

**MINUTES**  
**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**October 20, 2005**

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on October 20, 2005.

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

**SBCJC staff present:** Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Mr. John Adcock, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert and Mrs. Denise Walley.

**Guest present:** Dr. Malvin Williams (retired) – Alcorn State University; and Dr. Bill Smith – Institutions of Higher Learning.

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Dr. Larry Day presented a letter from Mrs. Mary Jane Covington, State Director of Student Financial Aid, requesting that the SBCJC appoint a representative to serve as a member of the **Mississippi Post-Secondary Education Financial Assistance Board**. Mrs. Covington has recommended that Ms. Soraya Welden, Financial Aid Director of Meridian Community College, serve on the board. The Board will be asked to consider this recommendation or nominate someone for this board at their meeting tomorrow. A copy of Mrs. Covington's letter and other pertinent information is attached as "Exhibit C" of the October 21, 2005 meeting minutes.

Dr. Larry Day gave a PowerPoint presentation of the damages done at the community and junior colleges during Hurricane Katrina. Pictures were provided by East Central, East Mississippi, Hinds, Holmes, Jones, Meridian, Mississippi Gulf Coast, Pearl River and Southwest Mississippi. The combined total of estimated damages to the facilities was \$68,000,000. Dr. Stonecypher reported that the insurance companies will cover all but approximately \$1,000,000, which should be taken care of by FEMA.

Dr. Stonecypher related that Mrs. Marsha Kelly with the Mississippi Volunteer Services approached him several weeks ago regarding her plans to renovate their portion of the office space that is located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Education and Research Center Tower Building. Since half of the SBCJC staff is located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Mrs. Kelly inquired if the SBCJC would like to consider options and work together with the renovation effort. IHL has obtained a proposal from Bud Milner and Company in the total amount of \$59,980 to furnish and install carpet, remove old carpet, furnish labor and materials to paint and sand/prepare all surfaces and doors for all of the SBCJC offices. The staff plans to take the Board on a brief tour of the offices during a break at tomorrow's meeting for their review and consideration regarding the renovations. A copy of the proposal from the contractor is attached as "Exhibit E" of the October 21, 2005 meeting minutes.

As reported at last month's meeting, the same four (4) counties that did not meet the minimum requirement for county tax support last year are continuing not to meet the

requirements this year. An attorney general's opinion has been received from Mr. Chuck Rubisoff and is included as "Exhibit D" of the October 21, 2005 meeting minutes.

Dr. Stonecypher informed the Board that a \$2,500,000 grant has been obtained through the U.S. Department of Labor. Mrs. Gilbert recently represented the agency in Washington, D.C., to petition for the H1B grant funding for construction education, healthcare and transportation in high-growth, high-demand areas of Mississippi.

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

1. General Fund Disbursements from Fund 2298 for October, November and December 2005, in the amount of \$5,203,817 for each month, shown as "Finance Attachment 1" of the October 21, 2005, meeting minutes.
2. Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements as of September 2005 from Fund 4080 in the amount of \$2,563,982 and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$50,662, for a total amount of \$2,614,644, shown as "Finance Attachment 2" of the October 21, 2005, meeting minutes.
3. Financial Statements for General Fund 2291 and Special Funds as of September 30, 2005 for FY 2006, shown as "Financial Attachments 3a & 3b" of the October 21, 2005, meeting minutes.
4. Dr. Larry Day was asked to give a brief explanation of the Quarterly Capital Improvement Reports, shown as "Finance Attachment 4" of the October 21, 2005, meeting minutes.
5. Mrs. Gilbert stated that since the Joint Legislative Budget Office (LBO) hearing was cancelled, the Board office was asked to submit a letter stating the needs of the agency, as well as the colleges. This is attached "Finance Attachments 5a" of the October 21, 2005, meeting minutes. Dr. William Lewis was prepared to talk with the LBO regarding faculty salaries; therefore, a chart (Finance Attachment 5b) was included with the letter. Although the hearing did not take place, a booklet was published in the same format that has been presented to the LBO in the past and is included as "Finance Attachment 5c".
6. An update on damages caused by Hurricane Katrina is shown as "Finance Attachment 6" of the October 21, 2005, meeting minutes. Mrs. Gilbert stated that the gathering of the information initially started with inquiries from the U. S. Department of Education.
7. Academic Faculty Salary Schedule (9 month basis) for FY 2006 is shown as "Finance Attachment 7a" of the October 21, 2005, meeting minutes. Also included as "Finance Attachment 7b" is a chart representing the Average Faculty Salaries for 2000 - 2006 (budgeted).

Mr. John Adcock stated he would be recommending Board approval of three (3) programs during the regular scheduled meeting. First, East Central Community College is requesting to add a Microcomputer Technology option under their Business and Office Technology program. This will not require additional instructors or costs. However, it will provide additional work opportunities for students once they have completed the program. Also,

Hinds Community College is requesting to expand their Associate Degree Nursing and License Practical Nursing programs to the Rankin Campus, to meet the ongoing nursing shortage in Mississippi. Finally, Southwest Mississippi Community College is requesting to expand the Practical Nursing Program beginning in January of 2006. They are not requesting additional funding for the proposed expansion, which will be housed on site in existing facilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Recorded by:

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