

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

November 15, 1984

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in regular session in Jackson, Mississippi, on Thursday, November 15, 1984, and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 1, 1984, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this November 15, 1984.

At the above named place there were present the following members to wit: William H. Austin, Jr., Thomas D. Bourdeaux, Frank O. Crosthwait, Jr., Martha H. Gill, Bryce Griffis, Will A. Hickman, Charles C. Jacobs, Jr., William M. Jones, Denton Rogers, Jr., Sidney L. Rushing, George T. Watson, and Betty A. Williams. John R. Lovelace was absent.

The meeting was called to order by President Charles C. Jacobs, Jr., and opened with prayer by Mr. Griffis.

Executive Sessions

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Watson, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, November 14, 1984, that an executive session was necessary to discuss a personnel matter at the University of Southern Mississippi.

On motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to meet in executive session on Wednesday, November 14, 1984, to discuss the above mentioned personnel matter.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mrs. Gill, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, November 14, 1984, that an executive session was necessary to discuss legal matters pertaining to the law suit entitled Madge A. Pfaffman v. University of Mississippi, et al., where an open meeting would be conflicting with the decision of Mr. John M. Roper, United States Magistrate, in his Order Approving Stipulation of Dismissal dated November 2, 1984, and to the law suit entitled Mississippi Publishers Corporation v. Board of Trustees, et al., where an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board.

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Bourdeaux, the Board voted unanimously to meet in executive session on Wednesday, November 14, 1984, to discuss the above mentioned legal matters. Mr. Louis Fuselier, attorney in Madge A. Pfaffman v. University of Mississippi, et al., and Mr. Ed Brunini, attorney in Mississippi Publishers Corporation v. Board of Trustees, et al., were present.

Approval of the October 18, 1984, Minutes

On motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Watson, the minutes of the October 18, 1984, meeting were approved with the addition of the Student Advisory Committee Report.

Report of the Presidents' Council

On motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following report of the Presidents' Council was approved:

Dr. Joe L. Boyer, Chairman of the Presidents' Council, reported that the Council requests approval by the Board of Trustees to authorize liability experts to study the institutions of higher learning collectively and to establish a risk management program for the entire system. One of the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is that schools must be involved in risk management, and the Council feels that a program for the entire system would be more effective than individual programs at each institution.

Report of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee

On motion by Mr. Rushing, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the following report of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee was approved:

Mississippi University for Women:

1. Approve the request of the University to advertise for bids for the sale of land in Greene County, Mississippi, which has been determined unnecessary to the University's operation in accordance with S. B. 2620, Laws of 1984. The total number of acres is 280, and the sale of the land must be equal to the average of three appraisals by professional property appraisers.

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve the request to extend the contract of Hercules, Inc., for removal of stumpwood from certain areas of the University Forest Lands. The original contract was signed in September 1983. Work has not been completed and Hercules, Inc., wishes to extend the contract for six months at the same stumpage rate.
2. Approve the request to execute with the North Arkansas Electric Cooperative, Inc., a utility easement to the right and left of Route 126 in Baxter County, Arkansas, allowing them to set 6 poles within 10 feet of the highway.

Report of the Athletics Committee

On motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the following report of the Athletics Committee was approved:

Delta State University:

1. Item of Information: Delta State University is commended for being the recipient of the David M. Halbrook Award. This award is presented to the school with the highest percentage of graduating athletes, and Delta State graduated 71.85 percent of its 1979-80 enrolled athletes by the 1983-84 school year.

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve recommendation for athletic personnel as submitted by Dr. James D. McComas.
2. Confirm the appointment of John D. Kreis, Jr., as Head Tennis Coach, Men's and Women's Tennis, effective November 12, 1984, with an annual salary of \$22,000.00. Approval for this appointment was obtained by telephone poll.

Report of the Buildings Committee

On motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the following report of the Buildings Committee was approved:

Alcorn State University:

1. Approve the request and request approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the award of the contracts to the low bidder for Groups B through E, SBC 101-109, Furniture and Equipment, School of Nursing. Funds are available for this equipment from H. B. 1151, Laws of 1984.
2. Approve and request approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the contract documents and the advertisement for bids for GS 101-106, 1983 Roofing Program. Funds are available from S. B. 2996, Laws of 1982 and S. B. 2982, Laws of 1983.
3. Approve and request approval from the Central Data Processing Authority for SBC 101-109, Furniture and Equipment, Division of Nursing, for the purchase of computers. Funds for this equipment are available from H. B. 1151, Laws of 1984.
4. Approve and request approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for GS 101-110, Chiller Replacement for the Library. Funds are available in the project budget.

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve the request and request approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management to advertise for bids for GS 105-180, Elevators for the Handicapped, Industrial Education Building. Funds are available from S. B. 2996, Laws of 1982.
2. Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Alterations to Transportation Hangers adding \$79,420.50 to the contract of Allied Steel Buildings, Inc. This change order will make several significant additions to this project, the most important being the addition of doors to the hangers. The recent break-in of one of the aircraft has forced the addition of doors to improve security. The cost of this change order will be borne by MAFES, Transportation and University fund sources.
3. Approve and request approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management to award the contract for GS 105-173, Hand Lab Chemical Waste System to the low bidder, Parker Brothers Plumbing and Heating Company. The bid is in the amount of \$170,500.00, and funds are available from S. B. 2982, Laws of 1983.

4. Approve and request approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order No. 3 adding \$369.50 and 60 days to the contract of C. S. Poole Contractor, Inc. for GS 105-175, McCarthy Gym Mechanical Renovations. This change order will paint the return air openings at the playing floor and will install a wire screen to prevent small objects from being thrown into the return air shaft. Funds for this change order are in the project contingency.

Mississippi University for Women:

1. Approve billing request No. 7 for Restoration of Puckett House - Phase I to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The amount of this billing is \$129.61 and the portion from the Department of Archives and History is \$64.80.

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve the contract documents and the request to advertise for bids for the renovation of room 207 of the Old Chemistry Building for joint use by the Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute and the Department of Geological Engineering. The estimated cost of this project is \$24,000.00, and funds are available from the Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute.
2. Approve the contract documents and the request to advertise for bids for a proposed Canine Facility. The project estimate for this construction is approximately \$18,000.00, and funds are available from University sources. This facility is needed by the School of Pharmacy in order to accept federal research grants.
3. Approve and request approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order No. 5 adding 120 days to the contract of Moore Electrical Service. The contractor was instructed to stop work from December 12, 1983, until March 7, 1984.

University of Mississippi Medical Center:

1. Approve the final contract documents and the request to advertise for bids for the Life Safety Code Revisions in the Out-Patient Department, the Medical Records Department, and the East Hospital Wing. The estimated cost of the project is \$73,224.00. Funds are available from University Medical Center sources. This is a requirement of a recent accreditation visit to the Hospital.
2. Approve the contract documents and the request to advertise for bids for SBC 109-117, 1983 Safety Code Renovations, Hospital Section. Funds are available from S. B. 2996, Laws of 1982.
3. Approve the request of the Medical Center to retain the services of Watkins & O'Gwynn, Electrical Engineers, to prepare contract documents and to advertise and take bids for the proper installation of the necessary electrical circuits for the operation of the YAG Laser equipment. Funds for this project are being provided by the University Medical Center.
4. Approve the plans and specifications and authorize the University Medical Center to advertise for bids for Modification to

Mechanical Systems for Energy Conservation. Funds are available from University of Mississippi Medical Center sources in the amount \$409,000.00.

5. Approve the plans and specifications and authorize the University Medical Center to advertise for bids for Miscellaneous Repairs to Mechanical Systems. Funds are available from University of Mississippi Medical Center sources in the amount of \$235,000.00.

Report of the Finance Committee

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the following report of the Finance Committee was approved:

Mississippi Valley State University:

1. Approve transfer of \$451,336.00 in the restricted fund balance to the unrestricted fund and approve transfer of \$971,728.00 in the auxiliary fund balance to the unrestricted fund. This would reduce the deficit in the unrestricted fund by \$1,423,064.00. (SEE EXHIBIT A)
2. Approve long-range financial plan as submitted by Dr. Joe L. Boyer reducing FY 1984-85 budget by \$290,000.00, FY 1985-86 budget by \$610,000.00, and FY 1986-87 budget by \$610,000.00. This will eliminate the budget deficit by FY 1986-87. (SEE EXHIBIT A)
3. Approve revised FY 1984-85 budget reducing expenditures in the amount of \$790,000.00. Of this amount, \$650,000.00 will be reduced from salaries, wages and fringe benefits, and \$140,000.00 will be reduced from contractual services. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

University of Southern Mississippi:

1. The University requests permission to purchase a piece of property located at 203 North 33rd Avenue currently owned by Dr. N. L. Landskov, Professor Emeritus of Education. The University owns the lots on both sides of this property. The property is improved with a residence and four apartments. The average of three appraisals indicates a value of approximately \$91,740.00. In addition, the furniture in the apartments has been appraised at approximately \$3,350. The purchase price recommended is \$95,100.00.

The University requests approval to pay \$35,100.00 from University funds at the time of purchase and to finance the balance through the S. M. Educational Building Corporation over a period of fifteen years at a tax exempt rate with the revenue stream from apartment rentals to pay the financed portion.

The residence will be leased back to the present owner for life at a nominal rate providing essentially a life estate. The owner is 82 years old.

Executive Office:

1. Approve monthly expenditures as submitted by Dr. E. E. Thrash.
2. Approve expenditures for the Graduate and Professional Degree Scholarship Program.

Report of the Legal Committee

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Watson, the following report of the Legal Committee was approved:

Jackson State University:

1. Affirm the action taken by the administration at Jackson State University and deny the appeal to the Board of Trustees of Dr. Henry Hall, Associate Professor and Director of the Master of Public Policy and Administration program.

Report of the Medical Affairs Committee

On motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Crosthwait, the following report of the Medical Affairs Committee was approved:

University of Mississippi Medical Center:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. R. Gerald Turner.
2. Approve request for a change in status for Dr. Robert E. Jordan from Associate Professor of Medicine, Director of the Division of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine and Attending Physician, University Hospital to Associate Professor of Medicine, Director of the Division of Emergency Medicine, School of Medicine, Acting Chairman, Department of Emergency Medical Technology, School of Health Related Professions and Attending Physician, University Hospital, effective November 15, 1984, with no change in funds.
3. Approve request to establish the following new positions:
  - a. Program Director and Instructor, Department of Emergency Medical Technology, School of Health Related Professions, full-time, effective October 23, 1984, with an annual salary of \$26,500.00.
  - b. Instructor in Emergency Medical Technology, Department of Emergency Medical Technology, School of Health Related Professions, full-time, effective October 26, 1984, with an annual salary of \$25,000.00.
  - c. Three Clinical Instructors in Family Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, School of Medicine, part-time, effective November 1, 1984, with an annual salary of \$1,385.00 for each of two instructors and an annual salary of \$2,771.00 for one instructor.
4. Approve requests for foreign travel for Dr. Alan E. Freeland, Dr. James D. Hardy, Dr. I. K. Ho, Dr. Danny R. Sparks, Dr. James L. Hughes, and Dr. George W. Briggs.

Medical Education Loan Program:

1. Approve Saltillo, Mississippi, as the dental practice location for Thomas D. Rose, effective July 1, 1985.
2. Rescind the Board's action at its August 16, 1984, meeting in which approval was given for James B. Williams, III, D.D.S., to postpone payment of interest on his dental loan from August 1, 1984, through January 31, 1985.

3. Declare James B. Williams, III, D.D.S., in breach of his contract, effective November 1, 1984. Dr. Williams has elected to serve in the Armed Forces prior to fulfilling his practice obligation under the State Medical/Dental Education Loan Program.

Special Medical Education Loan Program:

1. Approve the following applicant for a medical education loan:

Randy Kent Richardson - Union, Mississippi  
Medicine  
University of Mississippi Medical Center

Report of the Research Committee

On motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the following report of the Research Committee was approved:

Mississippi Research and Development Center:

1. Approve changes in staffing plan as submitted by Dr. Jim W. Meredith.
2. Approve the following contract:  
85-29E, Gloster North, Limited, \$11,880.00.

Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute:

1. Approve request to allow the Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute to meet semi-annually rather than quarterly and to submit its reports semi-annually rather than quarterly.

Report of the Student Advisory Committee

On motion by Mrs. Gill, seconded by Mr. Watson, the following report of the Student Advisory Committee was approved:

Reports from Student Representatives:

1. Reports were given by Mr. Steve Sheppard, Associated Student Body President at the University of Southern Mississippi and Student Advisor to the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Michael Glenn, Student Government Association President at Alcorn State University, as representatives of students at the eight universities. Mr. Sheppard plans to attend all meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Report of the Instruction, Administration, and Policy Committee

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following report of the Instruction, Administration, and Policy Committee was approved:

Alcorn State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Walter Washington.
2. Approve request to offer twenty off-campus courses at the Vicksburg Consortium during the 1985 spring semester as submitted by Dr. Walter Washington.

Delta State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Kent Wyatt.
2. Approve request for sabbatical leave for Mr. Britton B. Theurer.
3. Approve request for foreign travel for Mrs. Cora R. Lafuente, R.N.
4. Item of Information: Delta State University has adopted a written Flexible Compensation Plan to become effective January 1, 1985. This plan is an additional fringe benefit for employees.

Jackson State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. James A. Hefner.
2. Approve requests for foreign travel for Dr. James A. Perkins, Shelton J. Swanier, Dr. Wen-Hsung Yang, and Dr. Chung Shing Chu.
3. Approve request to establish the following new position:  
  
Visiting Professor, Department of Technology and Industrial Arts, School of Science and Technology, effective January 2, 1985, with an annual salary of \$24,475.00.
4. Approve request to offer 140 off-campus courses at the following locations which are within the 50-mile radius during the 1985 spring semester:  
  
Forest, Raleigh, Mendenhall/Magee, Piney Woods, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Canton, Hinds Junior College-Jackson/Rankin/Raymond, Carthage, Vicksburg, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Richland/Florence/Puckett, Yazoo City/County, Jackson-Hinds County schools, City of Jackson-Hinds County/Chamber of Commerce/Jackson Area Business and Industrial Sites, and Holmes Junior College
5. Approve request to offer three off-campus courses at Brookhaven, which is not within the 50-mile radius.

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. James D. McComas.
2. Accept the retirement schedule of Dr. Theodore K. Martin, Vice President, effective January 2, 1985.
3. Approve request that D. Meade Eastland be accorded the distinction of being named Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering, effective with his retirement in December 1984.
4. Approve requests for foreign travel for the Mississippi State baseball team, Dr. H. Dean Bunch, Dr. R. Rodney Foil, Dr. Walter K. Porter, Jr., Dr. Thomas H. Saterfiel, Dr. Robert P. Wilson, Dr. Louis N. Wise, Dr. John Bentinck-Smith, Professor Paul B. Jacob, and Dr. C. David Veal.

Mississippi University for Women:

1. Approve request to allow the North Mississippi United Methodist Conference to use the Whitfield Auditorium, June 2-5, 1985, for their annual conference.

Mississippi Valley State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Joe L. Boyer.

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. R. Gerald Turner.
2. Approve request to establish the following new position:  
Instructor in Business Law, School of Business Administration, Department of Economics and Finance, one-fourth time, effective August 20, 1984, with a one-semester contract at \$1,500.00.
3. Approve requests for foreign travel for Dr. K. P. George, Dr. Lucy Turnbull, Mr. Ernest Ross, Dr. Allie M. Smith, Dr. S. Y. Wang, and Dr. Subhash Bhatnagar.
4. Approve request to suspend admissions to the Master of Social Science degree program in History (CIP 450801).
5. Item of Information: The University of Mississippi will implement a "cafeteria plan" which enables employees to pay their share of group insurance benefits with pre-tax dollars rather than after-tax dollars, effective January 1, 1985.

University of Southern Mississippi:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas.
2. Approve request to establish the following new position:  
Assistant Dean, College of Science and Technology, effective September 10, 1984, with an annual salary of \$32,368.00.
3. Approve request for the establishment of a Master of Science degree with a major in Manufacturing Technology (CIP 150604).

Executive Office:

1. Approve personnel recommendation as submitted by Dr. E. E. Thrash.

Math-Science Teacher Education Scholarship Program:

1. Declare Carla Mae Edwards in breach of her contract, effective November 1, 1984. Ms. Edwards has not found a job teaching in the area of science.

By-Laws and Policies:

1. Approve the following revisions of the By-Laws and Policies under Buildings, I, A, page 37 and II, H and I, page 39:

I. Approval of Construction, Repairs, and Renovations

From:

"A. . . . The Board staff shall participate significantly in the designing and planning of all new buildings and in major renovation of all buildings on the campuses of the various institutions."

To:

A. . . . The Board staff shall participate significantly in the selection of professionals, the designing and planning of all new buildings, and in major renovation of all buildings on the campuses of the various institutions.

II. Planning of Facilities

From:

"H. The Chairman of the Buildings Committee and the Board office staff shall approve change order items at an increase of not more than \$10,000.00.

I. The Chairman of the Buildings Committee and the Board office staff shall approve the award of contracts not to exceed \$10,000.00."

To:

H. The Chairman of the Buildings Committee and the Board office staff shall approve change order items at an increase of not more than \$25,000.00.

I. The Chairman of the Buildings Committee and the Board office staff shall approve the award of contracts not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Proposed Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented Residential High School:

1. Hear report from Mr. Denton Rogers and Dr. DiAnn Lewis concerning the Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented Residential High School.

Universities Center:

1. Approve the addition of three courses to be offered at the Universities Center beginning with the 1985 spring semester.

Resolution

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board authorized the appropriate resolution to be written commending Dr. Elliot Sperling, Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi, for being the recipient of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Award. This award provides money which is completely unrestricted to Dr. Sperling and is intended to give him freedom from financial limitations in his endeavors. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

There being no further business, adjournment was ordered.

Meeting with Legislators:

1. Following adjournment of the meeting, the Board had a discussion with several legislators from the Hattiesburg area pertaining to previous decisions of the Board with regard to academic programs.

Informal Meeting of the Board:

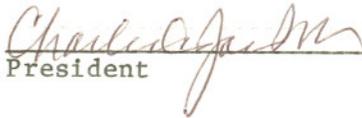
1. The Board met with Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, Executive Vice President at the University of Tennessee, in an informal meeting concerning professional services for a study of the allocation of funds formula. Since this discussion was related to personnel employment, it was declared to be an executive session.



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Executive Secretary and Director

Approved:



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President





# Mississippi Valley State University

Itta Bena, Mississippi 38941

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 9, 1984

Dr. E. E. Thrash  
 Executive Secretary and Director  
 Board of Trustees of State  
 Institutions of Higher Learning  
 Post Office Box 2336  
 Jackson, MS 39205

Dear Dr. Thrash:

The purpose of this letter is to present a rationale for your support and assistance in obtaining Board of Trustees approval to adjust the fund balance in the Auxiliary and Restricted Fund accounts. This letter also presents a plan for eliminating the June 30, 1983 accumulated deficit of \$2,333,000 in the Unrestricted Fund account.

At June 30, 1983, the Restricted Fund account had an unappropriated balance of \$451,337. This balance resulted from non transferred in-kind expenditures from the Unrestricted Fund to the Restricted Fund. In as much as the University has been audited many times and no evidence of inappropriateness in our records has been found, we are requesting approval to transfer the unappropriated Restricted Fund balance of \$451,337 to the Unrestricted Fund account.

At June 30, 1983, the Auxiliary Fund had a credit balance of \$1,367,728. This balance resulted from not transferring from the Unrestricted Fund to the Auxiliary Fund appropriate costs of electricity, natural gas, telephone service and physical plant expenditures. After reserving \$396,000 for the Retirement of Indebtedness Fund, approval is sought to transfer the remaining \$971,728 to the Unrestricted Fund thereby adjusting the Unrestricted Fund deficit to \$910,000 at June 30, 1983.

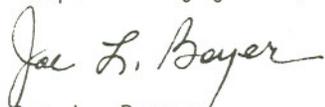
The University experienced a cost over-run of \$605,000 during the '84 fiscal year thereby causing an accumulated deficit of \$1,515,000 in the Unrestricted Fund account. During the current year, however, we are reducing expenditures by \$290,000 below budget to reduce the deficit



to \$1,225,000 by June 30, 1985. By reserving \$610,000 of the appropriation for both fiscal '86 and '87, the entire accumulated deficit can be eliminated by June 30, 1987.

We appreciate your support and assistance in obtaining Board of Trustees approval for both the transfers and the plan for eliminating the accumulated deficit.

Respectfully yours,



Joe L. Boyer  
PRESIDENT

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## EXHIBIT B

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE  
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Valley State University  
Revised FY 1985 Budget

	Approved Z-1 Budget <u>1984-85</u>	Revised <u>11/13/84</u>	Amount of <u>Reduction</u>
Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$ 6,949,322	\$6,299,322	\$650,000
Travel	152,195	152,195	-0-
Contractual Services	2,786,854	2,646,854	140,000
Commodities	296,918	296,918	-0-
Capital Outlay - Other than Equipment	200,000	200,000	-0-
Capital Outlay - Equipment	111,180	111,180	-0-
Transfers	<u>170,272</u>	<u>170,272</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>\$10,666,741</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,876,741</u></u>	<u><u>\$790,000</u></u>

Original revenue projection	\$10,666,741
less reduction due to enrollment decline	(600,000)
less first year of plan to reduce deficit	(290,000)
plus increase in athletic revenue	<u>100,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,876,741</u></u>

Reduction to be achieved as follows:

Unfilled positions FY 1984-85	\$350,000
Allocation of current employees to Title III grant	300,000
Reduction of general institutional expense	<u>140,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>\$790,000</u></u>



## EXHIBIT C

## R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Dr. Elliot Sperling, Visiting Assistant Professor of History at the University of Southern Mississippi, has been named a recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship by the Board of Directors of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the MacArthur Fellowship is given only to those judged to have unusual talents, creativity, and capacity for self-direction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sperling is one of only twenty-five recipients chosen for the MacArthur Fellowship and is the first faculty member from a Mississippi university to be awarded this prestigious fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sperling is an internationally known specialist in Sino-Tibetan history, serves as Assistant Editor of the Journal of the Tibet Society, has published several scholarly articles, has been invited to share his knowledge internationally in Budapest and at Taiwan University, and has conducted research in Nepal, India, Afghanistan, and Sikkim; and

WHEREAS, the MacArthur Fellowship will provide a tax-free award of \$176,000 in recognition of his significant work; and

WHEREAS, the MacArthur Foundation is also making a gift of \$8000 to the History Department of the University of Southern Mississippi to honor Dr. Sperling's abilities and service at the University and to sponsor further research and achievement in the department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sperling's research and teaching at the University of Southern Mississippi strengthen and broaden the programs in the History Department and further the quality of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sperling's superior achievements bring prominence nationally and internationally to the State of Mississippi and to its public institutions of higher learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi does hereby commend Dr. Elliot Sperling for receiving the MacArthur Fellowship, for

making contributions to his field of scholarship, and for sharing his knowledge and expertise to the benefit of public higher education throughout the state, the nation, and the world;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. Elliot Sperling.

Adopted this fifteenth day of November, 1984.