

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
February 23-24, 2007**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the University of Southern Mississippi Presidential Search Committee met at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing to each and every member of said Committee, said date being at least five days prior to this February 23, 2007 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following Committee members to wit: Ms. Robin Robinson (Chair), Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Bob Owens and Mr. Scott Ross. The following Southern Miss Advisory Committee members were invited to join the Committee for the interview process: Ms. Wynde Fitts, Dr. Peter J. Fos, Mr. Gene Gouaux, Dr. Myron Henry, Ms. Lou Ann Poynter, Dr. Alvin Williams and Dr. Denise von Herrmann. Also attending the meeting were Dr. D. E. Magee, President of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner of Higher Education, the search consultant Dr. Jan Greenwood and her colleague, Dr. Jean Eisel, both from Greenwood and Associates. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Robinson, Chair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Ms. Robinson, 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 Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, 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:

Interviewing candidates for the position of President of The University of Southern Mississippi.

During Executive Session, the Committee interviewed candidates for the position of President of The University of Southern Mississippi.

On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Owens, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

THE COMMITTEE RECESSED UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING.

THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 7:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2007. Ms. Robin Robinson (Chair), Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Bob Owens and Mr. Scott Ross. The following Southern Miss Advisory Committee members were invited to join the Committee for the interview process: Ms. Wynde Fitts, Dr. Peter J. Fos, Mr. Gene Gouaux, Dr. Myron Henry, Ms. Lou Ann Poynter, Dr. Alvin Williams and Dr. Denise von Herrmann. Also attending the meeting were Dr. D. E. Magee, President of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner of Higher Education, the search consultant Dr. Jan Greenwood and her colleague, Dr. Jean Eisel, both from Greenwood and Associates. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Robinson, Chair.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee members voted to adjourn.



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