

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
March 16, 2006**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on June 25, 2005, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this March 16, 2006 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Mr. Roy Estess, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten. Mr. Thomas W. Colbert and Ms. Robin J. Robinson were absent. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, President. Dr. Bettye Neely introduced Reverend Leon Collier from Canton United Methodist Church who conducted the prayer.

2006 BLACK HISTORY MONTH RECOGNITION

Mr. Bob Owens, Chair of the Black History Month Committee, stated that each year the Board recognizes one individual from each institution of higher learning who has contributed significantly to the positive advancement of diversity on his/her campus and in the community.

Mr. Owens thanked the members of the committee, Dr. Magee, Ms. Robinson, and Dr. Neely for their help. He thanked Ms. Clotee Lewis, IHL Coordinator of Public Affairs, who has coordinated this committee for the past several years. He also thanked Ms. Pearl Pennington, IHL Director of Student Affairs, who also served on the committee.

Mr. Owens congratulated all of the nominees and presented them with a Certificate of Recognition for their outstanding vision, dedication, as well as serving as role models and strong advocates for the advancement of diversity at their respective universities and in the surrounding communities. The nominees were as follows:

Dr. Steve Wells	Alcorn State University
Ms. Deborah G. Moore	Delta State University
Ms. Cathy Patterson	Jackson State University
Dr. William Person	Mississippi State University
Mr. Dwayne L. Wheeler	Mississippi State University, Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine and Experiment Station
Ms. Rodie Cunningham	Mississippi University for Women
Mrs. Glenell Lee-Pruitt	Mississippi Valley State University
Dr. William D. Scott, III	University of Mississippi
Dr. Claude Brunson	University of Mississippi Medical Center
Dr. Juliana Makuchi Nfah-Abbenyi	University of Southern Mississippi

Mr. Owens announced that the Black History Month Educator is Dr. William Person, Director of Graduate Studies and Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, Mississippi State University. The special honoree for community service, the Honorable Henry J. Kirksey, was recognized posthumously. Dr. Person and Ms. Barbara Barber on behalf of Mr. Kirksey's family were each presented with a resolution and plaque commemorating this award. **(See Exhibits 1 and 2.)**

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A Week in the Life of a Faculty Member

Dr. Thomas Meredith noted that over the course of the next few months faculty members from various levels will be invited to speak about his/her typical work week. This is an informative way for the Board to learn about what occurs on the campuses.

Dr. John Hilpert, President of Delta State University, thanked the Commissioner and the Board for this opportunity to speak about campus life. Dr. Hilpert introduced the first presenter, Dr. Chester “Bo” Morgan, Professor of History at Delta State University. Then, Dr. Clinton Bristow, President of Alcorn State University, introduced the second presenter, Dr. Keith McGee, Assistant Professor of Biology at Alcorn State University. Dr. Meredith thanked both of the presenters for their informative presentations.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on February 15, 2006, stand approved.

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES & PROGRAMS AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Bettye Neely, Chair

1. **System Administration (Information item.)** - Alcorn State University will be offering a Bachelor of Science in General Studies (CIP 24.0101) degree on-line in addition to the present on-campus program. Presently, Alcorn State University and Mississippi State University jointly operate the Mid-South Partnership for Rural Community Colleges funded through the United States Department of Education. With changes in vocational and adult teacher certification requirements by the Mississippi Department of Education, trade and industrial teachers working at community colleges and secondary vocational centers will now have to complete a baccalaureate degree for licensing. The Partnership proposed an online degree program in general studies at Alcorn State University to facilitate student licensure.
2. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received a report on the 2006 - 2007 No Child Left Behind Act: Improving Teacher Quality Awards. This year, 11 grants to 8 higher education institutions totaling \$1,142,609.00 will be awarded. These awards will provide professional development to 205 in-service teachers and 30 administrators across Mississippi. The institutions and amounts to be awarded are as follows:

INSTITUTION	DISCIPLINE	AWARD AMOUNT
Alcorn State University	Mathematics/Science	\$106,143.00
Delta State University	Mathematics	\$95,467.00
Delta State University	Reading	\$100,340.00
Jackson State University	Mathematics	\$81,372.00
Mississippi University for Women	Physics	\$90,927.00

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Mississippi Valley State University	Reading	\$128,195.00
Tougaloo College	Mathematics	\$87,500.00
University of Mississippi	Reading	\$128,463.00
University of Mississippi	Mathematics/Science/Technology	\$120,023.00
University of Southern Mississippi	Mathematics	\$97,966.00
University of Southern Mississippi	Administrative Leadership	\$106,213.00

BUDGET, FINANCE & AUDIT AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Chair

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Budget, Finance & Audit Agenda.

1. **UMMC** - Approved the following contracts which have been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office:
 - a. Approval to enter into an agreement with Nursing Innovations, a division of Teamstaff Rx, Inc., to provide agency staff for Batson Hospital Units 2C, 3C, 4C, and 5C. This agreement is an extension of a current thirteen (13) week contract (January 16, 2006 – April 15, 2006) for an additional twenty-six (26) weeks (April 16, 2006 – October 13, 2006). The maximum total billing of this twenty-six (26) week period shall not exceed \$348,816.00. A copy of the contract is included in the *March 16, 2006 Board Working File*.
 - b. Approval to enter into an agreement with Credit Bureau Collection Services, Inc., for the purpose of bad debt third party collection services. This agreement is for a period of three (3) years (March 20, 2006 - February 28, 2009). The compensation rate is 45% on collected accounts. This agreement will not exceed \$200,000 per year. A copy of the contract is included in the *March 16, 2006 Board Working File*.

REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Chair

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda items #1 and #2 as submitted on the following Real Estate & Facilities Agenda. Agenda items #3 - #6 were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Estess, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda items #7 - #10 were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda items #11 - #17 were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Estess, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting.

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1. **JSU** – Approved the initiation of **GS #103-231, New e-City Center for Economic and Community Development**, the appointment of WFT Architects as project professionals, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available in the amount of \$500,000 from S. B. 2010, Laws of 2006. The proposed location for the Center will be Lynch and Minerva streets, which are currently pending an historic corridor designation.
2. **MVSU** – Approved the initiation of **IHL #206-021, College Hall, Phase I**, and the appointment of Pryor & Morrow Architects as the project professionals to renovate the Hall after the fire damage. Funding is estimated in the amount of \$420,000 from St. Paul Travelers Insurance Company.
3. **DSU** – Approved the request to change IHL #202-125, Delta Music Institute to **GS #102-213, Delta Music Institute**. Also, approved construction documents as prepared by Foil Wyatt Architects for **GS #102-213, Delta Music Institute**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings to advertise for the receipt of bids. Funds are available at the Bureau of Buildings in the amount of \$500,000.
4. **JSU** – Approved the construction documents as prepared by Moody-Nolan, Inc., for **IHL #203-245, New JSU Campus Union**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings to advertise for the receipt of bids. The estimated project budget is \$22,000,000. Funds are available from the University and the JSU EBC.
5. **MSU** – Approved the construction documents as prepared by Pryor and Morrow Architects for **GS #105-313, Rasket Flight Research Lab Repair**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings to advertise for the receipt of bids. This project will replace the storm damaged roof and deck with steel deck and a modified bitumen roofing system designed to withstand winds up to 120 mph. The budget is \$1,200,000. Funds are available from S. B. 3115, Laws of 2004.
6. **UM** - Approved the construction documents as prepared by Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, Ltd. for **GS #107-279, Bishop Hall Renovations**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings to advertise for the receipt of bids. The budget for this project is \$3,000,000. Funds are available from S. B. 2010, Laws of 2004.
7. **MSU** – Approved the bids (5) and the award of a contract in the amount of \$246,278 (base bid) to the lowest bidder, Ellefson Plumbing Company, for **GS #105-278, Lee Hall Renovations, Phase II, Sewer Improvements**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The project budget will be increased to \$4,300,000, with new funds to be provided from S. B. 2010, Laws of 2004, in the amount of \$129,742. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.
8. **MSU** – Approved the bids (2) and the award of a contract in the amount of \$349,500 (base bid and deductive alternate #1) to the lowest bidder, Triangle Maintenance Service, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings for **GS #105-303, 2003 ADA Program**. Funds are available from S. B. 3197, Laws of 2002, in the amount of \$395,000. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.
9. **UM** - Approved the bids (5) and the award of a contract in the amount of \$1,541,800 to the lowest bidder, Murphy & Sons, Inc., for **IHL #207-257, Nutt Auditorium Renovations**. Funds are available from self-generated funds in the amount of \$750,000. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.

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10. **UM** - Approved the bids (3) and the award of a contract in the amount of \$2,435,300 to the lowest bidder, Panola Construction Company, Inc., for **GS #107-268, Bryant Hall-Phase II**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available in the project budget from S. B. 2988, Laws of 2003. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.
11. **DSU** – Approved the request to grant an easement and right-of-way on the Coahoma County Higher Education Center property to the City of Clarksdale for the purpose of clearing and snagging, channel improvement, and all necessary flood control and drainage purposes. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.
12. **MSU** – Approved the request to sell to Stateside Group LLC 4 acres of the 12.76-acre parcel of land located between University Drive and Collegeview Street abutting Highway 12 on the west. The 4 acres consist of a 1.25-acre parcel with an average appraisal of \$762,500, and a 2.75-acre parcel with an average appraisal of \$1,310,000, for a total average appraisal of \$2,072,500. The sale would include the option to purchase the remaining 8.76 acres, thus the entire 12.76 acre parcel, at the average of two appraisals obtained for the 12.76-acre parcel, which is \$3,700,000. If the option is not exercised and sale closed by September 15, 2006, Stateside will have the first right of refusal for five years to purchase this 8.76 acres at no less than the average of two appraisals obtained at the time. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.
13. **MSU** - Approved the request to lease to SemiSouth Laboratories, Inc. a university facility to house equipment. SemiSouth Laboratories, Inc. is involved in collaborative research with the University and/or economic development in the state of Mississippi. The facility under consideration is the Edwards Reactor Lab situated behind Simrall Hall on the University campus. The lease will expire on March 30, 2007. Allowing use of the facility would greatly enhance research efforts and enable further economic development of the state. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.
14. **MSU** - Approved the request to grant an easement for BellSouth to locate and have access to new equipment. This equipment is needed to serve Ruby Hall and the new residence halls that are being built on the North side of campus. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.
15. **UM** - Approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$22 million in revenue bonds by the UM EBC and the execution of the appropriate related documents. The proceeds of the revenue bonds will be used to finance refunding of certain outstanding maturities of the EBC's series 1999 revenue bonds and to finance certain construction projects, as more fully described in the resolution. Consistent with Board Policy §901.0705, the University, in conjunction with Board staff, has retained First Southwest Company as financial advisors who have analyzed the University's financial condition, verified that proposed revenue streams are sufficient to repay the debt service, and found the proposed project is viable. The proposed resolution also approves employment of Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada as Bond Counsel and Morgan-Keegan as Underwriter. The proposed fee is not to exceed \$46,200. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.

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- 16. **UM** - Approved the request to correct an easement and to grant another easement to CenterPoint Energy. First, the University will correct an easement of record allowing CenterPoint to cross the old Wal-Mart property in order to provide service to the Oxford Mall development. Second, an easement is granted to CenterPoint Energy to cross the University's Oxford campus to accommodate existing natural gas distribution lines. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.
- 17. **System Administration** – Approved the request from the Secretary of State, State of Mississippi, for the Mississippi Department of Transportation to purchase 1.26 acres at the Greenville Higher Education Center from the State of Mississippi for the purpose of constructing a new interchange on Mississippi Highway 1. The selling price will be \$3,780. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.
- 18. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received the Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the February 15, 2006 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 901.03 Facilities Staff Responsibilities. **(See Exhibit 3.)**

LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Bob Owens, Chair

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #2 as submitted on the following Legal Agenda. Agenda item #3 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda item #4 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Estess, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting.

- 1. **System Administration (Information item.)** - Payment of legal fees to outside counsel, as follows:
 - a. In relation to litigation and other matters:
Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bryan Nelson, P.A. (Statement dated 1/3/06) from the funds of The University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Krell* case.)

TOTAL DUE **\$462.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 12/12/05 and 1/13/06) from the funds of The University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$161.11 and \$275.20, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with the *Durham v. MSCI* case.)

TOTAL DUE **\$436.31**

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statement dated 1/20/06) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with general advice.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,345.15

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statement dated 1/10/06) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with DHS litigation.)

TOTAL DUE \$197.60

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Purdie & Metz (Statement dated 1/30/06) from the funds of The University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Williams* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$28,253.46

b. In relation to patent and other matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Greenberg Traurig (Statements dated 1/25/06, 1/25/06, 1/25/06, 1/25/06, 1/25/06, 1/25/06, 12/8/05, and 11/4/05) from the funds of The University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “General Matter” - \$160.51; “Aminoquinolines” - \$473.65; “Stable Suppository Formulations Effecting Bioavailability of 9-THC, Japan” - \$92.50; Potent Immunostimulants from Microalgae” - \$370.00; “Method of Treating Disease Through the Administration of a Manzamine Analog or Derivative” - \$462.50; “Potent Immunostimulatory Extracts from Microalgae” - \$92.50; “New Manzine Alkaloids with Potent Activity Against Infectious Diseases” - \$45.00; and "Method of Preparing Delta-9 Tetrahydrocannabinol” - \$700.00, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,396.66

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Cooper & Dunham (Statements dated 10/31/05) from the funds of The University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Method and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes – Slovenian” - \$108.50; “Method and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes –South African” - \$58.50; “Method and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes –Canadian” - \$108.50; “Method and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes –Japanese” - \$176.77; “Method and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes –European” - \$337.17; “Method and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes –Belgian” - \$71.50; “Method and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes –French” - \$204.00; “Method and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes –German” - \$271.00; “Method and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes –British” - \$82.50; “Method and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes –Italian” - \$71.50; and “Syntheses and Optical Resolution of the Taxol Side Down and Related Compounds” - \$.75.)

TOTAL DUE \$1,490.69

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 11/26/05, 12/10/05, 1/17/06, 1/17/06, 1/23/06, 12/15/05, 11/28/05, 11/28/05, and 11/28/05) from the funds of The University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Commercialization Related to License Agreement with Chromadex, Inc.” - \$967.50; “Commercialization Related to License Agreement with Chromadex, Inc.” - \$1,935.00; “Method for Detecting Buried Objects” - \$355.00; “Animal Model for Anxiety & Depression” - \$167.65; “Termite Acoustic Detection” - \$338.40; “Method for Detecting Buried Objects” - \$108.00; “Termite Acoustic Detection” - \$270.00; “Method for Detecting Buried Objects” - \$217.80; and “Animal Model for Anxiety and Depression” - \$2,157.50, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE \$6,516.85

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Piper Rudnick (Statements dated 12/21/05, 12/21/05, 12/21/05, 12/19/05, 12/16/05, 12/8/05, 12/8/05, 12/7/05, 12/7/05, 12/7/05, 12/7/05, 12/5/05, 12/7/05, 12/31/05, 1/13/06, 1/25/06, 1/27/06, 1/27/06, 1/27/06, 1/27/06, 1/30/06, 1/27/06, 1/27/06, 1/27/06, 1/27/06, 1/31/06, 1/31/06, and 1/31/06) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Directed Movement of Termites Using Low Frequency Emissions” - \$343.86; “Oligofructose and Insulin Reduce Growth of Listeria” - \$2,448.81; “Through-Log Density Detector” - \$658.29; “Silicon Carbide and Related Wide Bandgap Transistors” - \$1,326.65; “Production of Biodiesel and Other Valuable Chemicals from Waste Water Treatment” - \$782.04; “Optical Fiber Sensor Having a Sol-gel Fiber Core” - \$2,405.20; “A Fiber Optic Sensor for NO₂” - \$1,305.10; “Ventilating Dehumidifying System Using a Wheel” - \$1,010.00; “Heat Recovery Ventilator with Make-Up Air Capability” - \$1,010.52; “The Silicon Carbide” - \$761.65; “Dehumidifier Using Non-Rotating Desiccant Material” - \$1,010.90; “Vehicle Location and Performance Tracking System Using Wireless Communication” - \$8,545.75; “Moisture and Density Detector” - \$3,764.76; “Substituted Phenylheterocyclic Herbicide” - \$2,159.97; “Directed Movement of Termites Using Low Frequency Emissions” - \$442.11; “Substituted Phenylheterocyclic Herbicide” - \$979.53; “Moisture and Density Detector” - \$333.57; “Substituted Phenylheterocyclic Herbicide” - \$647.84; “Substituted Phenylheterocyclic Herbicide” - \$689.06; “Nucleotide Sequence of a Complimentary D” - \$1,460.83; “Delivery System for Supplemental Wood Preservative/Metal Corrosion Inhibition Treatment” - \$2,400.00; “Delivery System for Supplemental Wood Preservative/Metal Corrosion Inhibition Treatment” - \$3,772.06; “Substituted Phenylheterocyclic Herbicide” - \$1,019.77; “Substituted Phenylheterocyclic Herbicide” - \$1,063.84; “Substituted Phenylheterocyclic Herbicide” - \$558.30; “Bast Medium Biological Reactor Treatment” - \$740.75; “Cont.... Device that Interacts with Target Application” - \$761.27; and “Method for Early Evaluation in Micropipeline Processors” - \$400.00, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE \$42,802.43

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (Statements dated 10/26/05) from the funds of The University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Zjawiony/Cembranoids, Chemopreventive” - \$150.98; “Cleary/Amphotericin BHP” - \$3,024.35, “Avery/Novel Antigiardial Agents” - \$100.62; “Repka/Medicaments to Nail & Perionychiu” - \$215.41; “Nagle/Saururus Cernuus Compounds that Inhibit Cellular Responses to Hypoxia” - \$1,800.00; and, “Seiner/Corrugated and Ported Prism Engine Nozzel for Reduction of Supersonic Jet Exhaust Noise” - \$290.04.)

TOTAL DUE \$5,581.40

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (Statements dated 1/20/06) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: "Synergistic Combinations of Chrome-Free Corrosion Inhibitors" - \$30.28; “Method of Diagnosing & Monitoring Malignant Breast Carcinomas” - \$40.28; “Cell Culture Model for Demyelination/Remyelination” - \$115.44; “Saliva-Based Protein Profiling” - \$20.00; and “Amphotericin BHP Delivery System” - \$266.54.)

TOTAL DUE \$472.54

2. **System Administration** - Approved the settlement of the case styled *Dauida Williams v. The University of Southern Mississippi*.
3. **System Administration** - Approved the settlement of the case styled *Bouchillon v. Mississippi State University*.
4. **System Administration** - Approved Alcorn State University’s request to negotiate the purchase of property for an off-campus ASU program. Supporting documents are on file in the Board Office.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA
Presented by Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner

On motion by Mr. Estess, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda items #1 and #2 as submitted on the following Administration/Policy Agenda. Agenda item #3 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda item #4 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting.

1. **ASU** - Approved the request to bestow an honorary degree on Mr. Earl G. Graves at its May 2006 commencement ceremony.

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2. **MUW** - Approved the request to bestow honorary degrees on Ms. Leslie Farrell Threadgill and Ms. Corinne Williford Pierce at its May 2006 commencement events.
3. **System Administration** - Approved the agenda item considered subsequent to the February 15, 2006 Board meeting, as follows:
 - a. **MSU** - Employment of Christopher B. Clifford.
4. **System Administration** - Approved the appointment of Ms. B. J. Moncure, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Jackson State University, to the Mississippi Higher Education Assistance Corporation (MHEAC) for a four-year term ending on the day prior to the Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Corporation in 2010.
5. **System Administration (Information item.)** - In compliance with Board Policy, the following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for inspection in the Board Office:
 - a. **System Administration** - Foreign travel requests submitted subsequent to the February 15, 2006 Board meeting;
 - b. **UM** - Budget revision, reclassification of expenditures, no escalation of budget; and
 - c. **MUW** - Renewal of service expenditure contract in accordance with Board Policy. The facilities management contract with Sodexo is to be amended by \$15,912, increasing the contract from \$2,533,771 to \$2,549,683. The amendment has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office.

PERSONNEL AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved the agenda items as submitted on the following Personnel Agenda.

1. **Personnel Report.**

EMPLOYMENT

Mississippi State University
Kent, Marijo G.

University of Mississippi - Athletics
Barnett, Jr., Tony F.
Farrar, Barney L.
Harris, Maurice J.

University of Mississippi Medical Center
Karr, Elizabeth M.

CHANGE OF STATUS

Jackson State University
Watkins, Daniel

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University of Southern Mississippi

Morgan, Joseph J.

TERMINATION

Delta State University

Cooper, Yancy L.
Faulkner, Samuel
Ferriss, David M.
Hudson, Jr., Abe Marshall
Locke, Leonard
Pearman, Laura Tatum
Pettway, Keith
Routman, Mark
Selby, Tracy

Mississippi State University

Althen, Thomas G.

Mississippi State University - Athletics

Bass, Jimmy F.

Mississippi University for Women

Davidson, Janice
Flournoy, Nasharee
Hamill, Teresa
Hubbard, Dorothy
Hunsucker, Brunda
Rawles, Scott
Smith, Steve
Whitehead, Kim

Mississippi Valley State University

Fisher, Bobby
Rose, Alisha

University of Mississippi

Ukeiley, Lawrence

University of Mississippi - Athletics

Slocum, Richard S.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Bailey, David
Bond, Kevin H.

Braden, James H.
Campbell, Charles W.
Cronin, Irvin H.
Dabagia, Melissa
Dyson, Brenda
Golanov, Eugene V.
Gray, Laura
Green, Serena G.
Hamilton, Winifred M.
Hayes, Lisa
Heard, Dorothy
Hoffman, Rosemary
Johnson, Karen K.
Kelley, Colin T.
Kuebler, Richard S.
Major, James W.
Mason, Sandra
McDonald, Stephen T.
McFerrin, Lela
McGinnis, Kevin T.
Monistere, Pamela B.
Morgan, Shelia
Mosby, Charmaine T.
Navoy, Joseph F.
Nolting, Pamela F.
Norwood, Ollie B.
Paine, Russ
Sheid, Mary H.
Shepherd, Mark D.
Smith, Barbara
Stacy, Toni D.
Sullivan, Brendan M.
Tucker, George E.
Tynes, Kim F.

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Mississippi State University

DelPrince, James M.
Dunne, James A.
Gill, Duane A.
Jackson, Donald C.
Jordan, Jack L.
Kern, Margaret R.
Knudson, Kevin P.

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Loewe, Ronald B.
Lyons, Richard J.
McCourt, Timothy J.
Mylroie, John E.
Neumann, Michael M.
Qian, Chuanxi
Silva, Juan L.

Mississippi University for Women

Longton, Michael

University of Mississippi

Alidaee, Bahram

Barker, Deborah E.
Buskes, Gerard J.
Fisher, IV, Benjamin F.
Gaston, Gary R.
Gutierrez, John R.
Moen, Jon R.
Palmer, Harvey D.
Schirmer, Gregory A.
Staton, III, Willaim A.
Trefzer, Annette
Ward, Joseph P.
Yang, Xiaobin

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Presented by Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner

1. Dr. Meredith mentioned the successful reunion held yesterday for the former Board Trustees.
2. Dr. Meredith stated that this legislative session seems to be shaping up fairly well for higher education. There will probably be some salary increases and operational increases. For the next two weeks, the legislature will be focusing on appropriations. Dr. Meredith urged the Board members to contact the legislators to express the need for their support of the appropriation bills for higher education. He thanked Ms. Suzanne Sharpe, IHL Assistant Commissioner for Governmental Relations and Legal Affairs, and Dr. Bill Smith, IHL Interim Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, for their work at the legislature. They have been at the Capitol on a daily basis keeping abreast of the events. He thanked Dr. Linda McFall, IHL Assistant Commissioner for Finance and Administration, and her group for the financial data they are providing. Further, Dr. Meredith thanked the Institutional Executive Officers and the institutional legislative liaisons for all of their work.
3. At its February meeting, the Board agreed to reserve a seat among the staff seating area for the President of the Student Body Presidents' Council of Mississippi (SBPCM). Dr. Meredith mentioned that it was the first Board meeting attended by Ms. Rebecca Bertrand, the President of the SBPCM and President of the Associated Student Body at The University of Mississippi.
4. One of Dr. Meredith's goals is to increase healthy competition among the institutions whether it is on the playing field, in academic awards, or in research grants and contracts.
5. In December, IHL began its first annual *Best Practices Competition*, which is a Board-sponsored program designed to highlight efforts that create efficient and effective practices initiated within the System's institutions in the categories of academics; finance, business and administration; student services; and technology. Proposals were judged by peer groups within each of the universities. Winning first and second place institutions will receive \$10,000 and \$5,000 stipends. The *2005 Best Practices Winners Include:*
Academics - First Place (two-way tie)
 - Mississippi Valley State University's Community Service Learning Project
 - The University of Mississippi's Wintersession Program

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Academics - Second Place

- Delta State University's Educational Leadership Program: Full-Time Cohort Model

Finance, Business and Administration - First Place

- Jackson State University's Comprehensive Energy Renovation Program

Finance, Business and Administration - Second Place

- The University of Mississippi's Zone Maintenance Project

Student Services - First Place

- The University of Southern Mississippi's Luckyday Foundation Citizenship Scholarship Program

Student Services - Second Place

- The University of Mississippi's Comprehensive Online Financial Aid Student Self-Service Project

Technology - First Place

- Delta State University's Faculty Technology Institute

Technology - Second Place

- Mississippi University for Women's Creating Cost Effective Public Networks Project

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dr. Magee thanked the Commissioner, the Board members, the Institutional Executive Officers, and the staff for their efforts to improve diversity throughout the university system. He gave special thanks to Mr. Bob Owens who has become a leader in terms of this issue. The Board has been receiving diversity information in relation to attorneys from Mr. Van Gillespie, Special Assistant Attorney General, and in relation to contracts from Mr. Ed Blakeslee, the Chair of the Real Estate & Facilities Committee.
2. Dr. Shelby Thames, President of The University of Southern Mississippi, introduced Mr. Joseph Morgan, Director of Procurement Services, who will be serving as the Interim Chief Financial Officer.
3. Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr., President of Jackson State University, announced that JSU's track team has won the second consecutive conference championship and placed six student athletes in the national NCAA finals. JSU student, Michael Tinsley, finished fifth in the nation for the 400-meter run. The JSU Women's Basketball Team tied for the regular season championship. In other news, Dr. Mason informed the Board that he has signed an historical agreement with the largest technical university in Poland to create an international institute in computational modeling. There were about thirty students selected to spend two weeks with a group of Nobel Laureates this summer one of which is a JSU student. This makes the third consecutive year that a JSU student has been selected to participate.
4. Dr. Claudia Limbert, President of Mississippi University for Women, informed the Board that Dr. Samuel Gingerich, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at MUW, will be leaving to return to South Dakota in June. Dr. Gingerich has been a transformational leader on the campus among the faculty.
5. Ms. Newton reminded the Board that this is the last Board meeting to be attended by Dr. Charles Lee, President of Mississippi State University. She thanked him for his service to the university and the State of Mississippi. On behalf of the Board, Ms. Newton wished Dr. Lee well. Dr. Lee thanked the Board.
6. Ms. Newton wished Dr. Bristow a happy birthday.
7. Ms. Newton thanked Mr. Patterson and Mr. Colbert for their sponsorship of the trustee reunion yesterday.

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8. Ms. Newton announced that the April 20, 2006 two-day Board meeting will be held on the Mississippi University for Women campus.
9. Ms. Newton reminded the Mississippi State University Search Committee that it will meet immediately following the Board meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
Wednesday, March 15, 2006**

1. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Newton invited the former Trustees to attend a reunion luncheon commemorating their service to the state. Prior to the luncheon, Commissioner Thomas Meredith gave a *State of the System* speech which addressed how things have changed since the former Trustees sat on the Board. Many of the former Trustees stayed to attend the committee meetings and were recognized by Ms. Newton. Ms. Newton thanked the Board staff for their work on the reunion events. Dr. Meredith expressed his appreciation for the great work that was accomplished by the former Trustees.
2. Ms. Newton congratulated Ms. Carol Mead, IHL Director of Public Information, for being accepted into the Yale Divinity School.

**Educational Policies & Programs Committee
Wednesday, March 15, 2006**

The committee was brought to order by Dr. Neely, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **Online Course at ASU**
The committee was informed that Alcorn State University plans to offer the Bachelor of Science in General Studies online as referenced by committee agenda item #1 in the Board Book.
2. **No Child Left Behind**
The committee received its annual report on the *No Child Left Behind Act: Improving Teacher Quality Awards* as referenced by committee agenda item #2 in the Board Book.

The following committee members were present: Dr. Bettye Neely (Chair), Dr. Stacy Davidson, Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Roy Estess, Dr. D. E. Magee, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Bob Owens, and Ms. Robin Robinson.

**Budget, Finance & Audit Committee
Wednesday, March 15, 2006**

The committee was brought to order by Mr. Patterson, Chair. The following item was discussed:

1. **UMMC Contracts**
On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Owens, with Mr. Colbert absent and not voting, the committee recommended that the Board approve the UMMC contracts as referenced by committee

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agenda item #1 in the Board Book.

The following committee members were present: Mr. Aubrey Patterson (Chair), Mr. Roy Estess, Mr. Bob Owens, and Ms. Robin Robinson. Mr. Thomas Colbert was absent. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. D. E. Magee, Dr. Bettye Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten.

**ANNOUNCEMENT
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Mr. Frank Alley, IHL Assistant Commissioner for Construction and Physical Affairs, introduced Mr. Harry Sims, an architect with 29 years of experience in the state. Mr. Sims has joined the IHL Construction and Physical Affairs staff as a Project Manager.

**Real Estate & Facilities Committee
Wednesday, March 15, 2006**

The committee was brought to order by Mr. Blakeslee, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **Initiation of Projects/Appointments of Professionals**
On motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Robinson, and unanimously passed by those present, the committee recommended that the Board approve the Initiations of Projects/Appointments of Professional at JSU and MVSU as referenced by committee agenda items #1 - #2 in the Board Book.
2. **Construction Documents**
On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the committee recommended that the Board approve the construction document items for DSU, JSU, MSU, and UM as referenced by committee agenda items #3 - #6 in the Board Book.
3. **Award of Contracts**
On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the committee recommended that the Board approve the award of contracts for MSU and UM as referenced by committee agenda items #7 - #10 in the Board Book.
4. **Miscellaneous Requests**
 - a. On motion by Mr. Estess, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the committee recommended that the Board approve the following:
 - i. Request to grant an easement and right-of-way to the City of Clarksdale for the DSU as referenced by committee agenda item #11 in the Board Book,
 - ii. Request to sell property located between University Drive and Collegeview Street for MSU as referenced by committee agenda item #12 in the Board Book,
 - iii. Request to allow a commercial entity to utilize a university facility at MSU as referenced by committee agenda item #13 in the Board Book,
 - iv. Request to grant an easement for BellSouth at MSU as referenced by committee agenda item #14 in the Board Book,
 - v. Resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$22 million in revenue bonds by UM as referenced by committee agenda item #15 in the Board Book,

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- vi. Request to grant an easement to CenterPoint Energy for UM as referenced by committee agenda item #16 in the Board Book, and
- vii. Request to sell property at the Greenville Higher Education Center to the State of Mississippi as referenced by committee agenda item #17 in the Board Book.
- b. The committee received the summary listing of the Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved subsequent to the February 15, 2006 Board meeting as referenced by committee agenda item #18 in the Board Book.

The following committee members were present: Mr. Ed Blakeslee (Chair), Dr. Stacy Davidson, Mr. Roy Estess, Mr. Bob Owens, and Ms. Robin Robinson. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Dr. D. E. Magee, Dr. Bettye Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten.

**Legal Committee
Wednesday, March 15, 2006**

The committee was brought to order by Mr. Owens, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **Payment of Legal Fees**
The committee received the reports concerning legal fees paid to outside counsel for litigation and other matters and for patent matters as referenced by committee agenda item #1 in the Board Book.
2. **Executive Session**
On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Ross, and unanimously passed by those present, the committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Owens, and unanimously passed by those present, the committee **voted to go into Executive Session** for the reason later reported by the Chair in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of three litigation matters.
Discussion of two potential land transactions.

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the committee voted to return to Open Session.

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Ms. Whitten, and unanimously passed by those present, the committee recommended that the Board approve the settlement of the case styled *David Williams v. The University of Southern Mississippi*.

A motion was made by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to recommend that the Board approve the settlement of the case styled *Bouchillon v. Mississippi State University*. The motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote. Committee members voting for the motion were: Mr. Bob Owens, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Robin Robinson, and Ms. Amy Whitten. Mr. Ross voted against the motion.

The committee received information relating to a the University of Mississippi Medical Center contract. No action was taken.

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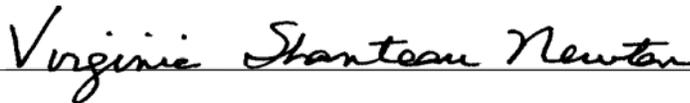
The committee discussed a potential land transaction at The University of Southern Mississippi campus. No action was taken.

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Ross, and unanimously passed by those present, the committee recommended that the Board approve ASU's request to negotiate the purchase of property for an off-campus ASU program.

The following committee members attended the meeting: Mr. Bob Owens (Chair), Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Robin Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Roy Estess, Dr. D. E. Magee, Dr. Bettye Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, and Mr. Aubrey Patterson.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Estess, with Mr. Colbert and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn.



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EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 Resolution honoring the Black History Month Educator, Dr. William Person, Director of Graduate Studies and Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, Mississippi State University.
- Exhibit 2 Resolution commending the special Black History Month honoree, the Honorable Henry J. Kirksey.
- Exhibit 3 Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the February 15, 2006 Board meeting.

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RESOLUTION

HONORING

DR. WILLIAM PERSON

2006 Black History Educator of the Year

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning pays tribute and recognizes Dr. William Person, Director of Graduate Studies and Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, Mississippi State University (MSU), as the Black History Educator of the Year 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Person holds a doctoral degree and master's degree in educational administration from the University of Georgia and a bachelor's degree in French from Johnson C. Smith University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Person's employment experiences include working as a dormitory counselor (Johnson C. Smith University); French and mathematics teacher (Georgia); field service specialist and administrative assistant (University of Georgia); and at MSU: assistant professor, associate professor, and professor (Department of Curriculum and Instruction); interim and associate dean of the Graduate School; and in 2004 was appointed Director of Graduate Studies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Person's contributions to diversity and to positive relations among all elements of the university and the broader community are numerous and varied, and highlighted by his leadership efforts to promote minority graduate education at MSU and in other state institutions through the Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Person has played a pivotal role in increasing numbers and success of African-American graduate students who now make up nearly 20 percent of MSU's doctoral students. His guidance and encouragement have helped many students and young professionals to build on their potential and achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Person is a true advocate of community involvement at MSU, serving on the Affirmative Action Committee; Diversity Committee; Scholarship/Assistantship Committee; Minority Issues Committee, Conference of Southern Graduate Schools; consultant, numerous diversity workshops and presentations; active in National Black Graduate Student Association; participates in multicultural education programs; principal investigator for external projects for under-represented students, and chair, Black Heritage Program in Starkville Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Person has been recognized for his commitment to education by receiving the following honors and awards: Certificate of Appreciation by the McNair Research Forum at Jackson State University; Certificate of Appreciation by the 2000 Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi (AGEM); and Graduate of the PRO-MISS Institute of Leadership, Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Person's professional memberships and activities include Vice-President/President Elect, President, Conference of Southern Graduate Schools; member, Planning Committee, Research Association of Minority Professors; member, National Black Graduate Student Association Advisory Council; Executive Board, Council of Graduate Schools; Executive Board of Directors for the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA); Executive Board of Directors for the Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Person is the renowned author of numerous books including, but not limited to: Strategies for instructing culturally diverse students: Evaluation of a series of intensive summer institutes (Abstract). Program and Proceedings, Thirteenth Annual Research Association of Minority Professors Conference; Malcolm X on drugs and alcohol, Malcolm X Encyclopedia; An investigation of the multicultural perceptions of selected secondary social studies student teachers (Abstract), Program and Proceedings, Twenty-Seventh Annual Mid-South Educational Research and Association Conference; and

WHEREAS, *Dr. Charles Lee, President of Mississippi State University, summarizes Dr. Person's success:*

"Dr. Person has been a strong voice for diversity while demonstrating exemplary professionalism. He is not only a role model but also a superb mentor. His commitment to academic excellence makes him an extremely valuable resource at MSU and an excellent choice for recognition by the Board's Black History Committee."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning takes great pride in recognizing Dr. William Person as "Educator of the Year" in observance of Black History Month for his tireless efforts in the pursuit of excellence in education and commitment to positive advancement of diversity at MSU and in the community, that have fostered a better understanding and appreciation of African-American history and culture.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that a copy of this resolution be included in the minutes of the Board and a copy presented to Dr. Person to share with his family in recognition of his commitment to diversity in higher education.*

DONE, *this the 16th day of March, 2006.*

Virginia Shanteau Newton

VIRGINIA SHANTEAU NEWTON, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS
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EXHIBIT 2

March 16, 2006

RESOLUTION

HONORING HONORABLE HENRY J. KIRKSEY POSTHUMOUSLY 1915-2005

*WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning pays tribute and honors **Honorable Henry J. Kirksey**, posthumously, in observance of Black History Month; and*

*WHEREAS, the fourth of eight children, **Kirksey** was born May 9, 1915, in Lee County on a family farm outside of Tupelo, Mississippi. He attended the public schools of Lee County and graduated from Vashon High School in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was a star football player. Upon graduating, he attended North Carolina Central University on a football scholarship. He graduated with honors in 1947, earning a degree in economics. **Kirksey** was elected to the University's Sports Hall of Fame; and*

WHEREAS, he joined the U. S. Army during World War II. As a soldier, he rose to the rank of Major; and

*WHEREAS, after his stint with the military, **Kirksey** became a journalist. He worked for the Los Angeles Sentinel, and developed a newspaper in the Greensboro/ Highpoint/Winston-Salem, North Carolina, area. After moving to Mississippi, at the urging of Jackson State College President Jacob Reddix to help him start a credit union for teachers in the Hinds County area, he served as editor of the Mississippi Free Press and the Mississippi Teacher's Association Journal. Subsequently, he established his own publishing company; and*

*WHEREAS, through the years, **Kirksey** was not only a journalist, but a cartographer, lithographer, and demographic analyst by trade. He was court certified as a demographic analyst and photographer as a result of and for the purposes of civil rights litigation; and*

*WHEREAS, in the early 1960s **Kirksey** became totally involved in the Civil Rights Movement, working with the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and other state and local organizations. He gathered data that was used by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund to document the separate and unequal conditions in the public schools in the state. This, in turn, helped to win the state school desegregation case in 1969; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1964, **Kirksey** filed suit against the state, challenging county-wide election of state representatives and senators. That suit resulted in the adoption of single-member legislative districts in 1979. Several significant changes were made possible through the redistricting: (1) there is now a predominately Black district; (2) the Mississippi State Legislature was reappointed so that the number of Black legislators more than tripled; (3) judicial redistricting was done that enabled Blacks to become judges at every level; (4) county supervisory districts were redrawn, leading to Blacks being elected in every part of the state; (5) the city of Jackson changed from a Commission to a Mayor-Council form of government, enabling Blacks to gain a majority of the seats on the local level; (6) dual registration for voting was eliminated, which had been a barrier to Black citizens wanting to vote; (7) and strict separation of powers was established in the case of the Lieutenant Governor. He was completely successful in all of the suits except the last, resulting in a great change in the political landscape impacting Black representation; and*

*WHEREAS, **Kirksey** is credited with Mississippi's having the most Black elected officials in the country, which has led to the election of almost 600 African-Americans to public office; and*

*WHEREAS, **Kirksey** was one of the first Blacks elected to the state senate after Reconstruction. Before and after he was elected to the state Legislature in 1979, **Kirksey** made several unsuccessful bids for public office, including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Senate, and mayor of Jackson; and*

WHEREAS, in 1992, he joined the Tougaloo College faculty as an adjunct professor of political science teaching about Mississippi's civil rights history. He lived on campus until his death. He periodically published The Kirksey Report, which he later called "The Truth"; and

WHEREAS, one of **Kirksey's** last battles was concerning the Jackson Metro Parkway, which will connect west Jackson to downtown. Construction began in December 2001. **Kirksey** felt the parkway "was unnecessary" and violated people's rights to own property; and

WHEREAS, **Kirksey** co-hosted a local radio program with Ivory Phillips, a Jackson State University professor on WMPR 90.1FM, on which he analyzed and publicized issues such as public education, higher education, and the unequal and unfair allocation of funds for things that could benefit African-Americans. In all of these endeavors, he invested his time and personal funds because of his strong commitment to the pursuit of truth, justice and equality. He was not concerned about wealth or fame, just doing what was right; and

WHEREAS, **Kirksey's** daughter, Karin Kirksey Zander, said "it's hard to talk about a man who has 'made such a big impact.' I just always had this immense respect for what he committed himself to do. He gave 150 percent, and I just always viewed him as a heroic figure"; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Parker Weaver, executive secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, remembers **Kirksey** in these words: "He was a giant who was far beyond his time. His vision of empowerment for African Americans was unmatched by anyone in terms of political entitlement"; and

WHEREAS, **Henry J. Kirksey's** uncommon fortitude and commitment to working to enhance the quality of life for African Americans and all the citizens of Mississippi have touched the lives of all who know him and earned him the respect and admiration of people in Mississippi and all over the world; and

WHEREAS, **Henry J. Kirksey's** service to the state and nation may best be summed up in the words of this quote [author unknown]: "The highest courage is to dare to be yourself in the face of adversity, choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience and truth over popularity . . . these are the choices that measure your life. Travel the path of integrity without looking back, for there is never a wrong time to do the right thing."

WHEREAS, **Henry J. Kirksey**, posthumously, is to be commended and accorded the Board's highest accolades for his rare combination of courage, commitment, persistence and humility in being a strong voice in furthering the cause of justice and equality for all citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning takes great pride in honoring **Henry J. Kirksey**, posthumously, for his untiring efforts and commitment to truth, justice and equality for African Americans and all citizens of the state of Mississippi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is included in the minutes of the Board and a copy presented to the family of the late **Henry J. Kirksey**, in recognition of his lifelong work.

DONE, this the 16th day of March, 2006.

Virginia Shanteau Newton

VIRGINIA SHANTEAU NEWTON, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS
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EXHIBIT 3

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Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the February 15, 2006 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 901.03 Facilities Staff Responsibilities.

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Board Staff approved Change Order #1 in the deductive amount of \$1,840.74 for GS #102-209, Athletic Facility Renovations, and requested approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available from S. B. 2010, Laws of 2004.

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

The Board Staff approved a Change Directive for GS #103-206, ADA Compliance - Phase II, in the amount of \$37,116 with an additional 60 days to the contract time for Sullivan Enterprises, Inc., and requested approval by the Bureau of Buildings. This will allow for the redesign of the visitor's locker room and officials' locker room. Funds are available in the project budget.

The Board Staff approved the Design Development Documents for GS #103-222, Drainage Improvements, and requested approval and payment of professional fees by the Bureau of Buildings. Also, requested a transfer of all remaining funds from GS #103-222, Drainage Improvements, to GS #103-179, School of Engineering.

The Board Staff approved payment of 70% of the professional fees to Eley Associates in the amount of \$124,707 for GS #103-203, President's Home, and requested approval and payment by the Bureau of Buildings.

MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

The Board Staff approved the University's request for Aquaterra Engineering to provide geotechnical engineering services for IHL #204-129, Eckford Hall Renovation (Student Health and Wellness Center). The estimated fee is \$1,500. Funds are available in the project budget.

The Board Staff approved the University's request to transfer the remaining funds in the amount of \$92,094.93 from GS #104-136, Hi-Voltage Systems Upgrade, to GS #104-148, ADA Program, Shackelford Warehouse, and requested approval by the Bureau of Buildings.

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

The Board Staff approved Pryor & Morrow's recommendation for the consultant services of Peter Wong of ED2 International on GS #113-113, Wise Center Fire Alarm and Security Systems, and requested approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available in the project budget.

The Board Staff approved the Schematic Documents as prepared by Eley and Associates for IHL #205-163, New Music Facility. Funds are available in the project budget.

The Board Staff approved the University's request to award the furniture and equipment contracts for GS #113-107, MSU, F &E, Mississippi Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory - Phase II, and requested approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The contracts are as follows:

- (1) Grainger = \$3,382
- (2) Malone Tractor & Equipment/Trailer Sales, Inc. = \$27,906.18
- (3) Trek Diagnostic Systems = \$151,850.24
- (4) Fisher Scientific = \$65,125.57
- (5) Michelli Technologies = \$7,491.00
- (6) Biotrace International = \$4,228.00
- (7) C Squared Corporation = \$69,046.00
- (8) Thermo Electron = \$8,017.90
- (9) Tecan = \$40,421.00

Funds are available in the amount of \$2,000,000 from S. B. 2988, Laws of 2003

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

The Board Staff approved the Schematic Design Documents change as prepared by Foil-Wyatt Architect and Planners for GS#107-275, Physical Plant Department Outbuildings, and requested approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds in the amount of \$995,000 are available from S. B. 2988, Laws of 2003.

The Board Staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as prepared by Shafer & Associates for GS #107-277, Old Chemistry Building Renovations, and requested approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available from S. B. 2010, Laws of 2004