

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
February 18, 2005

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, February 18, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Major General Denver Brackeen, Mr. Chip Crane, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Ms. Patricia Randall, Mr. George Walker and Mrs. Brenda Yonge.

Members not present: Jimmy Murphy, Ms. Veldore Young and Mr. Lawrence Warren.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Mr. John Adcock, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Mr. Dexter Holloway, Mrs. Audra Kimble, Mrs. Denise Walley and Ms. Debra West.

Guests in attendance: Dr. Vivian Presley – Coahoma Community College; Dr. Bill Smith and Dr. Mary Ware – Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL); Mr. Mike McGrevey, Mr. Kevin White and Dr. Tommy Davis – The Montgomery Institute.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

Dr. Dorothy Nelson gave the invocation.

Approval of the Minutes of the January 21, Meeting

Upon a motion by General Denver Brackeen and a second by Mr. Chip Crane, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2005, meeting.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Ms. Patricia Randall and a second by General Denver Brackeen, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the agenda as presented.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Dr. Stonecypher began by introducing Ms. Debra West, a contract employee in the SBCJC office working on an Office of Civil Rights (OCR) project and Mrs. Audra Kimble, the new Director of Distance Education.

A list of scheduled Board meetings and their locations for 2005 is shown as "Exhibit C".

Dr. Stonecypher provided several newspaper clippings: "Exhibit I" - *Rising Above the Difference (Community College Week)*; "Exhibit D" – *Growth Spurt (Community College Week)*; "Exhibit E"

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– *Workforce Development is More Than Vocational Training (Community College Times)*; and “Exhibit F” – *Mississippi Dead Last in Lifelong Learning (Mississippi Business Journal)*.

Dr. Stonecypher stated that the SBCJC's appropriation bills have always provided for lump sum funding, giving the Board the discretion to shift funding between major objects of expenditure, as needed. Currently, the proposed appropriation bill (Senate Bill 3061) restricts expenditures to established “line item” amounts in each category (i.e., salaries, travel, commodities, equipment, etc.). Dr. Stonecypher stated that if the bill passes in this format there would not be sufficient funds to cover currently employed staff members. Board Members were encouraged to talk with Legislators in their area about the need for lump sum funding in our appropriations. Upon a motion by Mr. Chip Crane and a second by Ms. Patricia Randall, the Board **voted unanimously** to have correspondence (signed by Mr. Walker as Chair of the SBCJC) sent to all legislators requesting that flexibility be given to management given to the SBCJC in their appropriations by continuing lump sum funding.

Dr. Stonecypher reviewed Senate Bill 2480, a bill that establishes a stable source of funding for workforce from unemployment taxes. A special fund would be established as the “Mississippi Workforce Training Enhancement Fund”. Mr. Jim Lott with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security has played an important role in supporting this bill.

MACJC Report

Dr. Vivian Presley reported that the MACJC last met on January 25, 2005, at the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems (CAVS), an extension of Mississippi State University in Canton, MS. The Center, which is directed by Dr. Dean Norman, was opened in December 2003 as part of an agreement with Nissan.

Dr. Presley stated that Mr. Nick Walters and Mr. Mike McGrevey gave a presentation on Statewide Entrepreneurship, as they will be doing later in this meeting.

Dr. Brian Amy of the State Department of Health shared his interest in developing and funding a curriculum for students to earn an associates degree with emphasis in homeland security, beginning in the fall. These courses could be delivered on-line, as well as on-site. The academic courses would transfer to the four year colleges. Dr. Keith Godbold and a committee will meet with Dr. Amy to discuss the implementation of the program.

Dr. Dean Norman gave a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed community and junior college collaboration with the CAVS Center. Dr. Norman stated that in 2004 there were 12,000 – 16,000 automotive industry and related jobs in Mississippi; however, a projected 50,000 jobs will be demanded by 2010.

Dr. Howell Garner reported there are 25,970 students enrolled in the Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) system.

Presentation on Nursing Education

Dr. Mary Ware, Director of Nursing with the Institutions of Higher Learning began by briefly giving her history in nursing education. In 1954, before there were any associate degree programs in Mississippi, the legislature mandated that all existing and future nursing programs would be reviewed and approved by the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). IHL developed a council, made up of deans and directors of all nursing programs, which developed standards for the nursing programs. Mississippi was the first state to require a master's degree to teach nursing. Mississippi was also one of the first and is still one of the few states that has every

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program nationally accredited.

Dr. Ware stated that Mississippi currently has two (2) doctoral programs; five (5) masters programs in the state universities and one (1) in a private college; five (5) bachelors programs in nine (9) different locations in the state universities and three (3) in private colleges; and 14 associate degree programs in 16 locations in the community colleges.

A major cause of concern relates to the fact that forty percent (40%) of the Nursing educators will be retiring in the next 3-5 years. Due to the fact that hospitals offer more money for professionals than the state offers teachers, most graduates prefer to work than teach. There are currently more qualified applicants than programs are able to handle; however, even though there is a demand for more nursing students, the lack of nursing educators limits the amount of courses that the state can offer. An estimated shortage of 4,000 is expected by year 2010.

The Montgomery Institute - Statewide Entrepreneurship Proposal

Dr. Tommy Davis introduced Mr. Mike McGrevey, who gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining a proposal to build a Mississippi Entrepreneurial Network Alliance, see "Exhibit J". The Alliance would network, support and enhance the entrepreneurial energy and resources of our people, institutions, businesses, organizations and government in order to lift up potential, emerging and existing entrepreneurs. The MACJC, at their last meeting, heard the proposal and unanimously voted to endorse the endeavor. Upon a motion by General Denver Brackeen and a second by Mrs. Brenda Yonge, the Board **voted unanimously** to endorse the efforts of the Montgomery Institute with Statewide Entrepreneurship.

****The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.***

Workforce Report

Mr. Walker began by commending Mr. Dexter Holloway on a presentation that he recently gave at a Skill Tech Workforce Council meeting at Coahoma Community College. The new Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is holding its second meeting; however, Dr. Stonecypher and Mr. Walker were unable to attend due to the fact that it was being held at the same time as this meeting. Mr. Walker stated that the employers of the local areas would still like to have an active part in planning and would like to be utilized as an advisory committee in their local areas.

Mr. Holloway presented an expenditure printout (Exhibit A) that lists the amount of funds that have been obligated. He explained that this report generally runs two months behind in the reimbursement area; therefore, the 49% reimbursement total would reflect December 2004's total, which is mid-fiscal year.

Mr. Holloway announced that the Quality Awards luncheon will be held April 20, 2005, at the Pearl River Resort.

EdNet Report

Due to Dr. Larry Day being unable to attend today's meeting, the EdNet report was given at the work session the previous evening (see minutes of the February 17, 2005 Work Session).

Program Report

Dr. Randall Bradberry stated that the **Dual Enrollment / Dual Credit** agreement has now been signed by the State Department of Education and should be signed by IHL at their meeting this month. The committee is working on course templates to assure unity in the guidelines. However, there has been a misunderstanding that is being worked out regarding whether or not tuition for these courses will be charged by the colleges.

Dr. Bradberry reported that the federal auditors will be monitoring the Mississippi **ABE / GED** program on March 28 – 31, 2005. On February 8, 2005, the hearing of an individual who was suspected of a possible GED violation was heard in Tupelo, Mississippi. A court reporter was present and transcribed the hearing for the Board's perusal; a recommendation from the hearing panel will be presented at the March Board meeting.

Revised Curriculum for Post Secondary Career / Technical Education

Mr. John Adcock provided "Exhibit B" which outlines the proposed curriculum for various post secondary career / technical courses that are being revised this year. Mr. Adcock explained the process of the curriculum update, which cycles every five years and requires Board approval. Mr. Adcock has reviewed the changes and recommended approval. Upon a motion by General Denver Brackeen and a second by Dr. Dorothy Nelson, the Board **voted unanimously** to approval the proposed changes to revise the curriculum of the post secondary career technical programs as presented.

Legislative Report

Dr. Bradberry presented a printout of the bill summary listing (direct, indirect and resolutions) of legislation that is currently being tracked by the SBCJC office, shown as "Exhibit K". Dr. Bradberry gave a brief review of the legislation that directly impacts the SBCJC office and the community colleges.

Finance Report

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert presented the items on the Finance Agenda as follows:

Upon a motion by Ms. Patricia Randall and a second by Dr. Dorothy Nelson, the Board **unanimously approved** the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for January 31, 2005, from Fund 4080 in the amount of \$2,298,223.70 and for Fund 4110 in the amount of \$53,748.92, for a combined total of \$2,351,972.62, shown as "Finance Attachment 1".

As a follow-up to the results of the Cost Allocation Study that Mrs. Gilbert reported on last month, "Finance Attachments 2a – 2d" provides more detailed information regarding those findings. The study was initially conducted at the request of a legislator to determine the cost difference between a campus, extension center, comprehensive center and an off-campus site to assist with funding formula accuracy. Cost differentials from the study were applied to the current formula to enlighten college presidents of the results. This information item does not require Board approval.

Mrs. Gilbert provided Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds, as of January 31, 2005, shown as "Finance Attachment 3a & 3b". The statement shows that we are working well within the budget and the item does not require Board action.

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Upon a motion by Mr. Chip Crane and a second by Mr. Napoleon Moore, the Board **unanimously approved** a purchasing request for CISCO Smartnet Maintenance with Venture, up to \$30,000. ITS has approved the agreement, which is shown as "Finance Attachment 4".

Mrs. Gilbert presented a recap of Senate Bill 3061 (FY 2006 Administration) and Senate Bill 3062 (FY 2006 Support), shown as "Finance Attachments 5a and 5b". This information item does not require Board approval.

Travel Authorizations

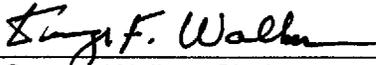
Mr. Walker asked if there were requests for travel reimbursement for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. Upon a motion by General Denver Brackeen and a second by Mrs. Brenda Yonge, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve travel authorizations as follows:

Mr. Walker attended a meeting in Jackson on February 4, 2005, for Workforce.

Blanket approval for members who attend the Quality Awards Program on April 19-20, 2005 and the Creating Futures Through Technology Conference on March 6-8, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



Mr. George Walker, Chairman



Dr. Wayne Stonecypfer, Executive Director

Exhibits and Finance Attachments

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