanded to include the presidents of the colleges and universities, the MEC Board of Directors, the Superintendents' Association, Faculty Association, and others. Dr. Stonecypher has asked that some time be set aside for just the three (3) education board members to meet during this event.

Also, letters addressed to the Board from the Mississippi Gaming Commission were placed in the Board Notebooks, requesting permission for Gaming Courses being taught at the community and junior colleges. However, current legislation prohibits such courses from being taught at the public colleges.

Dr. Stonecypher reminded the Board that Dr. Webb would be retiring at the end of the month, but hopes that her vast knowledge and experience can be utilized by contract in the very near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Immediately following the Committee meeting, Board Members and their spouses dined with SBCJC staff and their spouses in a Christmas Celebration at Wellingtons.

Recorded by:

Denise Walley