

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
December 15, 2005

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on December 15, 2005.

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

SBCJC staff present: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert and Mrs. Denise Walley.

Guest present: Dr. Bill Smith – Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Dr. Stonecypher informed the Board that a group portrait is scheduled at 8:45 a.m., prior to the December 16, 2005, meeting.

As discussed at the meeting last month, the staff is developing a list of long-range plans for the SBCJC that the Board will consider at a retreat. A recommendation has been made to hold the retreat in April 2006; therefore, a decision will have to be made as to where to hold the meetings. Dr. Bradberry has gathered information on several possible locations that he will present to the Board at the regular meeting on the following day. Some of the ideas that could be discussed during the retreat include: midpoint funding for the system between K-12 and the universities, dropout recovery, national skills standards for career-technical programs, enhance work based learning, etc. Dr. Stonecypher welcomed the Board's suggestions for items of discussion for the agenda.

Dr. Randall Bradberry presented his recommendations for the Nissan Scholarship Committee (Exhibit D) and stated that IHL has requested that the Board select members as soon as possible. The Board will be asked to consider his recommendations: Mr. Jeremy Smith (Hinds Community College) and Mr. Paul Miller (East MS Community College) and/or make other recommendations for action at the regular meeting.

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

1. General Fund 2298 Disbursements for January 2006, shown as "Finance Attachment 1" of the December 16, 2005, meeting minutes.
2. Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for November 2005, shown as "Finance Attachments 2 of the December 16, 2005, meeting minutes.
3. Budget Contingency Fund Disbursements from Fund 3296 for January – June 1006, shown as "Finance Attachment 3" of the December 16, 2005, meeting minutes.

4. Governor's Office and Joint Legislative Budget Committee Recommendations for FY 2007, shown as "Finance Attachment 4" of the December 16, 2005, meeting minutes.
5. Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of November 30, 2005, shown as "Finance Attachment 5a and 5b" of the December 16, 2005, meeting minutes.
6. Purchasing Approval for help desk support for MSVCC for one year from Presidium Learning, Inc. in the amount of \$87,500, shown as "Finance Attachment 6".

Dr. Stonecypher reported that Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is requesting to expand its Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program to offer an evening/weekend option at the Jackson County Campus and the Perkinston Campus, see "Exhibit A" of the December 16, 2005, meeting minutes.

Before closing the meeting, Mr. Jimmy Murphy offered for discussion the Wells Springs Project in north Mississippi, which is approximately 1700 acres on Highway 78 that may be purchased for the purpose of an automobile plant or some other type of industry to help economy in that area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Recorded by:

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