

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

January 16, 1986

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in regular session in Jackson, Mississippi, on Thursday, January 16, 1986, and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on January 3, 1986, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this January 16, 1986.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Denton Rogers, Jr., and opened with prayer by Mrs. Williams.

Approval of the December 19, 1985, Minutes

On motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the minutes of the December 19, 1985, meeting were approved.

Election of Vice President

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously to elect Mrs. Betty Williams as Vice President of the Board for a one-year term beginning May 8, 1986 and ending May 7, 1987.

Report of the Presidents' Council

Dr. R. Gerald Turner, Chairman of the Presidents' Council, brought to the Board the following policies pertaining to the operation of the University Press of Mississippi which were passed by the Presidents' Council:

1. The Director will report to the Chairman of the Presidents' Council regarding administrative matters.
2. The Research and Development Center will provide financial services for the University Press and will ensure that the financial operations of the University Press are in harmony with the laws of the State of Mississippi, the policies of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, and with generally accepted accounting principles.

3. The By-Laws of the University Press of Mississippi will be revised so that an institutional member will serve as chair of the Board of Directors. The Director of the University Press will not serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Report of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee

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

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve the request to replace the management agreement executed in 1974 between the Board of Trustees, for Mississippi State University School of Forest Resources, and the Tenneco Company covering the 1100-acre Sharp forest property, with a property lease.
2. Approve the bids and authorize the University to award the sale to the following high bidders for pine saw timber on the John W. Starr Memorial Forest:

Sale No. 1986-01T	317,110 board feet
Georgia Pacific Corporation	\$48,279.00
Sale No. 1986-02T	504,042 board feet
Reeves Brothers Logging Company	\$76,110.34
Sale No. 1986-03T	230,911 board feet
Reeves Brothers Logging Company	\$28,863.88

Report of the Athletics Committee

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

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve recommendations for athletic personnel as submitted by Dr. Donald W. Zacharias.
2. Confirm the appointment of Rockey Lynn Felker as Head Football Coach, effective January 6, 1986, with an annual salary of \$62,000.00. Approval for this appointment was given by telephone poll.

Mississippi Valley State University:

1. Approve recommendation for athletic personnel as submitted by Dr. Joe L. Boyer.

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve recommendations for athletic personnel as submitted by Dr. R. Gerald Turner.

Report of the Buildings Committee

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

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve the request to award the contract to the low bidder, VanLandingham Construction Company of Starkville,

Mississippi, for a Milking Facility at the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Amount of the bid is \$683,839.00. Funds are available in the budget of the Experiment Station.

2. Approve the request to increase the project budget for the Aquaculture Disease/Water Quality Laboratory at the Delta Branch Experiment Station in Stoneville, Mississippi, from \$200,000.00 to \$400,000.00, and approve the completed plans and specifications for bidding. Approval of this project and the professional was given at the October 17, 1985, meeting of the Board. Funds are available in the Experiment Station's budget.
3. Approve the request that the Poultry Science Building be designated the "James E. Hill Poultry Science Building" in honor of Professor Hill who has rendered long and valuable service to Mississippi State University and to the poultry industry. It is also recommended that this designation be effective September 1986, the same date as Dr. Hill's retirement.
4. Approve the revised lease between Mississippi State University and the Chi Omega Fraternity (Sorority). The lease was originally approved by the Board on February 21, 1985. The revision is needed to clarify discrepancies in the property description.
5. Approve the request for the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station to advertise for bids on the following additions to metal buildings:
  - a. A 60 foot by 40 foot addition for the Tractor/Equipment Shed at North Mississippi Branch Experiment Station in Holly Springs, to be exactly the same type of construction, painting, etc., as existing. Estimated cost of the outside shell, plus possible necessary inside work, is approximately \$25,000.00, with funding to be through a reimbursable account with the USDA Agricultural Research Service.
  - b. A 30 foot by 50 foot addition to an existing Poultry house on the Agricultural Research Center (farm) on the campus. It is to be an exact duplication of the existing Poultry building. The estimated cost is \$15,000.00 with funding to be provided by a transfer from the College of Veterinary Medicine to the Experiment Station.

Mississippi University for Women:

1. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the contract documents for GS 104-063, 1986 Roofing Program, and the advertisement for bids. Funds amounting to \$183,000.00 have been allocated for this project.
2. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the contract documents and the advertisement of bids for GS 104-060, 1985 Roofing Program. Funds amounting to \$385,000.00 have been allocated for this project.
3. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the schematic documents for GS 104-064, Kincannon Hall Asbestos Abatement. Funds are available in the project budget in the amount of \$125,000.00.

University of Mississippi Medical Center:

1. Approve the estimated cost of \$172,030.00 for CT Scanner and Gamma X-Ray Renovations. The University Medical Center will provide funds for this project including architectural fees.
2. Approve the final plans and specifications for Mechanical Repairs as prepared by Walters and Busby, engineers, and the advertisement of bids. Funds will be provided in the amount of \$103,000.00 by the University Medical Center.
3. Approve the request to award the contract for Miscellaneous Repairs and Renovations to the low bidder, Roxco, Ltd. The bid was in the amount of \$93,425.00. Funds will be provided by the University Medical Center.
4. Approve the request for Change Order No. 2 for Renovation to Orthopedic Surgery Department Rooms. This change order adds \$711.88 to the contract of Bukvich and Jenkins, and funds will be provided by the University Medical Center.

University of Southern Mississippi:

1. Approve the award of the contract to the low bidder, Finlo Construction Company, at the negotiated cost of \$2,744,952.00 for GS 108-103, 1985 Dormitory Renovation Program, and request approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The following funds are available for the project:

U. S. Department of Education	\$ 2,681,000.00
USM Housing Reserves	<u>330,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,011,000.00

2. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for an emergency allocation of \$32,475.00 to repair damages caused by a fire in Room 108 of the administration building.
3. Approve the request and request approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order No. 1 for GS 108-103a, Removal and Disposal of Asbestos Materials - 3 dorms. This change order adds \$8,900.00 to the contract of American Insulation Products Company.
4. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for award of the contract to the low bidder, Barron-Leggett Electrical Construction Company, in the amount of \$149,478.00 for GS 108-102, Fire Alarm System - Phase II. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2932, Laws of 1983, and from House Bill 1151, Laws of 1984, in the amount of \$260,000.00.

Report of the Finance Committee

On motion by Dr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Bourdeaux, the following report of the Wednesday, January 15, 1986, meeting of the Finance Committee was unanimously approved on Thursday, January 16, 1986:

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve request of the Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program to transfer funds between categories of expenditure. This transfer would be a reduction of \$25,000.00 in Contractual

Services, an increase of \$15,000.00 in Travel, and an increase of \$10,000.00 in Subsidies, Loans and Grants. The increase in Travel is necessary to cover expenses of the increased length of workshops, monitoring schools, and regional staff meetings. The increase in Subsidies, Loans and Grants is to fund data collection from secondary sources.

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve a revision in the FY 1986 Education and General budget categories. Approve a reduction in Commodities of \$144,800.00, an increase in Contractual Services of \$94,800.00, and an increase in Equipment of \$50,000.00. This will allow for the purchase of terminals to upgrade student registration and increased maintenance and installation costs of a replacement computer in the Computer Center. Some realignment of department budgets is also necessary.
2. Approve an escalation in the FY 1986 budget for the State Court Education Program in the amount of \$48,545.00. This escalation will increase Travel by \$38,500.00, Contractual Services by \$4,800.00, and Commodities by \$5,245.00. This escalation will be funded by grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Program and the Governor's Office of Federal-State Programs.

All Institutions:

On motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Bourdeaux, the Board voted unanimously to meet as a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, January 15, 1986, to consider the following matter:

Mr. Bourdeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adopt a Resolution requesting the Legislature to substantially alter the system of higher education because of the projected reduced appropriations recommended by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for FY 1986-87. (SEE EXHIBIT A.)

Mr. Griffis offered an amendment to the above stated motion. Mrs. Williams seconded. The amendment was to change item 3.b. of the Resolution to allow Mississippi State University to take the amount of \$5,000,000.00 out of the appropriations to its agricultural units to prevent the closure of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

A vote was taken on this amendment. It failed with Mr. Griffis, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Gill, and Mr. Rushing voting for the amendment.

Mr. Watson offered a second amendment to the motion. Mr. Rushing seconded. The amendment was to change item 3.c. of the Resolution so that the off-campus degree-granting programs operated by the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi would remain open.

Mr. Rushing offered an amendment to this amendment that the Gulf Park campus be the only exception to item 3.c. and would remain open. It was seconded by Mrs. Williams. Mr. Watson accepted this amendment.

A vote was taken on this amendment. It failed with Mrs. Gill, Mr. Rushing, Mr. Watson, and Mrs. Williams voting for the amendment.

Mr. Watson offered a third amendment to the motion. Mrs. Williams seconded. The amendment was to change item 3.e. of the Resolution so that Mississippi University for Women would remain open.

A vote was taken on this amendment. It failed with Mr. Rushing, Mr. Watson, Mrs. Williams, and Mr. Rogers voting for the amendment.

Mr. Watson offered a fourth amendment to the motion. Mrs. Williams seconded. The amendment was to change item 3.f. of the Resolution so that Mississippi Valley State University would remain open.

A vote was taken on this amendment. It failed with Mr. Rushing, Mr. Watson, and Mrs. Williams voting for the amendment.

Mr. Watson offered a fifth amendment to the motion. Mr. Rushing seconded. The amendment was to omit item 3.g. of the Resolution so that the designations of the regional institutions would not be changed to colleges rather than universities.

A vote was taken on this amendment. It failed with Mr. Rushing, Mr. Watson, and Mrs. Williams voting for the amendment.

A vote was taken on the original motion to adopt the Resolution. The original motion carried with Mr. Rushing, Mr. Watson, and Mrs. Williams recording negative votes.

Dr. Lovelace moved, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to end discussion as Committee of the Whole. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Crosthwait, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously to meet as a Committee of the Whole to consider the following matter:

Mr. Bourdeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following:

Accept Alternative I allocation of the \$1,918,980.00 reduction among Institutions of Higher Learning budgets as directed by the State Fiscal Management Board's decision on January 9, 1986, with the reduction for the University of Mississippi Medical Center being reduced to \$414,299.00 instead of \$714,299.00 and with the reduction for the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station being increased by \$150,000.00 and the reduction for the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service being increased by \$150,000.00. (SEE EXHIBIT B.)

Dr. Lovelace offered a substitute motion to the above motion to eliminate the University of Mississippi Medical Center from the allocation and distribute its \$714,299.00 reduction among the other budgetary units.

A vote was taken on this amendment. It failed with Dr. Lovelace, Mr. Crosthwait, Mr. Austin, and Mr. Hickman voting for the amendment.

A vote was taken on the original motion. The original motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Lovelace moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, the end discussion as the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Office:

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

Report of the Legal Committee

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

Legal Reports:

1. Approve report "Approvals for Payments to be Made to Private Legal Counsel by Institutions."

2. Review report of current litigation.
3. Receive activity report from the Office of the Attorney General, Universities Division.

Report of the Medical Affairs Committee

On motion by Dr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Watson, the following report of the Medical Affairs Committee was approved:

University of Mississippi Medical Center:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. R. Gerald Turner.
2. Approve requests for foreign travel for Dr. John E. Hall, Dr. Wallace V. Mann, Jr., Dr. James N. Martin, Jr., Dr. Rick Martin, Dr. John C. Morrison, Dr. Seshadri Raju, Dr. Prasada Rao S. Kodavanti, Dr. Lawrence S. Schoen, Dr. Durisala Desaiah, Dr. K. S. Prasadrao, Dr. Robert R. Smith, Dr. Alexander J. Haick, Jr., Dr. James D. Hardy, Dr. Adel G. Mattar, and Dr. Elgene G. Mainous.

Report of the Research Committee

On motion by Mr. Rushing, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following report of the Research Committee was approved:

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory:

1. Approve request for foreign travel for Dr. David W. Cook.

Mississippi Research and Development Center:

1. Approve change in staffing plan as submitted by Dr. Jim W. Meredith.
2. Approve the following contracts:
  - 86-33R, Mississippi Department of Natural Resources, \$17,500.00.
  - 86-38E, Josephine Ashcraft-Mississippi College, \$4,000.00.

Report of the Instruction, Administration, and Policy Committee

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the following report of the Instruction, Administration, and Policy Committee was approved:

Alcorn State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Walter Washington.
2. Approve request to consolidate the Bachelor of Science degree in Technical Education (CIP 131319 5026) into the Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology (CIP 150603 5027).

Delta State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Kent Wyatt.
2. Item of Information: Delta State University has been notified by Senator Thad Cochran that its Commercial Aviation/Airway Science Program has been awarded a \$2,300,000.00 appropriation. The purpose of the grant is to provide equipment and facilities for the University's Aviation Program.

Jackson State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. James A. Hefner.
2. Approve requests for foreign travel for Dr. Robert Mack, Mr. Shelton Swanier, Dr. Frank S. Black, Dr. Leslie B. McLemore, and Dr. James A. Hefner.

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Donald W. Zacharias.
2. Approve sabbatical leave for Edmond A. Emplaincourt.
3. Approve requests for foreign travel for Dr. W. L. Barrentine, Dr. Mary F. Futrell, Dr. M. E. Kurtz, Dr. John I. Paulk, Dr. Richard T. Roush, Dr. G. D. Wills, Dr. Robert E. Wolverton, Dr. Marvin T. Bond, Mr. David Adamski, and Dr. Lynn M. Gourley.

Mississippi University for Women:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. James W. Strobel.

Mississippi Valley State University:

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

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. R. Gerald Turner.
2. Approve a change in status for Dr. Thomas C. Meredith from Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and Adjunct Professor of Educational Administration, Counseling, Psychology, and Higher Education to Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and Professor of Educational Administration, Counseling, Psychology, and Higher Education, effective December 12, 1985, with no change in funds.
3. Approve request that Dr. Joseph Sam be accorded the distinction of being named Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Emeritus, Dean Emeritus of the Graduate School, and Professor Emeritus of Medicinal Chemistry, effective upon his retirement on January 31, 1986.
4. Approve request to establish the new position of Instructor in Civil Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering, effective January 1, 1986, with a one-semester contract at \$10,000.00.
5. Approve request for foreign travel for Dr. Chester L. Quarles.
6. Approve resolution pertaining to clearances of personnel concerned with Department of Defense contracts and other contracts involving classified information. (SEE EXHIBIT C.)
7. Item of Information: The American Psychological Association has reaffirmed the accredited status of the University's doctoral program in Clinical Psychology.

University of Southern Mississippi:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas.
2. Approve request to establish the new position of Visiting Instructor, Department of Economics, College of Business Administration, effective January 8, 1986, with a five-month contract at \$9,000.00.
3. Approve requests for foreign travel for John E. Green, Faye T. Hagan, and Eddie M. Lewis.
4. Item of Information: The Committee of Accreditation of the American Psychological Association has reaffirmed the accredited status of the doctoral program in Counseling Psychology.

Executive Office:

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

Academic Programs Review:

1. Approve professional staff recommendations on the following rereviewed programs in Academic Programs Review:

<u>Degree Program</u>	<u>Recommended Change in Category</u>
Animal Science, BS, ASU	From Marginal to Approval
Industrial Technology, BS, JSU	From Marginal to Approval
Mass Communications, BS, JSU	From Marginal to Approval
Political Science, BA, DSU	From Marginal to Approval

2. Approve professional staff recommendation on the following program in Academic Programs Review:

<u>Degree Program</u>	<u>Recommended Change in Category</u>
Court Reporting, BCR, UM	From Approval to Commendation

Through an oversight, this recommended change was not submitted at the February 16, 1984, meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Math-Science Teacher Education Scholarship Program:

1. Approve the request of Frances Anderson Boutwell to postpone her teaching obligation until she is able to secure employment, which must be no later than August 1986. Mrs. Boutwell was unable to take the specialty area of the National Teacher Examination due to illness.

Summer Math-Science Teacher Retraining Program:

1. Declare William R. Dyson in breach of his contract, effective September 1, 1985. Mr. Dyson failed to secure certification to teach science within the three-year program limit.

Resolution:

The Board authorized the appropriate resolution to be written in honor of Mr. Boswell Stevens of Macon, Mississippi. Mr. Stevens was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1968-1980. This resolution will be presented to the family of Mr. Stevens. (SEE EXHIBIT D.)

The meeting of the Board recessed until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 1986.

Special Meeting of the Legal Committee

On motion by Mr. Crosthwait, seconded by Dr. Lovelace, the Board voted unanimously to meet as a Committee of the Whole on Thursday, January 16, 1986, to consider the following matter:

On motion by Dr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Watson, the following was approved:

All Institutions:

1. Approve request to file a bill in the Legislature requesting authority for the Board of Trustees to seek fire and casualty insurance for physical facilities at all institutions. The cost for this coverage would be no more than the cost for present coverage. The Office of the Attorney General will be requested to write the bill.

With no further business, adjournment was ordered.

  
Executive Secretary and Director

Approved:

  
President