

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
April 18, 2007**

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 August 21, 2006, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this April 18, 2007 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, 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, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross and Ms. Amy Whitten. The meeting was called to order by Dr. D. E. Magee, President, and opened with prayer by Ms. Robin Robinson.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Magee stated, "Our hearts go out to Virginia Tech University. Let us hold that campus in our hearts and thoughts."

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Ms. Newton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved the Minutes of the meetings held on the following dates:

- ◆ March 8, 2007 Special Board Meeting,
- ◆ March 14, 2007 Regular Board Meeting,
- ◆ March 15, 2007 Special Board Meeting,
- ◆ March 27, 2007 Special Board Meeting,
- ◆ April 3, 2007 Special Board Meeting and
- ◆ April 5, 2007 Special Board Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Ms. Newton, Mr. Owens, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved the following Consent Agenda.

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

1. **System Administration** - Approved the degrees to be conferred in May 2007, as follows:

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Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
Alcorn State University				
<i>Undergraduate</i>				
	Associate of Science in Nursing	76		
	Bachelor of Science	254		
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	48		
	Bachelor of Arts	115		
			493	
<i>Graduate</i>				
	Master of Science in Agriculture	2		
	Master of Science in Biology	10		
	Master of Science in Education	61		
	Master of Science in Nursing	10		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	18		
	Master of Science in Computer and Information Science	3		
	Master of Business Administration	15		
			119	
				612
Delta State University				
<i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	17		
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	20		
	Bachelor of Music	3		
	Bachelor of Music Education	7		
	Bachelor of Science	70		
	Bachelor of Science in Education	17		
	Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice	10		
	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies	18		
	Bachelor of Social Work	30		
			192	
<i>College of Business</i>				
	Bachelor of Business Administration	101		
	Bachelor of Commercial Aviation	13		
			114	
<i>College of Education</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	13		
	Bachelor of Science	38		
	Bachelor of Science in Education	27		
	Bachelor of Science in General Studies	6		
			84	
<i>School of Nursing</i>				
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	28		
			28	
<i>School of Graduate Studies</i>				
	Master of Business Administration	13		
	Master of Commercial Aviation	2		
	Master of Education	58		

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	Master of Professional Accountancy	1			
	Master of Science in Community Development	2			
	Master of Science in Criminal Justice	7			
	Master of Science in Natural Sciences	3			
	Master of Science in Nursing	15			
	Educational Specialist	13			
	Doctor of Education	7			
			121		
				539	
Jackson State University					
	<i>Undergraduate</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	85			
	Bachelor of Business Administration	65			
	Bachelor of Music	4			
	Bachelor of Music Education	5			
	Bachelor of Science	306			
	Bachelor of Science Education	29			
	Bachelor of Social Work	30			
			524		
	<i>Graduate</i>				
	Doctor of Education	7			
	Doctor of Philosophy	7			
	Specialist in Education	6			
	Master of Arts	9			
	Master of Arts in Teaching	9			
	Master of Business Administration	7			
	Master of Professional Accountancy	6			
	Master of Public Health	9			
	Master of Public Policy and Administration	18			
	Master of Science	40			
	Master of Science in Education	35			
	Master of Science in Teaching	3			
	Master of Social Work	25			
			181		
				705	
Mississippi State University					
	<i>College of Agriculture and Life Sciences</i>				
	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	19			
	Bachelor of Science	125			
	Master of Agribusiness Management	3			
	Master of Landscape Architecture	2			
	Master of Science	23			
	Doctor of Philosophy	4			
			176		
	<i>College of Architecture, Art, and Design</i>				
	Bachelor of Architecture	31			
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	21			

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	Bachelor of Science	16		
	Master of Science	3		
			71	
<i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	208		
	Bachelor of Science	179		
	Bachelor of Social Work	35		
	Master of Arts	17		
	Master of Public Policy and Administration	9		
	Master of Science	34		
	Doctor of Philosophy	10		
			492	
<i>College of Business and Industry</i>				
	Bachelor of Business Administration	276		
	Master of Arts	1		
	Master of Business Administration	27		
	Master of Science in Business Administration	2		
	Master of Science in Information Systems	4		
	Doctor of Philosophy	8		
			318	
<i>College of Education</i>				
	Bachelor of Science	346		
	Bachelor of Music Education	4		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	2		
	Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary	4		
	Master of Science	66		
	Master of Science Instructional Technology	7		
	Educational Specialist	12		
	Doctor of Education	1		
	Doctor of Philosophy	24		
			466	
<i>College of Engineering</i>				
	Bachelor of Science in Engineering	211		
	Master of Science	37		
	Doctor of Philosophy	8		
			256	
<i>College of Forest Resources</i>				
	Bachelor of Science	28		
	Master of Science	9		
	Doctor of Philosophy	3		
			40	
<i>College of Veterinary Medicine</i>				
	Master of Science	4		
	Doctor of Philosophy	3		
	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	54		
			61	
<i>School of Accountancy</i>				
	Bachelor of Accountancy	39		
	Master of Professional Accountancy	9		

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	Master of Taxation	7			
			55		
				1935	
Mississippi University for Women					
	<i>Undergraduate</i>				
	Associate of Science in Nursing	51			
	Bachelor of Arts	49			
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	8			
	Bachelor of Science	167			
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	60			
			335		
	<i>Graduate</i>				
	Master of Arts in Teaching	4			
	Master of Education	5			
	Master of Science	16			
	Master of Science in Nursing	1			
			26		
				361	
Mississippi Valley State University					
	<i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	15			
	Bachelor of Science	107			
	Bachelor of Music	3			
	Bachelor of Secondary Education	1			
			126		
	<i>College of Professional Studies</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication	23			
	Bachelor of Science	99			
	Bachelor of Social Work	40			
			162		
	<i>College of Education</i>				
	Bachelor of Science in Education	78			
			78		
	<i>College of Graduate Studies</i>				
	Master of Science	31			
	Master of Arts in Teaching	20			
	Master of Social Work	7			
			58		
				424	
University of Mississippi					
	<i>College of Liberal Arts</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	480			
	Bachelor of Science	55			
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	16			
	Bachelor of Music	12			
			563		

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<i>School of Engineering</i>				
	Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering	9		
	Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering	20		
	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	10		
	Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering	22		
	Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	15		
	Bachelor of Engineering	1		
			77	
<i>School of Education</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts in Education	215		
			215	
<i>School of Pharmacy</i>				
	Doctor of Pharmacy	73		
	Pharmaceutical Sciences	82		
			155	
<i>School of Business</i>				
	Bachelor of Business Administration	293		
			293	
<i>School of Accountancy</i>				
	Bachelor of Accountancy	75		
			75	
<i>School of Applied Sciences</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	28		
	Bachelor of Science	46		
	Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science	36		
	Bachelor of Social Work	13		
	Bachelor of Arts in Leisure Management	1		
	Bachelor of Court Reporting	1		
	Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences	57		
	Bachelor of Arts in Parks and Recreation Management	8		
	Bachelor of Paralegal Studies	13		
			203	
<i>Graduate School</i>				
	Master of Arts	68		
	Master of Science	52		
	Master of Fine Arts	9		
	Master of Accountancy	23		
	Master of Business Administration	32		
	Master of Taxation	5		
	Master of Education	48		
	Master of Music	5		
	Specialist in Education	11		
	Doctor of Arts	1		
	Doctor of Education	5		
	Doctor of Philosophy	36		
			295	
<i>Law School</i>				
	Juris Doctor	131		

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			131		
				2007	
University of Mississippi Medical Center					
	<i>Undergraduate</i>				
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	95			
	Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences	14			
	Bachelor of Science in Cytotechnology	9			
	Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene	20			
	Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management	9			
	Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences	1			
			148		
	<i>Graduate/Professional</i>				
	Master of Occupational Therapy	26			
	Master of Science in Nursing	36			
	Master of Science	14			
	Doctor of Medicine	96			
	Doctor of Dental Medicine	28			
	Doctor of Philosophy	14			
			214		
				362	
University of Southern Mississippi					
	<i>College of Arts and Letters</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	225			
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	23			
	Bachelor of Music	12			
	Bachelor of Music Education	13			
	Bachelor of Science	4			
	Master of Arts	27			
	Master of Art Education	1			
	Master of the Arts in the Teaching of Languages	10			
	Master of Fine Arts	6			
	Master of Music	14			
	Master of Music Education	2			
	Master of Science	11			
	Doctor of Musical Arts	3			
	Doctor of Philosophy	12			
			363		
	<i>College of Business</i>				
	Bachelor of Science	23			
	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	223			
	Master of Business Administration	21			
	Master of Professional Accountancy	4			
			271		
	<i>College of Education and Psychology</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	15			
	Bachelor of Science	209			

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	Master of Arts	7			
	Master of Education	28			
	Master of Library and Information Science	20			
	Master of Science	12			
	Specialist in Education	17			
	Specialist in Library and Information Science	2			
	Doctor of Education	3			
	Doctor of Philosophy	20			
			333		
<i>College of Health</i>					
	Bachelor of Arts	49			
	Bachelor of Science	142			
	Bachelor of Social Work	12			
	Master of Public Health	9			
	Master of Science	36			
	Master of Social Work	64			
	Doctor of Philosophy	5			
			317		
<i>School of Nursing</i>					
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	82			
	Master of Science in Nursing	22			
			104		
<i>College of Science and Technology</i>					
	Bachelor of Arts	35			
	Bachelor of Science	221			
	Master of Science	44			
	Doctor of Philosophy	16			
			316		
				1704	
System Total					
					8649

BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT

2. **MVSU** - Approved a resolution authorizing the filing of an application to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for a grant to assist in providing transportation services. The agreement provides public transportation services in four Delta counties. A copy of the resolution is included in the bound *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.

3. **UMMC** - Approved the request to enter into a contract with Infusion Partners, Inc. This agreement provides home infusion of antibiotics for UMMC patients that would otherwise remain in the inpatient setting to receive antibiotic infusions. The dates of the contract are May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2009. The amount of the two-year contract is not to exceed \$500,000. A copy of the contract, which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office, is included in the *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.

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4. **System Administration** - Approved the request to collapse the Graduate Teacher Loan/Scholarship and the Counseling and School Administration Loan/Scholarship into one teacher program, the Graduate Teacher Scholarship (GTS). Also, approved the revisions to the Rules and Regulations and Contract and Note for the consolidated Graduate Teacher Scholarship effective for the 2007-2008 award year. Upon degree completion, the recipient may either continue as a classroom teacher or proceed to a Counseling or Administration job for one year beyond degree completion. The Rules and Regulations and Contract and Note have been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. A copy of each is included in the bound *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.
5. **System Administration** - Approved the revisions to the Rules and Regulations for the Mississippi Summer Developmental Grant (MSSDG.) The Rules and Regulations have been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office and are included in the bound *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.

REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

6. **ASU** - Approved the initiation of **IHL 201-140, Elevator Replacement**, and the appointment of Amelia Salmon of Salmon Architects as project professional to replace four elevators due to mechanical failure and safety issues. Funding is available from university funds in the amount of \$400,000.
7. **MSU** – Approved the initiation of a project to place the high voltage circuit underground on Hardy Street in accordance with the infrastructure master plan and the appointment of Deas Engineering as project professionals. Funding is available from university funds in the amount of \$550,000.
8. **MSU** – Approved the initiation of **IHL 213-135, Stoneville Pesticide Handling Facility**, and the appointment of Shafer & Associates as the project professionals. Funding is available from self-generated funds in the amount of \$450,000.
9. **MUW** – Approved the request to increase the project budget in the amount of \$198,580 from HB 1634, Laws of 2005, for **GS 104-154, Storm Drainage and Street Repair**, as prepared by project professionals Neel-Schaffer, Inc., and request approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management.
10. **UM** – Approved the initiation of an in-house project, **IHL 207-301, Barr Hall Renovations**, with Ian Banner, AIA, Director of Facilities Planning and University architect as the design professional. The project budget is approximately \$350,000 and will be funded by self-generated funds.
11. **USM** – Approved the initiation of **IHL 108-268 – Data Center Upgrade – Hattiesburg Campus**, and the appointment of Corbett Legge & Associates of Tupelo, Mississippi as the design professionals. The air conditioning and electrical services in the data center are inadequate for equipment operations. The project cost is \$700,000 and will be funded by university sources.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

EMPLOYMENT

Mississippi State University - Athletics

Turner, David W.

Mississippi State University

Bammann, Douglas J.

Carron, Michael J.

Epperson, William B.

Richardson, Lynne D.

Mississippi Valley State University

Akinleye, Johnson

University of Mississippi

Pearson, Ashton C.

Ruth, Paul M.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Bouchea, Larry

Mayhew, James

McCowan, Timothy C.

Reed, Nancy H.

University of Southern Mississippi - Athletics

Bennett, Scott Gregory

CHANGE OF STATUS

Alcorn State University

Piper, William

Delta State University

Buckley, Matthew

Griffin, Leslie L.

Moore, Billy Carl

Mississippi State University

Khoo, Lester H.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Donaldson, John J.

Granger, Joey P.

Joransen, James A.

Martin, Olivia W.

Meydrech, Edward F.

Stokes, Keith I.

Thompson, Jr., F. Edgar

TERMINATION

Delta State University - Athletics

Bentley, John Christopher

Bloomgren, Michael S.

Davis, Jason Scott

Hall, Joey M.

Kershaw, Mike

Teague, Bradley

Delta State University

Bahr, Ed

Barnes, Darvin E

Wear, Stella B.

Mississippi State University - Athletics

Beamer, Shane O.

Mississippi State University

Andrews, Linda S.

Bland, Brock G.

Bryant, James A.

Causey, Jr., Wayne H.

Mississippi Valley State University

Baham, Curtis

Carter, Mary

Johnson, Tony

EMERITA/EMERITUS STATUS

Delta State University

Bahr, Ed

Barnes, Duke

Elkins, Carolyn

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Lindsey, Paul
Spencer, Bill
Thornell, John
Ware, Kaye
Wear, Stella

Kuczaj, Stanley
Mitra, Amal
Price, Catherine
Torres, Jennifer
Williams, Alvin

University of Southern Mississippi

Hester, Roger D.
Kazelskis, Carolyn Keller Reeves

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Delta State University

Banks, Donna
Fosheim, Karen
Rushing, Kim

University of Southern Mississippi

Goertez, Christopher

AWARD OF TENURE

Mississippi Valley State University

Ahononu, Chukuma

NECROLOGY

Delta State University

Quon, John Paul
Wagoner, Charles B.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Clem, Lester W.

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES & PROGRAMS AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Bettye Neely, Chair

On motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Ms. Newton, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Educational Policies & Programs Agenda.

1. **System Administration** – Approved the continued accreditation for the Mississippi Nursing Degree Programs, 2006-2007, based on submission and evaluation of annual reports documenting compliance with state accreditation standards, Miss. Code Ann. § 37-129-1. A copy of the programs is included in the bound *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.
2. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received a report on the 2007 - 2008 No Child Left Behind Act: Improving Teacher Quality Awards. This year, 11 grants to 8 higher education institutions totaling \$1,102,891.46 will be awarded. These awards will provide professional development to approximately 300 in-service teachers and administrators across Mississippi. The institutions and amounts to be awarded are as follows:

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INSTITUTION	DISCIPLINE	AWARD AMOUNT
Alcorn State University	Biology/Technology	\$104,685.00
Delta State University	Mathematics	\$100,073.00
Delta State University	Reading	\$99,278.00
Jackson State University	Mathematics	\$108,796.88
Mississippi State University	Physical Science	\$94,471.00
Mississippi University for Women	Mathematics	\$89,250.00
Mississippi Valley State University	Reading	\$102,157.00
University of Mississippi	Reading	\$129,493.58
University of Southern Mississippi	Mathematics	\$102,086.00
University of Southern Mississippi	Administrative Leadership	\$172,601.00

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On February 15, 2007, Mr. James W. Crudup was recognized as the special honoree for community service for the Black History Month celebration. A video featuring Mr. Crudup was scheduled to be shown to the Board members; however, technical difficulties occurred. Upon Dr. Magee's request, the video was played for the Board.

BUDGET, FINANCE & AUDIT AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Chair

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

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #2 as submitted on the following Budget, Finance & Audit Agenda. Agenda item #3 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Ms. Newton, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting.

1. **Other Business** - Dr. McFall noted that the *Management Report of Financial Information* booklet and a CD containing the booklet were placed at each Board member's seat. The Institutional Executive Officers received their copies through their Chief Financial Officers. A copy of the report and the CD are included in the *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.
2. **USM** - Approved an amendment to the License Agreement with International Sports Properties, Inc. (ISP) dated December 15, 2005. The term of the new 12 year agreement begins on July 1, 2007 and ends on June 30, 2018. The fees paid to USM are based on an increased percentage of 40% (up from the previous 37.5%) or an annual guaranteed fee, whichever is greater. A copy of the agreement, which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office, is included in the *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.

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3. **System Administration** - Approved a contract for audit services for the IHL University System Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 with the CPA firm of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLP of Jackson, Mississippi. The contract amount is \$920,000. The cost will be shared among the universities and the Board Office based upon the proportionate number of audit hours performed at each entity by the firm. A copy of the agreement, which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office, is included in the *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.
4. **Other Business** - Dr. Linda McFall, IHL Assistant Commissioner for Finance and Administration, and Mr. Frank Alley, IHL Assistant Commissioner for Real Estate and Facilities, gave a joint presentation on the outcome of the 2007 Legislative Session.

REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Chair

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

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Real Estate & Facilities Agenda. Agenda item #2 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Owens, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, the Board **PULLED ITEM #3 FROM THE AGENDA**. Agenda item #4 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #5 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #6 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #7 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #8 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #9 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Blakeslee abstaining and Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #10 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #11 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting.

1. **JSU** - Approved the request to initiate **GS 103-233, Twelve Tennis Courts**, to appoint of Eley and Associates, Inc. as project professionals and to request approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The project will replace twelve tennis courts due to structural damage and add a bathroom shower/facility accommodation for faculty, staff and students. Funding is available in the amount of \$1.4 million from SB 3120, Laws of 1996.

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2. **MUW** - Approved the request to increase the original budget for **GS 104-155, Frazer Hall Mechanical**, from \$500,000 to \$950,000 with an increase in the amount of \$450,000 from HB 1634, Laws of 2005. This increase will repair and restore mechanical systems with a loop-tie into Frazer Hall as prepared by project professionals Atherton Consulting.
3. **ASU** - Request to enter into a contract with Mississippi River Gas to supply natural gas to the university campus for the operation of its facility. The contract period begins January 1, 2008 and ends December 31, 2017. The contract is inclusive of transportation and natural gas costs. The contract and analysis are on file at the Board Office. **(THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.)**
4. **ASU** - Approved the request to award a contract in the amount of \$5,418,000 to Flagstar Construction, the lowest of three bidders, for **GS 101-255, Fine Arts Building Renovation**, authorized requesting approval of the Bureau of Building and authorized advertising for the receipt of bids. The university further requests permission to increase the budget in the amount \$750,000 to accept the base bid and alternates. Funding is available from the *Ayers* Fund.
5. **MSU** - Approved the request to award a contract in the amount of \$531,128 to Fakespace Systems, Inc., the only bidder, for the purchase of a CAVE™-like Virtual Reality System. The system is a room-sized computer-controlled device in which stereo 3-D graphics are projected onto screens which allow one or more individuals to interact with simulated objects. Funding is available from university sources in the amount of \$600,000.
6. **ASU** - Approved the request to purchase 3.73 acres of land in the amount of \$118,000 from Mr. Henry L. Parker. The purchase price of \$118,000 is the average of two appraisals. The first appraisal performed by Breithaupt and Associates placed the land value at \$120,000. The second appraisal performed by Jones & Upchurch placed the land value at \$116,000. The property appraisals are on file in the Real Estate and Facilities Office.
7. **MUW** - Approved the request to sell 40+ acres off Bradley Road in Leakesville, Green County in the proposed amount of \$43,000, with the state retaining the mineral rights. The university has obtained two appraisals, with an average appraisal of \$42,500. SB 2620, 1984 Regular Legislative Session, provides legislative authority for the sale of this property. The property appraisals are on file in the Real Estate and Facilities Office.
8. **MUW** - Approved the request to rent the Clyda S. Rent Auditorium, located in Whitfield Hall, to The Assembly 2007, on Sunday, April 29, 2007 for the purpose of the official Christian prayer event centered on the commemoration of the Jamestown first landing 400 years ago in Virginia Beach. The organization will pay full rental price for space and all costs associated with production and technical requirements.
9. **UM** - Approved the request to add the name of “Fed Ex Student Academic Support Center” to the Doc Knight Field House.

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10. **USM** - Approved the request to purchase property located at 109 & 111 North 36th Avenue and 211 North 35th Avenue in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The purchase price is \$1,205,000 and below the average of the two appraisals. Funding is available from university sources. The property appraisals and Environmental Impact Statement are on file in the Real Estate and Facilities Office.
11. **USM** - Approved the request to award a contract in the amount of \$2,773,804.40 to Busby Outdoor/Capturion, the lowest of six bidders, for the purchase of a new football scoreboard/videoboard for M.M. Roberts Stadium. The contract amount is for the base bid and alternates #2 and #3. Funds are available from annual royalty payments. The award is contingent upon approval of a new agreement with International Sports Properties, Inc. As shown on the Budget, Finance & Audit agenda, the agreement was approved by the Board.
12. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received the following Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the March 14, 2007 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval.
 - a. **MSU** - The Board staff approved the bids and award of contract to the lowest of five bidders, RAFCO Construction, in the amount of \$655,803 for the IHL 205-221, Hardy Street Parking Lot. Funds are available in the amount of \$760,000 from university sources.
 - b. **UM** - The Board staff approved the Construction Documents prepared by McCarty Architects for renovations for GS 107-277, Old Chemistry Renovations and requested approval to advertise for the receipt of bids by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The project budget is \$4,000,000. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004.
 - c. **UM** - The Board staff approved the Construction Documents prepared by Cooke Douglas Farr Lemons, Ltd. for IHL 207-283, Baseball Stadium Expansion. The project budget is approximately \$11,500,000 and will be funded from self-generated funds which will include athletic revenues, private gifts, local assistance, and educational building corporation bond proceeds.

LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Bob Owens, Chair

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Mr. Blakeslee, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved **moving agenda item #1** on the following Legal Agenda to the list of items to be taken up during Executive Session. Agenda item #2 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Mr. Blakeslee, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting.

1. **UMMC** - Settlement of Tort Claim No. 1285. **(THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN UP DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.)**

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2. **USM** - Approved the request to retain Mary Ann Connell of the law firm Mayo Mallette as outside counsel to provide legal assistance in an audit by the U. S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. The rate for such work will be \$150 per hour plus reasonable and necessary costs and expenses to be paid by university general funds. The proposed contract has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office.

3. **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 Phelps Dunbar (Statement dated 2/28/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *DSH* Litigation.)

TOTAL DUE **\$494.60**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statement dated 2/7/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Durham v. MSC* case.)

TOTAL DUE **\$1,470.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 1/31/07, 2/28/07 and 2/28/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$9,218.80, \$8,452.50 and \$14,934.46, represent services and expenses in connection with the general representation of Medical School and Facility Practice Plan, general advice and general representation of Medical School and Facility Practice Plan, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE **\$32,605.76**

b. In relation to patent and other matters:
 Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Wenderoth, Lind & Ponack (Statement dated 2/7/07) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following trademark: “College of Veterinary Medicine Mississippi State University & design – 24,41.”)

TOTAL DUE **\$861.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by DLA Piper US (Statements dated 1/10/07, 1/11/07, 1/18/07, 1/18/07, 1/23/07 and 1/23/07) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Production of Biodiesel and Other Valuable Chemicals from Wastewater Treatment Plants” - \$1,350.00; “Silicon Carbide and Related Wide-Bandgap Transistors” - \$1,205.29; “Delivery System for Supplemental Wood Preservative/Metal Corrosion Inhibition

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Treatment” - \$301.50; “Termite Control Methods and Apparatus” - \$1,000.00; “Temporal Mapping and Analysis Package” - \$151.80 and “MOS Charge Pump” - \$276.80.)

TOTAL DUE \$4,285.39

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (Statements dated 2/13/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Saliva-Based Protein Profiling” - \$85.50; “Thermally-Targeted Deliver of Medicaments” - \$7,629.56 and “Cell Culture Model for Demyelination/Remyelination” - \$44.00.)

TOTAL DUE \$7,759.06

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statement dated 9/15/06) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the UM and Peng Lee agreement and with miscellaneous patent and licensing matters in connection with HomeSafe Insp., Inc.)

TOTAL DUE \$868.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hunton & Williams (Statements dated 12/7/06, 1/9/07, 1/9/07, 1/9/07, 1/9/07, 1/9/07, 1/9/07, 1/11/07, 1/11/07, 1/11/07, 1/11/07, 1/11/07, 1/11/07, 2/7/07, 2/7/07, 2/7/07, 2/7/07, 2/7/07, 2/7/07, 2/7/07, 2/7/07 and 2/7/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters” - \$60.00; “Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters” - \$951.03; “Anticancer and Antiprotozoal Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisinin Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities – JP” - \$1,024.25; “Anticancer and Antiprotozoal Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisinin Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities” - \$110.29; “Methods and Compositions for Isolating Taxanes – CA” - \$25.40; “Method of Controlling Toxicity of Aminoquinoline Compounds – PCT” - \$7,098.63; “Method of Controlling Toxicity of Aminoquinoline Compounds – USPA” - \$5,411.17; “Anticancer and Antiprotozoal Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisinin Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities – AU” - \$275.00; “Anticancer and Antiprotozoal Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisinin Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities – CA” - \$275.00; “Anticancer and Antiprotozoal Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisinin Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities – EP” - \$275.39; “Anticancer and Antiprotozoal Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisinin Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities – JP” - \$275.00; “Anticancer and Antiprotozoal Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisinin Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities – MX” - \$275.00; “Anticancer and Antiprotozoal Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisinin Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities – USPA” - \$1,809.13; “Design and Synthesis of Optimized Ligands and PPAR-USPA” - \$42.63; “Anticancer and Antiprotozoal Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisinin Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities-EP” - \$9,594.23; “Anticancer and

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Antiprotozoal Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisinin Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities - MX” -\$4,078.70; “High Molecular Weight Polysaccharide from Aloe Vera with Immunostimulatory Activity” - \$1,011.96; “High Molecular Weight Polysaccharide from Aloe Vera with Immunostimulatory Activity” - \$1,132.27; “Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - GE” - \$361.80; “Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - CA” - \$745.20; “Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - PL” - \$1,010.69 and “Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - NZ” - \$363.83.)

TOTAL DUE \$32,206.60

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (Statements dated 12/19/06) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “In-Furnace Reduction of Nitrogen Oxide by Mixed Fuels Involving a Biomass Derivative” - \$1,191.62; “Miscellaneous IP Matters” - \$0.00; “Delivery and Medicaments to the Nail” - \$330.10; “Process for Disposal & Solubilization of Radioactive Scale & Sludge from Oil & Gas Production” - \$127.50; “Corrugated and Ported Prism Engine Nozzle for Reduction of Supersonic Jet Exhaust Noise” - \$128.00; “Novel Cyclopentenediones Antifungal Compounds and Methods for Their Use” - \$88.00; “Fire Ant Trap” - \$55.00; “Acoustic Detection of Personnel” - \$127.50; “High-Speed Data Compression Algorithms Based on Set-Associative Cache Mapping” - \$83.70 and “Potent Immunostimulatory Extracts from Microalgae” - \$204.00.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,335.42

4. **System Administration (Information item.)** – The Board received the Quarterly Litigation Expense Report Relating to the IHL Tort Plan. A copy of the report is included in the bound *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.
5. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received the Quarterly Litigation Expense Report Relating to the IHL Workers’ Compensation Plan. A copy of the report is included in the bound *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Neely, seconded by Dr. Davidson, to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. After discussion, the Board decided to continue through the agenda in open session and to hold an executive session at the end.

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ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Administration/Policy Agenda. Agenda item #2 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #3 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #4 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #5 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #6 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Mr. Patterson and Mr. Ross absent and not voting.

1. **System Administration** - Approved the following 2007 Spring Commencement Schedules.

Alcorn State University

Time: 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2007
Location: Jack Spinks Stadium/Dwight Fisher Field
Speaker: The Honorable Bennie Thompson, U. S. Congressman

Delta State University

Time: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2007
Location: Walter Sillers Coliseum
Speaker: Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Jackson State University

Time: 8:00 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2007
Location: Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium
Speaker: Ms. Renee Higginbotham-Brooks, Principal Attorney of the Law Office of Renee Higginbotham-Brooks in Ft. Worth and Houston, Texas

Mississippi State University

College of Veterinary Medicine:

Time: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 3, 2007
Location: Humphrey Coliseum, Starkville Campus
Speaker: Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, General Practitioner of Veterinary Medicine in Denver, Colorado

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Meridian Campus:

Time: 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 4, 2007
Location: Riley Education and Performing Arts Center, Meridian, MS
Speaker: Mr. Brent Harder, Senior vice President for Operations Excellence for Fidelity Investments in Cincinnati, Ohio

Main Campus:

Time: 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 4, 2007
Location: Humphrey Coliseum, Starkville Campus
Speaker: Mr. Grey Swoope, Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority and Mrs. Mary Swoope, Real Estate Agent Madison, Mississippi

Time: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 5, 2007
Location: Humphrey Coliseum, Starkville Campus
Speaker: Dr. Mark Keenum, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA and Ms. Rhonda N. Keenum, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Public Liaison, The White House

Mississippi University for Women

Time: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 5, 2007
Location: Rent Auditorium of Whitfield Hall
Speaker: The Honorable Trent Lott, U. S. Senator

Time: 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 5, 2007
Location: Rent Auditorium of Whitfield Hall
Speaker: The Honorable Trent Lott, U. S. Senator

Mississippi Valley State University

Time: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2007
Location: Robert W. Harrison HPER Complex
Speaker: The Honorable Thad Cochran, U. S. Senator

The University of Mississippi

Time: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2007
Location: The Grove
Speaker: Mr. Fred Smith, Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer of the FedEx Corporation

The University of Mississippi Medical Center

Time: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2007
Location: Mississippi Coliseum
Speaker: None

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The University of Southern Mississippi

Time: 2:30 p.m., Friday, May 11, 2007

- College of Business
- College of Education and Psychology
- College of Science and Technology

6:30 p.m., Friday, May 11, 2007

- College of Arts and Letters
- College of Health
- University Libraries

Location: Reed Green Coliseum/Hattiesburg, MS

Speaker: Ms. Kathleen Koch, CNN General Assignment Correspondent

Time: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2007

Location: Mississippi Coast Coliseum/Biloxi

Speaker: Ms. Kathleen Koch, CNN General Assignment Correspondent

2. **ASU** - Approved the request to bestow an honorary degree on one candidate at its May 2007 Spring Commencement. Supporting documents are included in the *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.
3. **JSU** - Approved the request to bestow an honorary degree on one candidate at its May 2007 Spring Commencement. Supporting documents are included in the *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.
4. **MSU** - Approved the request to bestow two doctoral honorary degrees on two candidates at its May 2007 Spring Commencement. Supporting documents are included in the *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.
5. **MVSU** - Approved the request to bestow two doctoral honorary degrees on two candidates at its May 2007 Spring Commencement. Supporting documents are included in the *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.
6. **System Administration** - Approved the following item considered subsequent to the March 14, 2007 Board meeting:
 - a. **UMMC** - Request for emergency approval to hire Russell Sumrall, Nurse Manager II, University Hospitals and Clinics; MS; \$80,000 per annum, prorated; full-time; effective April 2, 2007.
7. **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. **ASU** - Budget revisions of the *Ayers* Program(s); no increase in the total *Ayers* budget but rather a reallocation among funds.
 - b. **JSU** - Budget revision of the *Ayers* Program(s); no increase in the total *Ayers* budget rather a reallocation among funds.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Presented by Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner

The Commissioner presented his April report. The highlights were as follows:

- ▶ Since our last meeting, we have completed our search for Institutional Executive Officers at Alcorn State University and at the University of Southern Mississippi. And we are so pleased to welcome Mississippi natives Dr. George Ross and Dr. Martha Saunders into our IHL family. I would like to once again express my appreciation to Dr. Magee and Ms. Robinson for their excellent leadership as chairs of the Board Search Committees through this highly demanding selection period. I also want to thank Laura Lesbo for coordinating everyone's schedule. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the Search Advisory Committees. Both committees presented the Board with a tremendous pool of applicants to choose from and provided invaluable feedback throughout the process.
- ▶ The 2007 Legislative Session has ended. I'm sure Dr. Sykes is somewhat relieved! You will recall that he has been our face at the Capitol this session. You heard Dr. McFall present the details of our appropriation earlier. While we did not, as a System, receive as much of an increase as we had hoped for, we are very grateful for what the Legislature did provide. And we will move forward from here. In the upcoming months, we will be forced to make some difficult decisions—about tuition and pay-raises, among other things. No matter what, we will be responsible stewards with the resources the state and our students have given us. And just because the Session is over, we will not be resting on our laurels. We will be working hard over the next few months to develop our budget for fiscal year 2009. By planning far in advance, we will be able to develop a comprehensive communication plan to ensure that the State Legislature knows exactly what our needs are and why it is imperative to the future of our state that the needs of higher education be met.
- ▶ You may be aware that U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Margaret Spellings recently hosted a higher education summit for nearly 300 academicians, higher education administrators, business leaders and lawmakers. The purpose of the summit was to determine how to enact the recommendations made last fall by the Spellings' Commission on the Future of Higher Education. I not only had the pleasure of attending the conference, but I also had the responsibility of leading one of five working groups, which were assembled prior to the summit to develop actionable recommendations that would be vetted by a larger working group at the summit. The group I worked with was charged with determining how institutions can enhance affordability, decrease costs and promote productivity—a tall order to say the least—but an issue that could greatly impact our universities right here in Mississippi. Our group made some excellent recommendations. We will talk more about that along the way.
- ▶ As I told you last month, we have recently convened several committees, or task forces, that have been considering ways we *can* make college more affordable. These groups have been challenged to think outside the box to find solutions to the cost problem at our universities. You will be hearing the recommendations from the Textbook, Tuition and Financial Aid task forces very soon.
- ▶ We have also formed another important coalition – the College Readiness Task Force. This group came together at the end of March to begin work on their task of determining what students need to know when they finish high school in order to be successful during their first year of college. Additionally, the task force will consider what knowledge and skills students need to gain from freshman level courses. The importance of college readiness has garnered national attention recently, because students who enter college unprepared for freshman level courses incur great costs for remediation. Also, students requiring remediation are less likely than their more prepared counterparts to persist and earn

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a degree. The task force, which includes a representative from the mathematics and English departments from each of the universities, will work closely with other university faculty, high school teachers and the Mississippi Department of Education to determine how we can improve readiness.

- ▶ Last week, the members of the IHL Executive Office cabinet and I spent an afternoon and morning together at Plymouth Bluff Center in Columbus. The purpose of our retreat was to discuss our major daily operations, talk about new initiatives, and examine our work to ensure that we are using our limited resources to best serve this Board and our other constituencies. I knew that our staff worked hard, but I now have a greater appreciation for what this staff accomplishes every day. Thank you to the Assistant Commissioners and Directors for your leadership and vision. And thank you to the staff for your hard work and commitment to higher education.

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On motion by Ms. Whitten, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Whitten, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board **voted to go into Executive Session** for the reason later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of a litigation matter at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed and/or voted upon:

On motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Owens, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board approved the settlement of Tort Claim No. 1285 styled as *Miles v. UMMC*.

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Estess, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

ON MOTION BY MS. WHITTEN, SECONDED BY DR. NEELY, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THOSE PRESENT, THE BOARD VOTED TO RECESS FOR LUNCH AROUND 11:00 A.M.

THE BOARD RECONVENED AT 1:20 P.M.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board approved placing item #1 on the agenda. On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved the following additional agenda item.

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1. **MVSU** - Approved the award of a contract in the amount of \$10,479,450 to the lowest of four bidders, Carothers Construction, Inc. for **GS 106-202, Administration Building Repair**, and the request for approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Some funds are currently available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004. The Legislature also awarded funds in the amount of \$4,500,000 which were placed in HB 246, Laws of 2007.

GOVERNANCE AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Stacy Davidson, Chair

1. **System Administration** - The Board discussed possible changes to Board procedures for electing a new Board President and Vice President. This item was referred to the Governance Committee for further review.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Roy Estess, Chair

1. **System Administration** - The Board received a report from Broaddus and Associates relating to acquiring property on which to locate an additional University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus. A copy of the report is included in the *April 18, 2007 Board Working File*.

A motion was made by Mr. Estess, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, to approve Broaddus and Associates' recommendation to select the Cross Creek property which consists of 200 acres of donated land located in Long Beach, Mississippi as the preferred site for the additional USM Gulf Park Campus.

A motion to move the Previous Question on Broaddus and Associates' recommendation to select the Cross Creek property which consists of 200 acres of donated land located in Long Beach, Mississippi as the preferred site for the additional USM Gulf Park Campus was made by Ms. Newton, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present.

The motion to approve Broaddus and Associates' recommendation to select the Cross Creek property which consists of 200 acres of donated land located in Long Beach, Mississippi as the preferred site for the additional USM Gulf Park Campus was unanimously passed by those present.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Davidson thanked Dr. D. E. Magee for his year of service as Board President. Dr. Davidson presented to Dr. Magee a plaque in recognition of this service. Dr. Magee thanked the Board and expressed his appreciation of their tremendous support.

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On motion by Ms. Whitten, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Whitten, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board **voted to go into Executive Session** for the reasons later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of a litigation matter at Mississippi University for Women,
Discussion of a personnel matter at the IHL Board Office,
Discussion of a personnel matter at Jackson State University,
Discussion of a personnel matter at Delta State University,
Discussion of two personnel matters at The University of Southern Mississippi,
Discussion of a personnel matter at Mississippi Valley State University and
Discussion of a personnel matter at Alcorn State University.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed and/or voted upon:

The Board discussed a litigation matter at Mississippi University for Women. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board approved Dr. Meredith's request to conduct outside consulting work in Michigan while on personal leave.

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board approved a four-year contract renewal for Dr. Ronald Mason, President of Jackson State University.

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Ms. Robinson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board approved a four-year contract renewal for Dr. John Hilpert, President of Delta State University.

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Robinson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board granted Dr. Shelby Thames permission to take sabbatical leave from May 21, 2007 until the start of the Spring, 2008 semester with compensation paid according to the requirements of Board Policy 408.03 Sabbatical Leave.

The Board discussed a personnel matter at Mississippi Valley State University. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Mr. Estess, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, the Board approved the annual state salary of \$220,500 for Dr. Martha Saunders, President-Elect of The University of Southern Mississippi, and the annual state salary of \$192,937.50 for Dr. George Ross, President-Elect of Alcorn State University.

On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

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ADJOURNMENT

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



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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning