

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2009

The committee of the whole 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 7:00 p.m. in the Hattiesburg Room of the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, on November 19, 2009.

Members present: Mr. George Walker, Chairman; Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Ed Perry, Mrs. Patricia Dickens and Mr. Bobby Steinriede. Members absent were: *Mr. Napoleon Moore, Mr. Max Huey, Mr. Chip Crane and Mr. Bruce Martin.*

SBCJC Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Dr. Fiona Qualls, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Debra West and Mrs. Missy Saxton.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Dr. Clark welcomed all members and began his report with the budget situation. He referenced Governor Haley Barbour's Executive Budget Recommendations (EBR) which was presented to the public on Monday, November 16th. The Governor is proposing many things, one of which is the changing the governing structure of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Dr. Clark expressed the opinion that the current structure is suitable to meet the needs of the community college system.

Dr. Clark presented information regarding the Governor's EBR. He noted that the Legislative Budget Committee's proposed budget is due to be made public by December 15, 2009.

Dr. Clark commended Dr. Fiona Qualls for the tremendous job she has done working with the Graduation Rate Task Force as it relates to the Articulation Agreement. The Articulation Subcommittee is studying the State of North Carolina model which when someone obtains an associate's degree, all of those credits transfer as freshman and sophomore years to a four-year college. This encourages students to finish their degree at a two-year college. Dr. Qualls and Dr. Reginald Sykes of IHL have done a masterful job shepherding this project. Dr. Clark concluded his report.

Dr. Debra West reported that she will present a request for three new Career and Technical Education programs on behalf of MS Delta Community College. All programs are in the medical technology field.

Dr. West will present the Workforce report, as well as the WET Fund information. She will present a new report in the area of workforce, generated by the staff at the National Strategic Planning and Assessment Research Center (NSPARc) located at MSU.

The Grants information will be presented in the standard form, as well as the Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) statistics. She will also present employment statistics on CRCs provided by NSPARc.

Chairman Walker stated that he would like for information regarding CRCs and other statistics to be provided to The Clarion-Ledger, possibly by way of a meeting with the Editorial Board.

Dr. Qualls will present the bi-monthly Commission on Proprietary Schools and College

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Registration (CPSCR) report on Friday, as well as several other updates.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert provided the following information regarding the Finance agenda:

Attachment 1 is the approval request for the General Fund Disbursement out of Fund 2298 in the amount of \$10,706,893.00, for December 2009. This will require approval.

Attachment 2 is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements out of Fund 4080 in the amount of \$2,783,465.00 and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$82,112.00, totaling \$2,865,577.00, effective November 30, 2009. This will require approval.

Attachment 3 is the Report on Cumulative Reductions in Education Enhancement Funds. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachments 4a and 4b are Financial Statements for General Fund 2291 and Special Funds as of October 31, 2009. These are for informational purposes only and do not require approval.

Attachment 5 is the Z-1 Budget Revision request to move \$250,000 of expenditure authority in Fund 3294 from 2nd Allotment period to 1st Allotment period. The Board of Nursing is in need of all funds. This will require approval.

Attachment 6 is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Update. This is for informational purposes only.

Attachment 7 is the FY 2010 Funding Formula update with Spring 2009 Enrollments included. This is for informational purposes only.

Attachment 8 is the Governor's FY 2011 Budget Recommendations for Community and Junior Colleges. This is for informational purposes only.

Attachment 9 is the bi-monthly Capital Improvement Report, which is also Exhibit F on the Friday morning meeting agenda.

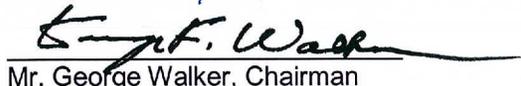
Other business is regarding the Hilton Room Rate proposal for 2010. The room rates have been reduced from \$5.00 per night to \$114.00. Mrs. Saxton will present more information on this at the Friday meeting.

There being no other business, Chairman Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Recorded by:



Missy Saxton, Executive Assistant



Mr. George Walker, Chairman



Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director