

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

**November 19, 1998**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in regular session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, on November 19, 1998, at 8:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 6, 1998, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this November 19, 1998 meeting. At the above named place there were present the following members to wit: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, Mr. James Roy Klumb, Mr. James Luvane, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Mr. J. P. (Jake) Mills, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr. and Dr. Cassie Pennington. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cassie Pennington, President and opened with prayer by Mr. Crawford.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, and unanimously passed, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Minutes of the meeting held on October 15, 1998, stand approved.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT (U.C.)**

On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Ms. Baker, and unanimously passed, it was

**RESOLVED**, That consent to be considered is granted to all items not previously placed on the agenda and hereinafter reported.

**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell  
Commissioner of Higher Education

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves the Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3. Agenda Item #4 was a Committee recommendation and was approved on a separate motion. Agenda Items #5, #6, and #7 were held over for further consideration in January on motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** items were approved on separate motions. Agenda Item #8 was approved on motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed. Agenda Item #9 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Colbert, and unanimously passed. Agenda Item #10 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Luvane, and unanimously passed.

**System Administration**

1. Approved the 1998 Fall Commencement Schedule as follows:

**Mississippi State University**

10:00 a.m., Friday, December 18, 1998

Location: Humphrey Coliseum      Speaker: Dr. Malcolm Portera

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**University of Southern Mississippi**

2:30 p.m., Friday, December 18, 1998

College of Business Administration, College of Education and Psychology,  
College of Health and Human Services, and College of Nursing.

6:30 p.m., Friday, December 18, 1998

College of Arts, College of Liberal Arts, College of International and Continuing  
Education, College of Science and Technology, and Institute of Marine Sciences.

Location: Reed Green Coliseum

Speaker: The Honorable Philip Lader, U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom of  
Great Britain and Northern Ireland

2. Approved appointment of the Chairperson of the Faculty Senates' Association as the representative to the State Employees' Health Insurance Advisory Council. The current chairperson is Dr. Euel Coats of Mississippi State University. As his successors take office, they will become the IHL representative on the Advisory Council.
3. **Information item.** Emergency approval of foreign travel was granted by Commissioner Thomas D. Layzell per *Board Policy* 703.0103 for the following:

**Jackson State University**

Appleton, Kevin	Richards Bay, South Africa
Mack, Ally	Richards Bay, South Africa
Prater, Gwendolyn S.	Richards Bay, South Africa

**Mississippi State University**

Boscarenno, Joy	Skopje, Macedonia
Salisbury, William D.	Ontario, Canada

4. Approved the Quarterly Employment Reports for the period ending September 30, 1998. The report is included in the bound *November 19, 1998 Board Working File*.
5. Approval of policies on Athletic Revenue and Expenditures and on Scholarships for Student Athletes. **(THIS ITEM WAS HELD OVER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN JANUARY.)**
6. USM Polymer Science Program. **(THIS ITEM WAS HELD OVER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN JANUARY.)**
7. Gulf Coast Programs. **(THIS ITEM WAS HELD OVER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN JANUARY.)**
8. **(U.C. Item)** Approved resolution commending Dr. Marilyn Mills Beach, Director of Accreditation and Professional Programing at the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), for her accomplishments upon her retirement. **(See Exhibit 1.)**
9. **(U.C. Item)** Approved resolution commending the memory of Dr. O. P. Lowe, former faculty member and administrator at Mississippi Valley State University. **(See Exhibit 2.)**
10. **(U.C. Item)** Approved resolution commending Mr. Adonis Gonzalez for his distinguished international musical accomplishments and for winning the IX Latin American Piano Competition. **(See Exhibit 3.)**

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**INSTRUCTION/STUDENTS**

Presented by Dr. William McHenry  
Assistant Commissioner of Academic Affairs

On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Ivey, and unanimously passed, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves the following report on Instruction/Students.

**Jackson State University**

1. Approved request to change the name of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services to Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling.
2. Approved request to change the name of the Master of Science in Rehabilitation Services degree (CIP 51.2310) to Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling.

**Mississippi State University**

3. Approved undergraduate and graduate degrees to be conferred on December 18, 1998, as follows:

**College of Agriculture and Life Science**

Bachelor of Science	77
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	1

**College of Arts and Sciences**

Bachelor of Arts	88
Bachelor of Fine Arts	15
Bachelor of Science in Arts and Sciences	64
Bachelor of Social Work	14

**College of Business and Industry**

Bachelor of Business Administration	150
Bachelor of Science in Business and Industry	11

**College of Education**

Bachelor of Music Education	4
Bachelor of Science in Education	155

**College of Engineering**

Bachelor of Science in Engineering	137
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**College of Forest Resources**

Bachelor of Science in Forestry	19
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**School of Accountancy**

Bachelor of Accountancy	21
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**Graduate School**

Doctor of Business Administration	4
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Doctor of Education	3	
Doctor of Philosophy	61	
Educational Specialist	13	
Master of Agribusiness Management	2	
Master of Arts	7	
Master of Business Administration	24	
Master of Fine Arts	3	
Master of Public Policy and Administration	2	
Master of Science	182	
Master of Science Business Administration	14	
Master of Taxation	1	
<b>Total undergraduate degrees</b>	<b>756</b>	
<b>Total graduate degrees</b>	<b>316</b>	
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<b>Total Degrees</b>	<b>1072</b>	

**Mississippi University for Women**

4. Approved undergraduate and graduate degrees to be conferred in December 1998, as follows:

Bachelor of Arts	15	
Bachelor of Fine Arts	2	
Bachelor of Science	81	

**Graduate School**

Master of Science	1	
Master of Science in Nursing	1	
Master of Education in Gifted Studies	5	

<b>Total undergraduate degrees</b>	<b>98</b>	
<b>Total graduate degrees</b>	<b>7</b>	
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<b>Total Degrees</b>	<b>105</b>	

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

5. Approved undergraduate and graduate degrees to be conferred for the 1998 Fall Quarter, as follows:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing	55	
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**Graduate School**

Doctor of Philosophy	2	
Master of Science	1	
Master of Science in Nursing	4	

<b>Total undergraduate degrees</b>	<b>55</b>	
<b>Total graduate degrees</b>	<b>7</b>	
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<b>Total Degrees</b>	<b>62</b>	

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6. Approved undergraduate and graduate degrees to be conferred on December 18, 1998, as follows:

**College of Liberal Arts**

Bachelor of Science	17
Bachelor of Arts	142
Bachelor of Science-Gulf Coast	4
Bachelor of Arts-Gulf Coast	14

**College of Business Administration**

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	122
Bachelor of Science	1
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Gulf Coast	17

**College of Education and Psychology**

Bachelor of Science	138
Bachelor of Arts	12
Bachelor of Science-Gulf Coast	69
Bachelor of Arts-Gulf Coast	1

**College of the Arts**

Bachelor of Arts	5
Bachelor of Fine Arts	7
Bachelor of Music	8
Bachelor of Music Education	7

**College of Science and Technology**

Bachelor of Science	118
Bachelor of Science-Gulf Coast	10

**College of Health and Human Sciences**

Bachelor of Science	159
Bachelor of Social Work	11
Bachelor of Science-Gulf Coast	4

**College of Nursing**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing	73
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**Graduate School**

**College of Liberal Arts**

Master of Science	44
Master of Arts	18
Master of Arts in Teaching of Languages	15
Master of Library Science	1
Master of Library and Information Science	22
Doctor of Philosophy	12
Master of Science-Gulf Coast	6
Master of Arts-Gulf Coast	1

**College of Business Administration**

Master of Business Administration	6
Master of Professional Accountancy	5

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Master of Business Administration-Gulf Coast	1
Master of Professional Accountancy-Gulf-Coast	1
<b>College of Education and Psychology</b>	
Master of Science	7
Master of Arts	9
Master of Education	137
Specialist in Education	7
Doctor of Education	7
Doctor of Philosophy	30
Master of Science-Gulf Coast	4
Master of Education-Gulf Coast	13
Specialist in Education	1
<b>College of the Arts</b>	
Master of Music	5
Master of Music Education	2
Doctor of Music Education	1
Doctor of Musical Arts	3
<b>College of Science and Technology</b>	
Master of Science	41
Doctor of Philosophy	18
Master of Science-Gulf Coast	3
<b>College of Health and Human Sciences</b>	
Master of Science	25
Master of Public Health	8
Doctor of Philosophy	6
<b>College of Nursing</b>	
Master of Science in Nursing	15
<b>Total undergraduate degrees</b>	<b>939</b>
<b>Total graduate degrees</b>	<b>474</b>
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<b>Total Degrees</b>	<b>1413</b>

**System Administration**

7. Approved continued accreditation for Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Nursing Programs of Delta State University, Cleveland, MS.
  
8. **Information item.** Approved the announcement of the winners of the Halbrook Awards for Academic Achievement Among Athletes for 1997-98.

**PERSONNEL**

Presented by Dr. Marilyn Beach  
Director of Accreditation and Professional Programming

On motion by Mr. Luvenc, seconded by Ms. Baker, and unanimously passed, it was

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**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves the following report on Personnel. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Baker, and unanimously passed.

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The Personnel Report for November 19, 1998, is composed of **31 regular personnel actions** in the following categories:

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Alcorn State University**

Thuha, Permy  
White, Samuel  
Wims, Daniel

**Mississippi State University**

Rawls, Ora C.

Mullins, Pamela Beth  
O’Jile, Judith  
Smith, Edgar E.  
Smith, Sheryl  
Stegall, Patricia  
Thompson, Linda  
Welch, Debra  
Winfield, Karen L.

**TERMINATION**

**Mississippi Valley State University**

Carter, F. Perna (U.C. Item)

**University of Mississippi**

Ferris, Gerald R.  
Seiner, John M.

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Butler, Joyce M.  
Daniels, Rebecca G.  
Hutto, Melissa E.  
Jacob, Marvin T. (U.C. Item)  
Kucher, Eduard P.  
Lewis-Abney, Kay  
Lowery, Penni D.  
McRae, Albert J., III (U.C. Item)  
McRae, Jean H. (U.C. Item)  
Monev, Stefan D.

**Delta State University**

Carr, Michael Joseph

**Mississippi State University**

Clark, Bruce L.  
Clarke, Kevin M.

**RESIGNATION**

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Desai, Kirtida D.  
Odvina, Carita V.

**SABBATICAL LEAVE**

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Desaiah, Durisala

**LEGAL**

Presented by Mr. Chuck Rubisoff  
Special Assistant Attorney General

On motion by Dr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, and unanimously passed, it was

**RESOLVED**, That upon review and recommendation of the Office of the Attorney General, the Board hereby approves the following legal report. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** items were approved on separate motions. Agenda Item #3 was approved on motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Mr. Mills, and unanimously passed. Agenda Item #4 was approved on motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed.

**Mississippi State University**

1. Approved request to retain Attorney James T. Metz of the firm Hickman, Goza & Gore to represent Mississippi State University in the civil action *Carol A. Montgomery vs. Mississippi State University, Ed Montgomery and Charlie Sanders*, in their individual capacities.

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**University of Mississippi**

2. Approved the request for an execution of a deed of trust of leasehold interest by Mississippi Sigma Chi Association to Union Planters Bank on Lot 406 on the Oxford campus. The deed is needed to refinance the existing loan for a fifteen-year loan not to exceed \$620,000 with a ten-year fixed interest rate of 7.9%. Payments will be approximately \$5,166 per month, with interest paid annually.

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

3. **(U.C. Item)** Approved request to settle litigation, *Robert Parman vs. UMMC and Chief Investigator Fred Sanders*, U.S. District Court.
4. **(U.C. Item)** Approved request to settle litigation, *Ronald K. Fealko vs. UMMC, Becky Webber, Clottie Fields and John Does 1-5*, Hinds County Circuit Court.

**System Administration**

5. Approved payment of legal fees to outside counsel in relation to patent work for universities, as follows:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C. (statements dated 9/30, 9/24, 9/10 and 10/2/98) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with obtaining patents on "Automated Kiln Sampler" - \$910.18, "Methods for Maize Transformation..." - \$143.28, "Methods for Maize Transformation..." - \$220.55 and "Fiber-Specific Protein Expression in the Cotton Plant" - \$234.38.)

**TOTAL DUE \$1,508.39**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Carver Patent Law Ltd. (statements dated 10/9 and 9/11/98) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with a patent application for "Method to Measure Undesired Dialysis Recirculation".)

**TOTAL DUE .....\$1,804.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt (statement dated 8/28/98) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connections with "Nucleotide Sequence of a Complementary DNA (cDNA) Clone Encoding a Maize 33dK Cysteine Proteinase".)

**TOTAL DUE .....\$673.01**

6. Approved payment of legal fees to outside counsel in relation to litigation, as follows:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Curtiss McKee of Daniel Coker Horton & Bell (statement dated 9/30/98) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with UMMC [Practice Plan Employee Assignments].)

**TOTAL DUE \$8,690.96**

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Daniel Coker Horton & Bell (statement dated 7/15/98) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with personnel matters.)

**TOTAL DUE .....\$2,905.70**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Wickliff & Hall (statements dated 7/31 and 8/31/98) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with an action styled *Tyo v. USM, et al.*)

**TOTAL DUE \$1,308.67**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by David S. Raines (statement for services through 8/26/98) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with title work.)

**TOTAL DUE .....\$2,336.92**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Daniel Coker Horton & Bell (statements dated 8/30 and 9/30/98) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with an action styled *Phipps vs. UMMC.*)

**TOTAL DUE .....\$412.40**

7. Approved, upon review and recommendation of the Office of the Attorney General, the Litigation Report for November 1, 1998. The report is included in the bound *November 19, 1998 Working File* on file in the Board office.

**FINANCE/FINANCIAL AID/FOREIGN TRAVEL**

Presented by Mr. Jim Rhodes  
Assistant Commissioner of Finance and Administration

On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves Agenda Items #1 and #4. Agenda Items #2, #3, #5 and #9 were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Ms. Newton and unanimously passed. Agenda Item #6 was a Committee recommendation and was approved on a separate motion. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** items were approved on separate motions. Agenda Items #7 and #8 were approved on motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and unanimously passed.

**Mississippi State University**

1. Approved request to execute a contract with BTI Fair Winds Travel for the management of the university's business travel arrangements. Bids were submitted by Travel First Incorporated, The Travel Professionals, and BTI Fair Winds Travel.

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**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

2. Approved request for permission to continue a sharing contract with the G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center and the university to provide a general psychiatric unit located on the fourth floor of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The agreement is for the period October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999 at an annual rate of \$736,263 which includes additional fees for bed rental, patient admission processing, and patient day charges.

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3. Approved request to upgrade the private branch exchange (PBX), a telephone switch. Funds are available from auxiliary funds. The PBX will be purchased in two steps: the first purchase costing \$1,664,496 and the second costing \$321,504 or less.
4. Approved request to contract with Pro Travel of Hattiesburg, Inc., to provide necessary travel services for employees of the university. This is a no-cost contract. Bidders included Pro Travel and Sunbelt Travel. Two other agencies declined to submit proposals.
5. Approved the request for permission to purchase a used four-color Heidelberg Press in the amount of \$449,900 from Heidelberg, USA, Inc. Funds are available from self-generated funds from Publication and Printing Services. Bids were as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Purchase Item</b>	<b>Price</b>
1. Heidelberg USA, Inc.	1 used Heidelberg MOVP-H press	\$449,900
2. Bud Suplee, Inc.	1 used Heidelberg MOVP press	\$455,400
3. Technographics Shinhara	1 new Shinhara 66IV	\$625,000

6. Approved request to establish the University of Southern Mississippi Research Foundation, which is exclusively for educational and scientific purposes. The officers of the Research Foundation would be President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Board Member. Serving in this capacity would be the Vice President for Research, the Associate Vice President for Research, and an external business/industry person respectively.

**System Administration**

7. **(U.C. Item)** Approved revisions to the Contract and Rules and Regulations for the William Winter Teacher Scholar Loan Program for the recipients effective for the 1999-2000 award-year. The revisions are a result of the passage of H.B. 609, Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998. These documents are included in the bound *November 19, 1998 Board Working File*.
8. **(U.C. Item)** Approved revisions to the Contract and Rules and Regulations for the Health Care Professions Loan/Scholarship Program effective for the 1999-2000 award year. These documents are included in the bound *November 19, 1998 Board Working File*.
9. Approved the following report on Foreign Travel:

**Alcorn State University**

Johnson, Irene H.

Vancouver, British Colombia, Canada

**Delta State University**

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Stewart, William S.

Bacu, Azerbaijan

**Jackson State University**

Bougere, Alan

Isla Verde, Puerto Rico

Mohamed, Abdul

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Pennington, Jesse C.

Amur, Russia

Thomas, Henry G.

Blagoveshchensk, Russia

**Mississippi State University**

Anderson, Larry S.

Singapore

Borazjani, Hamid

Safat, Kuwait

Brown, Alan F.

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Buddington, Randal K.

Copenhagen, Denmark **(U.C. Item)**

Cadawallader, Keith R.

Bangkok, Thailand

Calvo, Charles M.

Honolulu, Hawaii

Chambers, Janice E.

Nassau, Bahamas

Chisam, Craig A.

Humacao, Puerto Rico

Davis, P. Mikell

Montreal, Canada

Deshmukh, Neeraj

Sydney, Australia

Dibble, Eric D.

Humacao, Puerto Rico

Ganapathiraju, Aravind

Sydney, Australia

Haque, Zahur

Finland and Netherlands

Jackson, Donald C.

Humacao, Puerto Rico

Kaiser, Paul J.

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Li, Michael Y.

Changchun, Peoples Republic of China

Logan, Joseph E. "Jay", Jr.

Honolulu, Hawaii

McCarty, Robert

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Pasley, Sherman F.

Kampala, Uganda, Cape Town Johannesburg and Pretoria, South Africa **(U.C. Item)**

Person, William

Vancouver, Canada

Pian, Carlson C.

Kaohsiung, Taiwan, China

Picone, Joe

Sydney, Australia

Ray, Melvin C.

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Smiley, Peter C., Jr.

Humacao, Puerto Rico

Soni, Bharat

Pohang, Korea **(U.C. Item)**

Spencer, Barbara A.

Fundayacucho, Venezuela

Truax, Dennis

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

**Mississippi Valley State University**

Bahadur, Raj

New Delhi, India

**University of Mississippi**

Benson, William

Mt. Verita and Ascona, Switzerland

Coles, Felice

Ontario, Canada

Cole, Judith

Vancouver, British Columbia

Deweese, Herbert E., Jr.

Innsbrook, Austria, Florence, and Venice, Italy

Feller, Dennis

Bangkok, Thailand

Jordan, George (Jerry)

England and France

Jordan, Jean

England and France

Marshall, Thomas

Fukuni, Japan

Stolzenburg, Maribeth

Fukuni, Japan

West, Brenda J.

Spain

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Bissette, Garth	Las Croabas, Puerto Rico
Desaiah, Durisala	Hyderabad, India
Freeland, Alan E.	Kamuela, Hawaii
Geissler, William B.	Kamuela, Hawaii
Haines, Duane E.	Lanai, Hawaii
Hall, John E.	Montreal, Canada and Tokyo, Japan
Ho, I. K.	Taipei, Taiwan and Bermuda
Kalogeras, Konstantine	Las Croabas, Puerto Rico
Kramer, Robert E.	Bermuda
Lampkin, Jonathan	Honolulu, Hawaii
Mallory, Malinda D.	Honolulu, Hawaii
McGuire, Robert A., Jr.	Whistler, British Columbia, Canada
Moak, James H.	Honolulu, Hawaii
Moffitt, John E.	Honolulu, Hawaii
Moulder, Rebekah W.	Honolulu, Hawaii
Olson, Mark O. J.	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
Ordway, Gregory A.	Las Croabas, Puerto Rico
Prevost, Mark A.	Whistler, British Columbia, Canada
Price, Deanna I.	Honolulu, Hawaii
Ross, Robert E., Jr.	Honolulu, Hawaii
Subramony, S. H.	Madras, India
Vemulakonda, Vijaya M.	Honolulu, Hawaii
Wallace, Casey L.	Honolulu, Hawaii

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Aplin, Harry	Canada
Austin, Karen	Mexico
Duhon, David	France
Dunston, Mark	Canada
Falconer, Renee	Canada
Griffin, Anslem	Canada
Hudson, Tim	Mexico
Hudson, Tim	Mexico
Lochhead, Robert	England
Mauritz, Kenneth	Switzerland
Miller, Mark	Cuba and Jamaica
Panton, Kenneth	Mexico
Ziemer, Michael	Australia

**FACILITIES**

Presented by Mr. John Bowman, Assistant Commissioner  
of Construction and Physical Affairs

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves the report on Facilities.

**Alcorn State University**

1. Approved the initiation of a project for the replacement of a boiler for W. S. Demby Men's

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Tower, **GS #101-193**, and request approval from the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management. Also, approved the transfer of funds in the amount of \$60,000 from Oakland Chapel Restoration, GS #101-160.

2. Approved bids and the award of a contract to the low bidder, Jay-Van Company in the amount of \$284,000 for **GS #101-182, Belles Lettres Hall '97 Renovations**. Funds are available in the project budget. Bids were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
1. Jay-Van Company	\$284,000	1. (\$45,000) 2. (\$2,500)
2. Barnard & Sons Construction	\$298,000	1. (\$3,000) 2. (\$2,500)

3. Approved bids and the award of a contract to the low bidder, Ritter Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$339,454 for **GS #101-180, '97 Emergency Generators**. Funds are available in the project budget. Bids were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
1. Ritter Electric, Inc.	\$318,770.00	\$20,684.00
2. BM Electric	\$329,479.00	\$28,471.00
3. Tompkins Electric	\$384,660.77	\$25,036.65
4. Moses Electric Service	\$387,500.00	\$22,000.00

4. Approved bids and the award of a contract to the lowest bidder, Fountain Construction Company, in the amount of \$74,545 for **GS #101-193, Demby Boiler Replacement**. This project will replace the domestic hot water boiler in W. S. Demby Men's Tower. Funds are available from the balances in the Oakland Chapel Renovation Project, GS #101-160, and the Emergency Generator Project, GS #101-180. Bids were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>
1. Fountain Construction Company, Inc.	\$74,545
2. Buford Plumbing Company, Inc.	\$117,700

5. Approved application for payment #5 to R. A. Edgin Construction Company in the amount of \$35,983.80 for work completed on **IHL #201-126, Parking Lot Additions**. Funds are available in the project budget which is funded by university sources-fund balance.

**Delta State University**

6. Approved contract documents and authorized the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **IHL #202-120, Men's Residence Hall**. Funds are available in the project budget from DSU's Educational Building Corporation.

**Jackson State University**

7. Approved the initiation of a project to renovate the **Campus Grill, IHL #203-128**, in the Jacob L. Reddix Campus Union Building. Materials for the job will be bid and installed by

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Jackson State University staff. Funds are available in the amount of \$99,000 from university sources.

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8. Approved the initiation of a project to replace dormitory doors, **IHL #203-126**. Jackson State University will request approval of a professional at the next Board meeting. Funds are available in the amount of \$75,000 from the Residential Hall's Capital Improvement Budget.

**Mississippi State University**

9. Approved the design development documents for **GS #113-077, Central Mississippi Research and Extension Building, Phase I and II**, and request approval of the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management. Funds are available in the amount of \$2.5 million in the project budget.
10. Approved the appointment of project professional Staub, Robison, & Williams, Architects, for **GS #105-273, '98 Classroom Renovations**. Funds are available in the amount of \$500,000 from S.B. 3254, Laws of 1998. Recommendations for project professional were for Staub, Robison, & Williams, Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeel, and T. S. Jones & Associates.
11. Approved the construction documents and authorized the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **IHL #205-148, Repairs and Renovations to 15 Residence Halls**. The scope of renovations will be limited to Sessums, McKee, Suttle, and Hamlin Halls. Funds are available in the amount of \$6,500,000 from Mississippi State University Educational Building Corporation Bond Funds.
12. Approved Change Order #4 to **GS #105-265, Equine/Animal and Dairy Facility**, which increases the amount by \$161,804.15 and add an additional sixty days to the contract of Conn Construction Company, Inc., and request approval of the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management. Project funds will be increased by \$31,155.62 from the Vice-President for Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine's restricted account. The new total budget is \$5,440,748.16.

**Mississippi Valley State University**

13. Approved the request of payment for professional services to David A. Tant, P.L.S. Inc., for **IHL #206-003** in the amount of \$1,687.50 and \$1,400 for a total of \$3,087.50.
14. Approved request of payment #4 to Kenneth R. Thompson, Jr., Builder, in the amount of \$108,519.30 for work completed on **IHL #206-005, Track Renovations**.

**University of Mississippi**

15. Approved final plans and specifications, as developed by Mullins and Associates, and the advertisement for the receipt of bids for miscellaneous roofing and exterior repair for **GS #107-230**. The estimated project budget is \$910,757. Funds are available from the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management, H.B. 1613, Laws of 1993, S.B. 3304, Laws of 1994, and H.B. 1843, Laws of 1997.
16. Approved the award of a construction contract to the lowest bidder, Roy Anderson Corporation, in the amount of \$7,792,000 for **GS #107-204, Lyceum Restoration**. Funds are available from the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management sources. Bids were as follows:

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<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
1. Roy Anderson Corporation	\$7,792,000	1. (\$80,000) 2. (\$166,000)
2. Inman Construction Corporation	\$8,314,000	1. (\$64,500) 2. (\$198,100)
3. Carothers Construction, Inc.	\$8,776,000	1. (\$171,000) 2. (\$252,000)

17. Approved bids and the award of a construction contract to the lowest bidder, Pryor & Frazier Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$4,565,000 for **GS #107-225, the Center for Water and Wetlands Resources**. The award amount is based on the base bid, less deductive alternates #2, #3, #4, and #5, as well as negotiated reductions. Funds are available from the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management, a USDA grant and university self-generated funds.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
1. Pryor & Frazier Construction, Inc.	\$5,498,000	1. \$660,000 2. (\$197,000) 3. (\$72,000) 4. (\$106,000) 5. (\$51,000)
2. Flintco, Inc.	\$5,896,000	1. \$618,400 2. (\$178,600) 3. (\$36,300) 4. (\$110,500) 5. (\$52,000)
3. Inman Construction Corporation	\$5,973,000	1. \$667,000 2. (\$278,000) 3. (\$42,000) 4. (\$112,000) 5. (\$54,000)

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

18. Approved bids and the award of a contract to the lowest bidder, Sunbelt General Contractors, in the amount of \$57,869 for **Fire Wall and Miscellaneous JCAHO Revisions-MCRC Phase I, IHL #209-384A**. Funds are available in the amount of \$405,000 from university sources in the form of patient revenue.
19. Approved Change Order #21 in the amount of \$77,633 with no increase in contract time for **Perinatal Center, IHL #209-281**. The change will incorporate landscaping, remove concrete and asphalt, and add doors. Funds are available from Medical Center Educational Building Corporation Bonds.
20. Approved the request to reject all the bids for **Fire Wall and Miscellaneous JCAHO Revisions-Roller Latches Phase II, IHL #209-384B**, and re-advertise for the receipt of bids. Funds are available in the project budget from patient revenue.

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21. Approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$16,346.69 with no increase in contract time for **Parking Garage “C”, IHL #209-261**. The change will provide for landscaping additions and installation of metal doors. Funds are available from inpatient hospital revenue.
22. Approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$5,977 with no increase in contract time for **Orthopaedic Surgery Renovations, IHL #209-370**. The change will install tile, trim, a lab bench, drawer unit, and additional electrical outlets. Funds are available in the amount of \$90,000 from indirect cost income and private donations.
23. Approved the initiation of a project, **Re-Paving Lot #17, IHL #209-398**. Funds are available in the project budget from interest income.
24. Approved bids and award of a contract to the lowest bidder, Belk Construction Corporation, in the amount of \$65,723 for **Re-Paving Lot #17, IHL #209-398**. Funds are available in the project budget from interest income.
25. Approved Change Order #2 with a contract sum decrease in the amount of \$4,559.45 and an increase in contract time of ninety calendar days for **Storage Facility for Risk Management, IHL #209-344**. Funds are available from interest income.
26. Approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,094 with an increase in contract time of thirty calendar days for **Hospital Renovations, ‘97-Phase I, IHL #209-372A**. The change will provide for labor and material to relocate existing roof drain pipe and blank off the nurse call system in existing toilets. Funds are available in the project budget from patient revenues.
27. Approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$36,683 with an increase in contract time of thirty calendar days for **Durant Hospital Renovations, IHL #209-379**. The change will provide for all work related to the new kitchen hood and new make-up unit on the roof. Funds are available in the project budget from patient revenue.
28. Approved Change Order #22 in the amount of \$60,005 with an increase in contract time of three calendar days for **Perinatal Center, IHL #209-281**. The change will provide for miscellaneous owner requested changes. Funds are available from the Medical Center Educational Building Corporation.
29. Approved schematic documents for **GS #109-170, Classroom Facility Renovations Project**, and request approval of the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds, and Real Property Management. Funds are available in the amount of \$1,000,000 from H.B. 1843, Laws of 1997.
30. Approved the schematic documents for **IHL #209-394, Pediatric Wing Renovations**. Funds are available in the amount of \$5,600,000 from patient revenue.
31. Approved bids and the award of a contract to the lowest bidder, Wilkinson Construction Inc., in the amount of \$120,894 for **IHL #209-388, Neurosurgery Renovations ‘97 Project**. This amount includes the base bid and alternates #1, #2, and #3. Funds are available in the project budget in the form of indirect cost. Bids were as follows:

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<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
1. Coleman Hammons Construction Co., Inc.	\$107,875	1. \$38,250 2. \$800 3. \$1,800 4. \$12,300
2. Evan Johnson & Sons Construction Co., Inc.	\$123,100	1. \$41,000 2. \$1,250 3. \$2,550 4. \$13,200
3. Sunbelt General Contractors, Inc.	\$103,954	1. \$43,200 2. \$700 3. \$1,500 4. \$13,860
4. Wilkinson Construction, Inc.	\$99,000	1. \$19,300 2. \$463 3. \$2,131 4. \$11,307

32. Approved bids and the award of a contract to the lowest bidder, South Central Heating & Plumbing Co., Inc., in the amount of \$717,000 for **GS #109-172, Chiller #6 and Cooling Tower #1**. Funds are available from S.B. 3254, Laws of 1998. Bids were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
1. South Central Heating & Plumbing Co., Inc.	\$717,000	(\$327,000)
2. Blanchard Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$744,500	(\$397,500)
3. Fountain Construction Company, Inc.	\$778,400	(\$417,000)
4. Electro-Mech, Inc.	\$852,100	(\$494,600)
5. Mid-Mississippi Mechanical, Inc.	\$859,300	(\$465,500)
6. Pat McKenzie, Inc.	\$922,500	(\$460,000)
7. J. L. Roberts Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$974,854	(\$479,852)

**University of Southern Mississippi**

33. Approved contract documents and the advertisement for the receipt of bids for the **IHL #208-234, Residence Hall Construction Project**. Funds are available in the amount of \$13,120,000 from S. M. Educational Building Corporation.
34. Approved request to purchase property, located between 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the USM Track property, offered by McArthur Realty. The average of two appraisals is \$234,500, which is also the requested purchase price. Funds are available from the University of Southern Mississippi plant fund.
35. Approved request to advertise for the receipt of bids on the purchase of furniture and equipment in the amount of \$765,216 from Business Interiors, Jackson, MS. These items will be used in the College of Liberal Arts Building and Department of Theater and Dance

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Building. Funds are available from the USM Plant Fund account.

**Education and Research Center**

36. Approved the initiation of a project to replace the roof of the **Tower Building, IHL #211-003**, and the appointment of project professional Grantier Architecture. Funds are available in the amount of \$85,000 from legislative appropriations.

**BOARD DINNER**

Dr. Pennington thanked Dr. Kent Wyatt, President of Delta State University, and his faculty and staff for hosting the November Board dinner.

**PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL**

Presented by Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr., President

The President's Council discussed the following items:

1. Legislative Priorities. Dr. Thomas Layzell, Commissioner of Higher Education, presented an overview of legislative priorities.
2. Inter-Alumni Council. Presidents were asked to support lobbying efforts by the Inter-Alumni Council, which plans to have selected members visit with legislators on behalf of universities. Inter-Alumni Council events with legislators will be co-sponsored by IHL and are scheduled across the state. Presidents were supportive of this initiative.
3. Policy on Scholarships and Fellowships. Commissioner Layzell indicated that the final touches were being put on this policy and it would be sent to the Presidents soon.
4. CEO Evaluations. Chief Executive Officers evaluations will begin in January.
5. Mississippi Association of Colleges Proposals. Two (2) proposals from the Mississippi Association of Colleges were discussed. One of these focused on the establishment of a joint committee of community college presidents and IHL presidents to coordinate and collaborate on academic programming. In addition to Dr. Layzell, three IHL presidents were selected to serve on the committee. They are President Bristow, Fleming, and Khayat.
6. Board of Trustees' Retreat Topics. Discussion of issues raised at the Board of Trustees retreat continued.
7. ADA Compliance. Presidents were encouraged to continue to give attention to the American with Disabilities Act compliance issues.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academic & Student Affairs Committee  
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The Committee was brought to order by Ms. Baker, Chair. The Committee discussed the following issues:

1. Gulf Coast Programs

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**The Committee recommended that the Board receive reports in order to take action in January on the following four recommendations:**

- a. USM should further develop its plans for new programs at USMGC and submit them for Board review through established procedures. Plans for expansion of facilities, library resources, and the Gulf Park site should also be developed for review by the Board.
  - b. USM should elaborate on its proposal for the admission of a limited number of freshmen over a five-year period. More detail should be provided on projected costs, courses, curricula, and admission policies.
  - c. Board policies should be reviewed from the standpoint of what amendments would be necessary if the Board were to decide to designate one or more sites on the Gulf Coast as a campus, or campuses, of USM and to authorize USMGC to offer lower division courses. A report on necessary amendments should be prepared for Board review.
  - d. The memorandum of understanding, and any other documents necessary to the creation of a multi-institutional center with USM as the lead institution, should be completed and submitted for Board review.
8. The University of Southern Mississippi Polymer Science Program  
**The Committee decided that the Commissioner's recommendations be taken under advisement and be considered at the January Board meeting.**

**No further action was taken.**

The following members of the Committee were present: Ms. Baker (Chair), Mr. Crawford, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Luvone, and Ms. Newton. Other Board Members attending the meeting were: Mr. Colbert, Mr. Ivey, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Mr. Mills, Mr. Nicholson, and Dr. Pennington.

**Budget & Financial Affairs Committee  
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The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Nicholson, Chair. The Committee discussed the following issues:

1. FY97 Audits for Delta State University, The University of Mississippi Medical Center and Mississippi University for Women  
**The FY97 audits for Delta State University, The University of Mississippi Medical Center and Mississippi University for Women were received by the Committee.**
2. Property Audits  
**The property audits were received by the Committee.**
3. MTAG/MESG Compliance Audits  
**The MTAG/MESG compliance audits were received by the Committee.**
4. FY98 Financial Reports  
**The FY98 financial reports for the universities were held and are to be resubmitted at the January Board meeting.**
5. FY99 Financial Reports

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**The FY99 financial reports for the universities were held and are to be resubmitted at the January Board meeting.**

6. Annual Reports on Tort Claims Plan, Workers' Compensation Plan and Unemployment Plan  
**The annual reports on the tort claims plan, the workers' compensation plan and the unemployment plan were held and are to be resubmitted at the January Board meeting.**
7. Financial Aid Rules and Regulations  
**On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Crawford and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve revisions to the Contract and Rules and Regulations for the William Winter Teacher Scholar Loan Program.**  
**On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Crawford and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve revisions to the Contract and Rules and Regulations for the Health Care Professions Loan/Scholarship Program.**
8. Financial Aid Proration Procedure for MTAG, MESH and HELP  
**The Committee received an update on expenditures for Fall awards. Lacking a deficit appropriation, Spring awards for MTAG and MESH will have to be reduced twenty-five percent. A summary of amounts budgeted and expended was presented.**
9. Quarterly Employment Reports  
**On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Colbert, and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the Quarterly Employment Reports.**
10. Athletic Policy  
**The Committee recommended that the amendments, to section 607.04, Athletic Revenue and Expenditures, and 607.05, Scholarships for Student Athletes, of the *Board Policies and Bylaws*, be revised and resubmitted in January.**
11. The University of Southern Mississippi Research Foundation  
**On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the request to establish the University of Southern Mississippi Research Foundation, which is exclusively for educational and scientific purposes.**

**No further action was taken.**

The following members of the Committee were present: Mr. Nicholson (Chair), Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Ivey, and Dr. Magee. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Ms. Baker, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Klumb, Mr. Luvone, Mr. Mills, Ms. Newton, and Dr. Pennington.

**Building/Facilities Committee  
Wednesday, November 18, 1998**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Colbert, Chair. The Committee discussed the following issues:

1. Facilities' Requests from Universities  
**On motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Mr. Mills, and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the facilities' requests from each**

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**university.**

2. Capital Improvements Lists  
**The Committee was informed that the Capital Improvements Lists will be presented at the January meeting.**
3. Roxco, Inc.  
**The Committee was informed that Roxco, Inc., which had four IHL construction projects, has been taken over by a bonding company. The net effect to IHL will be that all of the projects will be completed, but there will be some delays.**

**No further action was taken.**

The following members of the Committee were present: Mr. Colbert (Chair), Mr. Crawford, Mr. Klumb, Mr. Luvene, and Mr. Mills. Other Board Members attending the meeting were: Ms. Baker, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Ivey, Dr. Magee, Ms. Newton, and Mr. Nicholson.

**Intercollegiate Athletics Committee  
Thursday, November 5, 1998**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Luvene. The Committee discussed the following three options with respect to the scheduling issue:

1. Set it aside as a topic for further discussion in recognition of the complexities of the issue and the reservations expressed by the institutions.
2. Request and encourage the three Institutional Executive Officers to discuss the issues associated with a Jackson game with the appropriate parties.
3. Develop a Board Policy on the matter.

**The Committee recommended that this issue be set aside for further discussion in recognition of the complexities of the issue and the reservations expressed by the institutions.**

**No further action was taken.**

The following members of the Committee were present: Mr. Luvene (Chair), Ms. Baker, and Mr. Crawford. Other Board Members attending the meeting were: Mr. Colbert, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Ivey, Dr. Magee, and Ms. Newton.

**Legal Committee  
Wednesday, November 18, 1998**

The Committee was brought to order by Dr. Magee, Chair. The Committee discussed the following issues:

1. Outside Counsel Fees—Patent  
**On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the request for payment of legal fees to outside counsel in relation to patent work for universities**

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2. Outside Counsel Fees–Litigation  
**On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the request for payment of legal fees to outside counsel in relation to litigation and other matters.**
  
3. Litigation Report  
**On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the report on current litigation, with two suggested amendments as suggested by the Attorney General’s Office.**
  
4. James T. Metz as Outside Counsel in Montgomery vs. MSU, et al.  
**On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the request for permission to retain Attorney James T. Metz of the firm of Hickman, Goza & Gore, to represent Mississippi State University in the civil action *Carol A. Montgomery vs. MSU, Ed Montgomery and Charlie Sanders*.**
  
5. Annual Litigation Reports on Tort Claims and Workers’ Compensation Plans  
**The Committee reviewed and accepted the annual litigation reports regarding tort claims and workers’ compensation plans.**
  
6. Deed of Trust at The University of Mississippi  
**On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the execution of a deed of trust of leasehold interest by Mississippi Sigma Chi Association with Union Planters Bank.**

On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed, the Committee **voted to go into Executive Session**, for the reasons later reported by the Chair in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of Personnel Matter;  
Discussion of Proposed Settlement in *Parman vs. UMMC*;  
Discussion of Proposed Settlement in *Fealko vs. UMMC*; and  
Discussion of a Possible Litigation Matter Concerning Mississippi University for Women.

On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed, the Committee **voted to go back into Open Session**, where the following actions were announced:

Update on Personnel Matter was given.

Proposed Settlement in *Parman vs. UMMC*

**On motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Mr. Mills, and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the settlement of *Robert Parman vs. UMMC and Chief Investigator Fred Sanders*.**

Proposed Settlement in *Fealko vs. UMMC*

**On motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the settlement of *Ronald K. Fealko and Jo Ann Fealko vs. UMMC, Becky Webber, Clottie Fields and John Does 1-5*.**

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Possible Litigation Concerning Mississippi University for Women

**A possible litigation matter was discussed concerning MUW. No action was taken.**

Mr. Mills made a motion on the above recommendations in **Open Session of the Board meeting**, which was seconded by Mr. Nicholson, and unanimously passed by those present.

**No further action was taken.**

The following members of the Committee were present: Dr. Magee (Chair), Mr. Ivey, Mr. Klumb, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Nicholson. Other Board Members attending the meeting were: Ms. Baker, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Luvenc, and Ms. Newton.

**Planning Committee  
Thursday, November 5, 1998**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Crawford, Chair. The Committee discussed the following issues:

1. Vision Statement

**After much discussion about principles, values and the planning process, the Committee asked the Commissioner to take the work that had been completed in this and past meetings and compose a vision statement for the system that the Committee could review at their next meeting.**

**There are five principles or core values which undergird the ongoing work of the universities and trustees. These principles are as follows:**

- a. Higher education matters. Universities are the wellsprings of civilization and human capital. Ours must be vital for our citizenry to thrive.
- b. Planning begins with self-assessment and research. The divides of history, geography, wealth, and culture are particular threats to diverse institutions and trustees. A willingness to honestly and collegially address issues is central to IHL planning. Well-researched, factual information leavens disputes into discussions.
- c. Successful institutions focus on their assets. Our universities are home to rich traditions, diverse environments, and exceptional talent. By nurturing and building on these assets, each of our institutions can flourish within the IHL system.
- d. System planning requires collaboration. As diverse institutions and individuals, we need to pay attention to building institutional cooperation, eschewing insidious competition, broadening leadership, and promoting collaborative decision-making.
- e. Equity and high expectations should undergird all aspects of higher education. Given our state's troubled past and systemic educational shortcomings, we need to employ equity and embed high expectations in all our work. These core building blocks will anchor a foundation upon which lasting successes can be built for all levels of education.

**A sixth principle which deals with stewardship and accountability will be developed.  
No further action was taken.**

The following members of the Committee were present: Mr. Crawford (Chair), Ms. Baker, Mr. Colbert, Dr. Magee, and Ms. Newton. Other Board Members attending the meeting were: Ms. Garrett, Mr. Ivey, and Mr. Luvenc.

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**Technology/Accessibility Committee  
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The Committee was brought to order by Ms. Garrett, Chair. The Committee discussed the following issues:

1. Status Report on the Year 2000 Implementation

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**The Committee received a status report for information purposes on the Year 2000 implementation. The Committee was also informed of a meeting between the University Counsel, Attorney General's Office, and Chief Technology Officers in which Year 2000 legal issues were discussed.**

2. Status Report on EdNet

**The Committee received a status report for information purposes on EdNet.**

- a. Work is proceeding on the \$6.8 million project to interconnect the ETV towers.
- b. EdNet has \$1.5 million to connect Local Origination Sites to the EdNet system and \$220,000 to help outfit the local studio classrooms.
- c. An RFP is out right now for anyone that wants to be a Local Origination Site. We have received letters of intent to submit a proposal from several institutions. Proposals are due November 30, 1998.
- d. We are using \$20,000 of EdNet money to do a needs assessment study of the K-12 community for professional development for delivery on EdNet or other technologies.

3. Other Business

**Announcements:**

- a. Mississippi ETV is one of seven PBS television stations that has been granted a license to begin broadcasting digital High Definition Television (HDTV). There is a demonstration set up in the lobby of the ETV building if you are interested.
- b. As a follow-up to the mississippi.futures.net (m.f.n) conference earlier this year, the Work Group has been formed. The Work Group had planned to meet on September 29 but the hurricane caused a postponement. The first meeting of this group is now set for November 30, 1998.
- c. The third annual Creating Futures Conference will be held February 9-10 at the Hilton in Jackson. This conference brings together IHL and Community College Faculty to present and discuss effective uses of technology in the teaching and learning process. This year there will be an emphasis on online learning.

**No action was taken.**

The following members of the Committee were present: Ms. Garrett (Chair), Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Klumb, and Dr. Magee. Other Board Members attending the meeting were: Ms. Baker, Mr. Mills, and Ms. Newton.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Ms. Newton, 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 *Ayers* Case; and  
Discussion of System Personnel Matter.

**On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Baker, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to return to Open Session.**

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The following report on the Executive Session was given by the President:

*Ayers Case*

**A motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Mills that the Board instruct its attorney that legal arguments need to continue and that no judicial relief is warranted in the area of equipment funding.** The motion passed on a 7 to 3 vote with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Klumb not absent and not voting. Board members voting for the motion were: Ms. Nan Baker, Mr. William Crawford, Ms. Ricki Garrett, Mr. Marlin Ivey, Mr. J. P. "Jake" Mills, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, and Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr. Board members **voting against the motion were: Mr. James Luvene, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., and Dr. Cassie Pennington.**

An Update on System Personnel Matter was also given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Luvene, the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn.

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**Exhibits**

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| Exhibit 1 | Resolution honoring Dr. Marilyn Mills  |
| Exhibit 2 | Resolution honoring the memory of<br>Dr. O. P. Lowe of Mississippi Valley<br>State University. |
| Exhibit 3 | Resolution honoring Mr. Adonis<br>Gonzalez of the University of Southern<br>Mississippi.       |