

**MINUTES**  
**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 18, 2008**

The committee-of-the-whole meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at Huntington's Grille in Jackson and then reconvened at 7:30 p.m. in the Hattiesburg Room of the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, MS, on December 18, 2008.

**Members present:** Mr. George Walker, Mr. Max Huey, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Mr. Bobby Steinriede, Mr. Ed Perry, Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Dickens, and Mr. Henry (Bubba) Hudspeth. The following members were absent: *Mrs. Brenda Yonge, Mr. Chip Crane, and Mr. Bruce Martin.*

**SBCJC Staff in attendance:** Dr. Eric Clark, Ms. Debbie Borgman, Mrs. Missy Saxton, and Dr. Debra West.

**Guests in attendance:** There were no guests in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. Clark began his report by welcoming all Members and wishing them a Merry Christmas and safe holiday season.

He asks that everybody be focused on maintaining our legislative priorities, even in the face of the dismal national economic situation. He has written a guest editorial to the *Clarion-Ledger*, with the simple, strong message that the community and junior colleges are "the jobs people." Our system prepares Mississippi citizens for high-tech, 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs, with workforce training and career and technical education training. Historically, the four-year institutions do not provide that service. An analogy is that there are "fires" burning all over Mississippi and we are the fire department. What you don't need to do when you have fires burning all over the place, is to cut the funding to the fire department. We are a very solid and valuable answer to economics in Mississippi as we can provide qualified citizens in the workplace, therefore helping to keep unemployment rates down and keep tax revenues steady. This is our message and Dr. Clark states that he will do all that he can to get that message to the legislators and asks that each board member do his or her part to spread that simple message.

Dr. Clark concluded his report.

Dr. Debra West informed the Board that she will not be at the Meeting on Friday, as she is the Commencement Speaker at Hinds Community College. She briefed the Board on information that will be presented by Dr. Shawn Mackey. In Exhibit A1, Practical Nursing Accreditation will be discussed. Five colleges' accreditation will expire at the end of this year. In preparation for this, the SBCJC staff established five different teams of peer reviewers, consisting of PN Directors and PN faculty, and performed on-site

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accreditation reviews. The five colleges reviewed in the fall were: Northeast Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Meridian Community College, Coahoma Community College and Itawamba Community College. There are various levels of accreditation. Two colleges are recommended for Full Accreditation, NECC and Meridian; three are recommended for Provisional Accreditation, Copiah-Lincoln, Coahoma and Itawamba.

The second Board item in the Career and Technical Education report are the 2009 curricula revisions. Twelve existing programs were reviewed and revised this fall and one new program was developed. This is a faculty driven process, facilitated by the Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU) at Mississippi State University. There is a subsequent thirty-day period for the colleges to review and comment. The SBCJC staff then submits the final curricula to the Board to recommend and request approval for public review and comment, as required by the Administrative Procedures Act.

Dr. West concluded her report.

Ms. Debbie Borgman began the Finance report by referring SBCJC members to the Finance agenda tab.

**Attachment 1** is the approval request for the General Fund 2298 Disbursement for January 2009, in the total amount of \$31,170,149.00. This will require approval.

**Attachment 2** is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for December 31, 2008, in the total amount of \$2,953,452.00. This will require approval.

**Attachment 3** is the approval request for the Budget Contingency Fund Disbursement for January 2009, in the total amount of \$662,625.00, from Fund 3296. This will require approval.

**Attachments 4a and 4b** are the Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of November 30, 2008. These reports reflect the two percent budget cuts that are required by the Governor's office. These reports are all for informational purposes only and do not require action.

**Item 5** is the Purchasing Approval request of a twelve month contract for the ACT WorkKeys Assessment in the amount of \$30,500.00. This item will be postponed until the January Board Meeting because ITS is still working on the contract.

**Attachment 6** is the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Recommendations for FY 2010. The SBCJC administrative budget was recommended for a 2.8% decrease in general funds as compared to the 2009 general fund appropriation before the November two percent budget cuts. The colleges' appropriation was recommended for an overall decrease of 1.0 percent as compared to the 2009 appropriation before the November two percent budget cuts. This report is for informational purposes only and does not require action.

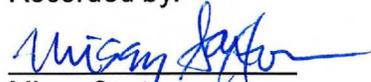
Ms. Borgman concluded the Finance Report.

Mrs. Saxton distributed minutes from the November Board Meetings for review.

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There being no other business, Mr. Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Recorded by:

  
Missy Saxton

  
Mr. George Walker, Chairman

  
Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director