

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

March 6, 1987

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in special session in Jackson, Mississippi, on Friday, March 6, 1987, and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on March 2, 1987, to each and every member of said Board.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Bryce Griffis and opened with prayer by Mr. Rushing.

Committee of the Whole

In response to questions raised concerning Section 37-101-15 of the Mississippi Code the need for a written order of the Board for university personnel to appear before the Mississippi Legislature, Mr. Bourdeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, to authorize the executive officer of each institution and other university personnel to be at and in the Legislature for the purpose of furthering the interests of higher education.

Mr. Jacobs offered an amendment to the above stated motion that the Board adopt the attached letter of March 2, 1987, from Mr. Bryce Griffis, President of the Board, to the University Presidents, Chancellor, and Directors. This letter reiterates the longstanding procedure of the Board of expecting university personnel to appear at the State Legislature and to engage in the transferral of information to the Legislature.

Mr. Bourdeaux accepted the motion as amended, and a vote was taken on the motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT A.)

On motion by Mr. Crosthwait, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board requested Ms. Carolyn Mills of the Office of the Attorney General to review the statute (Section 37-101-15) concerning the appearance of university personnel before the Legislature and to advise the Board at its March 19, 1987, of changes needed, if any, in the By-Laws and Policies with regard to this matter.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to meet in executive session to discuss the search for a Commissioner of Higher Education.

With no further business, adjournment was ordered.

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Executive Secretary and Director

Approved:

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President