

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
Thursday, April 19, 2012

The committee of the whole of the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) met at 6:00 p.m. at Huntington's Grill in Jackson and then reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the Jacksonian Room of the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, on Thursday, April 19, 2012.

Members present: Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Chair; Mrs. Patricia Dickens, Vice-Chair; Mr. Max Huey; Mr. Ed Perry; and Mr. Duncan McKenzie.

MCCB Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Mr. Jason Carter, Dr. Debra West, Dr. Shawn Mackey, and Mrs. Cynthia Jiles.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bubba Hudspeth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed the Board Members and asked Dr. Clark to provide his report.

Dr. Clark reported that Dr. Debra West will attend the American Association of Community Colleges' conference in Orlando, Florida, April 20 through 24.

Dr. Clark reported that annual reports to the MS Ethics Commission are due May 1, 2012.

Dr. Clark also reported that he expects legislative appropriations decided by next week. Dr. Clark drafted a letter, which was signed by all fifteen community college presidents, in support of the proposed headquarters building inclusion in bond bill legislation.

Dr. Clark concluded his report.

Dr. Shawn Mackey reported that he will present one program request for Board approval and a program termination. He will also present the Draft of the 2013 Workforce Policies, a report on South MS' Correctional Institution Inmate Training Project, and a report on Jones County Junior College's Entrepreneurship Program. In addition, he will present the standard career and technical report, the standard workforce report, the updated WET Funds report and Grants related activities for informational purposes only.

Dr. Mackey concluded his report.

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Dr. Debra West reported that she will not present any action items on Friday. She reported that Dr. Mackey, Dr. LaNell Kellum, and Mr. Raul Fletes have been analyzing how new federal financial aid changes will impact our colleges. Dr. West reported that effective July 1, the "ability to benefit" rule, which allows students without a high school diploma or GED to be eligible for financial aid, provided they can demonstrate ability to benefit. Ability to benefit is demonstrated by achieving a specified minimum score on a federally recognized placement exam, such as the ACT or the Compass. Based upon MCCB's analysis of data submitted by the college, the majority of the ability to benefit students in Mississippi are enrolled at Hinds CC and Coahoma CC. She concluded her report.

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Mr. Jason Carter presented the Finance Agenda in Mrs. Deborah Gilbert's stead:

Attachment 1 is the approval request for the General Fund Disbursements out of Fund 2298 for May 2012 in the amount of \$12,192,505.00 and for June 2012 in the amount of \$12,192,505.00. This will require approval.

Attachment 2 is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements out of Fund 4080 in the amount of \$3,090,873.00 and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$82,112.00, totaling \$3,172,985.00 effective April 30, 2012. This will require approval.

Attachment 3 is the Financial Statement from General Fund 2291 and Special Funds as of March 31, 2012. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachment 4 is the Purchasing Approval for: **a.** Smartthinking Inc. to amend original software license and application service provider agreement to add an additional 4,500 tutoring hours in Year 2 of the Agreement: Year 1 (8/1/2010-7/31/2011) \$110,300.00 – Year 2 (8/1/2011-7/31/2012) \$266,900.00 – Year 3 (8/1/2012-7/31/2013) \$156,700.00 for a total of \$533,900.00. **b.** Revenue Memorandum of Understanding between Jackson State University (JSU) and the Mississippi Community College Board to allow JSU to participate in the Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) in a partnership for up to 150 students at JSU each term. The MOU will allow for an extension for FY 2013. This will require approval.

Attachment 5 is the comparison of the House and Senate actions on the appropriations bills, SB 2966 and SB 2967. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Attachment 6 is the FY 2014 Budget Report for: **a.** Support, and **b.** Administration. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Mrs. Gilbert concluded her report.

There being no other business, Chairman Hudspeth adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Recorded by:


Cynthia Jiles, Executive Assistant

Approved by:


Mrs. Patricia Dickens, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director