

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

April 17, 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, April 17, 1986, and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on April 4, 1986, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this April 17, 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, Charles C. Jacobs, Jr., William M. Jones, John R. Lovelace, Denton Rogers, Jr., Sidney L. Rushing, George T. Watson, and Betty A. Williams.

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

Approval of the March 20, 1986, Minutes

On motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the minutes of the March 20, 1986, meeting were approved.

Report of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee

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

Mississippi University for Women:

1. Approve bids received for the sale of approximately 39 acres of land in Greene County, and authorize the University to accept the highest bid submitted by Dees Lumber Company in the amount of \$25,501.00. The land has been appraised at \$10,501.67 with standing timber of \$14,000.00. This property is one tract of seven previously authorized for sale by the Board.

Report of the Athletics Committee

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

Alcorn State University:

1. Accept the resignation of Marino H. Casem as Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach effective June 30, 1986.

Delta State University:

1. Approve the resolution commending the Delta State University women's basketball team for their outstanding winning season. (SEE EXHIBIT A.)

Jackson State University:

1. Approve the recommendation for athletic personnel as submitted by Dr. James A. Hefner.

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve the recommendations for athletic personnel as submitted by Dr. Donald W. Zacharias.

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve the resolution commending the University of Mississippi women's basketball team for their outstanding winning season. (SEE EXHIBIT B.)

Report of the Buildings Committee

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

Alcorn State University:

1. Approve request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order Nos. 1, 2, and 3 for GS 101-118, HPER Complex Repairs. These change orders add \$11,155.00 to the contract of Boyles Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2996, Laws of 1982.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory:

1. Approve Joint Resolution between the City of Biloxi, Commission on Natural Resources, and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. This resolution transfers the supervision, maintenance, and security of the Gulf Marine State Park from the Mississippi Park Commission to the City of Biloxi. (SEE EXHIBIT C.)
2. Approve request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Reimbursement 16 for SBC 110-041, 1981 Vessel Alterations. The amount of the reimbursement is \$4,204.14. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2092, Laws of 1981, Senate Bill 2996, Laws of 1982, and House Bill 1151, Laws of 1984.
3. Approve request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Reimbursement in the amount of \$1,071.43 for SBC 110-041, 1981 Vessel Alterations. Funds are available from Senate Bill 3092, Laws of 1981, Senate Bill 2996, Laws of 1982, and House Bill 1151, Laws of 1984.

Jackson State University:

1. Approve resolution approving the filing of an application of incorporation and proposed Charter and By-Laws of the Jackson State University Educational Building Corporation. At its February 20, 1986, meeting, the Board approved the request of the University to form an educational building corporation to construct dormitories. (SEE EXHIBIT D.)

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for an emergency request to

repair damage done by a tornado to the Coastal Plain Branch Experiment Station at Newton. Amount of the request is \$44,082.00.

2. Approve request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for schematic and design development documents for GS 105-195, Lakeside Building Renovation, as submitted by John Kochtitzky Architect, Ltd. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2978, Laws of 1985.
3. Approve request for a portion of GS 105-194, 1986 Roofing and Waterproofing Program, specifically the partial replacement of the concrete plaza at Humphrey Coliseum, with in-house personnel. This project is primarily a roofing project while the concrete plaza portion of the project involves trades not normally found in a roofing contract. The physical plant department has the expertise to conduct this portion of the project. It is further requested that at the conclusion of the job, a complete accounting will be made and submitted to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for reimbursement not to exceed \$60,000.00. Funds are available in the project contingency for this portion of the project not to exceed \$65,000.00.

Mississippi University for Women:

1. Approve request to award the contract to the low bidder, Wheeler Roofing Service, Inc., for GS 104-063, 1986 Roofing Program. Amount of the low bid is \$67,850.00.

Mississippi Valley State University:

1. Approve request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for an emergency request in the amount of \$25,816.00 to repair damage to Sunflower Heights Building "E" due to a fire. The total amount of the damages is \$98,907.00 but insurance will cover \$73,091.00; therefore, only \$25,816.00 is needed to complete repairs.

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve request for the contract documents and the advertisement of bids for Renovation of Bathroom in Crosby Hall. Estimated cost of the project is \$95,000.00. Funds are available from University sources.

University of Mississippi Medical Center:

1. Approve award of the contract for the CT Scanner and Gamma X-Ray Renovation to the low bidder, Fountain Electric Company, Inc. The amount of the low bid is \$200,100.00. Also approve establishment of a project budget in the amount of \$228,336.00. Funds will be provided by the University Medical Center.
2. Approve Change Order No. 1 for CT Scanner and Gamma X-Ray Renovations. This change order adds \$6,730.00 to the contract of Fountain Electric Company. Funds for this change order will be provided by the University Medical Center.
3. Approve request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order No. 2 for GS 109-121, Belhaven Creek Culvert. This change order adds 84 calendar days to the contract of Hemphill Construction Company.

University of Southern Mississippi:

1. Approve request for award of the contract to the low bidder, Hahn Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, Inc., for Air Conditioning

Alterations, Panhellenic Energy Conservation Project, in the amount of \$113,000.00. Funds are available from a U. S. Department of Energy grant and University sources.

2. Approve request to award the contract to the low bidder, Newell Sullivan, for Renovation of George Hurst Gymnasium-Textbook Relocation. The amount of the base bid, plus alternates 1, 2, and 4, is \$297,433.00. Also approve escalation of the project budget from \$200,000.00 to \$330,000.00 Funds are available from University sources.
3. Approve request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for award of the contract for GS 108-105, 1986 Roofing Program, to the low bidder, E. Cornell Malone, Inc., in the amount of \$104,513.00. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2978, Laws of 1985, and from Senate Bill 2996, Laws of 1982.
4. Approve request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order No. 1 for GS 108-100, 1985 Roofing Program. This change order adds \$2,390.00 to the contract of South Central Roofing Company. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2992, Laws of 1983.

Report of the Finance Committee

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Lovelace, the following report of the Finance Committee was approved:

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve request to increase the foreign student application fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00 to become effective with the 1986 fall semester.
2. Approve request that effective with the 1986 summer session, the University be allowed to implement the following: International students or agencies sponsoring international students who are administered through the Office of International Programs will pay an administrative fee for services provided. A full range of services is offered, with the fee being related to the cost of services. Sponsoring agencies, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), program students at universities generally as part of a research contract and expect certain services to be provided to international students to improve the quality, scope, and chances of success of the students' programs. These services are broader in scope than those provided to other students. In many cases, the agency that programs the students is receiving an administrative fee for provision of these services. Approval of an administrative service fee will ensure that the University receives reimbursement for services rendered.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory:

1. Approve an escalation in the FY 1985-86 budget in the amount of \$245,634 to provide for new research contract/grant funds as follows:

	<u>U.S.D.A.*</u>	<u>SEAMAP**</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Salaries, Wages & Fringe			
Benefits	\$ 16,578	\$ 2,438	\$ 19,016
Travel	5,000	-0-	5,000

Contractual Services	6,000	30,000	36,000
Commodities	15,000	4,000	19,000
Capital Outlay - Other than Equipment	-0-	-0-	-0-
Capital Outlay - Equipment	153,618	13,000	166,618
Subsidies, Loans and Grants	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	\$196,196	\$49,438	\$245,634

Source of Funds

State Appropriations	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other Funds	196,196	49,438	245,634
TOTAL	\$196,196	\$49,438	\$245,634

*Research grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to fund the second year of project entitled "Marine Shrimp Farming." Total grant award is \$484,068.

**Research grant from the National Marine Fisheries Service to fund the second year of the project entitled "Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP)."

All Institutions:

1. Approve a change in the contractor for the Risk Management Study from Bayly, Martin, and Fay, Inc., to Mr. Tom Walston. Mr. Walston has been the project director of this study and has now established his own firm in Atlanta. Details concerning retention of records and contractual payments which assure the institutions of higher learning a smoothly completed project have been agreed upon between Mr. Walston and Bayly, Martin and Fay, Inc.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, April 16, to meet as a Committee of the Whole to consider the following matters:

2. Consider allocation of general support to the eight universities.
3. Consider budget instructions for FY 1986-87.
4. Consider tuition increases for 1986-87.

Mr. Bourdeaux moved that appropriated funds be allocated by Option I, or the pure formula allocation. Mr. Griffis seconded this motion.

Mr. Jacobs offered a substitute motion to the above motion to allocate appropriated funds by Option II, or the across-the-board 14.75% reduction. Mr. Watson seconded.

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

On motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Watson, the Committee of the Whole voted to table the original motion to allocate funds according to the pure formula until Thursday morning with Mr. Bourdeaux, Mr. Griffis, Mrs. Gill, Dr. Lovelace, and Mr. Rogers recording negative votes.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Dr. Lovelace, the Board voted on Thursday, April 17, to take from the table the original motion to allocate funds according to the pure formula.

Mr. Jones offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Watson, to allocate funds according to Option IV, which redistributed \$1,500,000.00 of general support to the regional and urban universities. These funds would be taken from the general support of the comprehensive universities as allocated by the pure formula.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion. The motion failed with Mr. Austin, Mr. Bourdeaux, Mr. Crosthwait, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Hickman, Dr. Lovelace, and Mr. Rogers recording negative votes.

Mr. Watson offered an amendment to the original motion, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to redistribute according to the formula the \$960,341.00 set aside for the Plan of Compliance among the regional and urban universities. The comprehensive universities would be omitted from this distribution.

A vote was taken on the amendment. The amendment failed with Mr. Austin, Mr. Bourdeaux, Mr. Crosthwait, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Hickman, Dr. Lovelace, and Mr. Rogers recording negative votes.

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

1. The above action approves the allocation of general support to the eight universities for FY 1986-87 as follows:

Alcorn State University	\$ 6,424,002.00
Delta State University	9,049,229.00
Jackson State University	14,658,730.00
Mississippi State University	33,805,490.00
Mississippi University for Women	5,474,775.00
Mississippi Valley State University	5,390,655.00
University of Mississippi	26,209,943.00
University of Southern Mississippi	<u>32,511,770.00</u>
TOTAL	\$133,524,594.00

Approve allocation for plan of compliance for FY 1986-87 as follows:

Alcorn State University	\$142,626.00
Delta State University	106,286.00
Jackson State University	106,286.00
Mississippi State University	106,286.00
Mississippi University for Women	106,286.00
Mississippi Valley State University	142,626.00
University of Mississippi	106,286.00
University of Mississippi School of Law	37,373.00
University of Southern Mississippi	<u>106,286.00</u>
TOTAL	\$960,341.00

Approve formula allocation for degree-granting off-campus centers for FY 1986-87 as follows:

Gulf Park/Jackson County	\$2,012,155.00
Meridian	637,366.00
Tupelo	273,490.00
Universities Center	265,486.00
Vicksburg Engineering	<u>146,751.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,335,248.00

Approve other line-item allocations as follows:

Governor's School - summer	\$80,000.00
Tupelo Nursing Program	207,900.00

Interest Funds	
Alcorn State University	\$12,592.00
Mississippi State University	14,387.00
Mississippi University for Women	9,389.00
University of Mississippi	<u>44,028.00</u>
Total Interest Funds	80,396.00

Centers of Academic Excellence	
Mississippi State University	\$1,500,000.00
University of Mississippi	1,500,000.00
University of Southern Mississippi	<u>1,500,000.00</u>

Total for Centers of Academic Excellence \$4,500,000.00

2. Approve budget instructions for FY 1986-87. (SEE EXHIBIT E.)

3. Approve tuition increases for 1986-87 as follows:

Delta State University	up to \$400.00 per year
Jackson State University	up to \$200.00 per year
Mississippi State University	up to \$200.00 per year
Mississippi University for Women	up to \$400.00 per year
Mississippi Valley State University	up to \$400.00 per year
University of Mississippi	up to \$200.00 per year
University of Mississippi	
Medical Center	
School of Medicine	\$1,000.00 per year
Baccalaureate and Graduate	up to \$300.00 per year
University of Southern Mississippi	up to \$200.00 per year

Approval of tuition increase for Alcorn State University will be considered by telephone poll upon President Walter Washington's request at a later time.

4. Hear final report on 1986 Legislature.

5. Hear detailed analysis of impacts on Student Financial Aid due to reductions in appropriations for 1986-87.

On motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board authorized the institutions to individually establish tuition for off-campus degree-credit courses which include resident centers, degree-granting off-campus centers, extension courses, and independent study programs. The Board also directed the professional staff to make recommendations at the May 15, 1986, meeting as to whether or not on-campus general support funds should be used in the operations of off-campus courses.

On motion by Dr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Griffis, the Board voted that the non-resident fee of \$1,182.00 not be raised during the 1986-87 year.

Mississippi Universities Center:

1. Approve a transfer from the Contractual Services category in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Commodities in the amount of \$3,500.00 and Capital Outlay - Other than Equipment in the amount of \$6,500.00. The \$3,500.00 transfer to Commodities will be used to cover estimated expenditures for the balance of this current fiscal year. The \$6,500.00 transfer to Capital Outlay - Other than Equipment will be used to comply with college and university accounting practices when purchasing library materials.

Executive Office:

1. Approve a resolution to authorize the establishment of a bank account to facilitate compliance with the Open Records Act. (SEE EXHIBIT F.)
2. Approve monthly expenditures as submitted by Dr. E. E. Thrash.
3. Approve expenditures for the Graduate and Professional Degree Scholarship Program.

Report of the Legal Committee

On motion by Mr. Crosthwait, seconded by Mr. Austin, 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. Hear activity report from the Office of the Attorney General, Universities Division.

Procedure for Reporting Alleged Criminal Cases:

1. Approve a change in the procedure as adopted at the November 21, 1985, meeting for institutional executive officers to use in reporting alleged criminal cases occurring on campuses as follows:

From:

"When university personnel have a reasonable basis to believe an alleged crime has been committed on campus, the institutional executive officer shall contact the Board of Trustees staff. The Board staff will then notify the Board, transmit the information to the Office of the Attorney General, and the Office of the Attorney General will then contact the appropriate local prosecuting authorities."

To:

When university personnel have a reasonable basis to believe an alleged crime has been committed on campus, the institutional executive officer shall contact the Board of Trustees staff and at the same time notify the local prosecuting authorities. The Board staff will then notify the Board and transmit the information to the Office of the Attorney General.

Report of the Medical Affairs Committee

On motion by Dr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Hickman, 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 request to establish the new position of Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, effective April 17, 1986, with a twelve-month contract at \$12,000.00.
3. Approve requests for foreign travel for Dr. Marwan A. Balaa, Ms. Jan Bly, Dr. Thomas M. Buttke, Dr. Jonathan B. Chaires, Dr. Ching-J. Chen, Dr. L. William Clem, Dr. Marvin A. Cuchens, Dr. Martin Dalton, Mr. Axel Deuter, Ms. Cathy Ellsaesser, Dr. Alan E. Freeland, Ms. Lenora Garrett, Dr. Bobby J. Heath, Dr. James L. Hughes, Dr. George D. Lyon, Dr. Norman D. Packer, Mr. Sarira Pourbohloul, Dr. Seshadri Raju, Mr. Frits van Ginkel, Mr. Meng-Chun Wang Yang, Dr. Ralph B. Vance, and Dr. J. Tate Thigpen.
4. Approve request to discontinue the Bachelor of Science degree program in Nursing Anesthesiology (CIP 181102) in the School of

Health Related Professions effective June 30, 1987. The present class will be continued and graduate May 1987. Admission to the program will be discontinued effective June 30, 1986.

Medical Education Loan Program:

1. Approve a one-year rotating internship at Michigan Osteopathic Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan, for Gloria E. Chaney, effective July 1, 1986.

Report of the Research Committee

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

Mississippi Research and Development Center:

1. Approve the following contracts and agreements:
 - a. 86-48R, Appalachian Regional Commission/Federal-State Programs, \$30,000.00.
 - b. 86-49E, University of Mississippi State Data Center, \$8,000.00.

Report of the Instruction, Administration, and Policy Committee

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Jones, 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 the request to suspend admission to the Bachelor of Science degree program in Early Childhood Education (CIP 131204) effective with the fall 1986 semester.
3. Approve the request to offer 27 off-campus courses at the Vicksburg Consortium during the 1986 summer term.
4. Approve degrees to be awarded on May 11, 1986.

Delta State University:

1. Accept the retirement of Dr. Daisy L. Howell, Dean, Division of Continuing Education and Professor of Mathematics, effective August 31, 1986.

Jackson State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. James A. Hefner.
2. Approve the request to offer the following off-campus courses during the 1986 summer session:

Brookhaven	CSC 502/539B	Computer Literacy for Teachers II/Special Topics: BASIC
	CSC 503/539G	Computer Literacy for Teachers III/Special Topics: Assembler Language

	CSC 504	Computer Literacy for Teachers IV
McComb	CSC 502/539B	Computer Literacy for Teachers II/Special Topics: Advanced BASIC
	CSC 503/539G	Computer Literacy for Teachers III/Special Topics: Assembler Language
	CSC 504	Computer Literacy for Teachers IV

These two locations are outside the 50-mile service radius.

3. Approve candidates for degrees to be conferred on May 10, 1986.
4. Approve the request to suspend admission to the Bachelor of Science degree program in Fire Protection and Safety Technology (CIP 430201), effective June 30, 1986.

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Donald W. Zacharias.
2. Approve sabbatical leave for Natalie Maynor and Miriam J. Shillingsburg.
3. Approve requests for foreign travel for Ms. Anna Carolyn Stone Asquith, Mr. Stephen F. Ellis, Mr. James W. Hardin, Dr. Victor F. Kalasinsky, Mr. Holley A. Lott, Dr. Edward L. McGlone, Dr. Shelly Marmion, Dr. C. Wayne Mastin, Dr. Howard W. Miller, Dr. W. Frank Miller, Mr. John W. O'Hear, Dr. John H. Peterson, Mr. William J. Pope, Jr., Dr. Joe D. Seger, and Dr. Z.U.A. Warsi.
4. Approve the request that Professor Leonard Farley be accorded the distinction of being named Professor Emeritus of Art, effective with his retirement on May 15, 1986.
5. Approve the request that Mr. R. Clay Simmons be accorded the distinction of being named Associate Director Emeritus of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, effective May 1, 1986.

Mississippi University for Women:

1. Approve request for foreign travel for Dr. William S. Parker.

Mississippi Valley State University:

1. Approve the request that the Certificate Program in Social Gerontology (CIP 440201) be deleted from the academic programs inventory.
2. Approve, effective fall 1986, the request to change the admission standards as follows:

A minimum of thirteen (13) composite score on the ACT is required.

In addition to students admitted with a thirteen (13) composite score on the ACT, the institution may enroll a number equivalent to ten (10) percent of the previous year's fall term enrollment with an ACT composite score of nine (9) and up to the current minimum admission standards. This request is the admission program that already exists at Alcorn State University.

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. R. Gerald Turner.
2. Approve the request to establish the new position of Research Professor of Civil Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering, effective April 1, 1986, with a one-month contract at \$6,000.00.
3. Approve requests for foreign travel for Dr. Harold L. Drake, Dr. John Berg, Dr. William R. Ferris, Dr. Robert M. Metzger, Dr. Stanley R. Stansell, and Dr. Nicholas G. Aumen.

University of Southern Mississippi:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas.
2. Accept the retirement of Dr. John E. Green, Dean, Fine Arts, and Professor, School of Music, effective June 30, 1986.
3. Approve request to consolidate the Office of the Registrar and the Office of Admissions into the Office of Admissions and Records, effective May 1, 1986.
4. Approve requests for foreign travel for David J. Etzold and Iskander S. Hamwi.

Executive Office:

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

Academic Programs Rereview:

1. Approve staff recommendations regarding Academic Programs Rereview. The recommendations are for 11 programs with less than approval status to be upgraded to approval status. (SEE EXHIBIT G.)

Doctoral-Granting Institutions:

1. Receive doctoral programs self-study documents.

Mississippi Guarantee Student Loan Agency:

1. Approve request for the execution of an agreement with the United States Department of Education which will allow the Mississippi Guarantee Student Loan Agency to deduct loans repurchased by lenders from the "Reinsurance Claim Paid" for the purpose of determining the U. S. Secretary of Education's reinsurance liability.

Resolution

On motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Griffis, the Board authorized the appropriate resolution to be written commending Dr. Michael D. Robbins for his dedicated service during the 1986 legislative session as the Legislative Liaison for the Board of Trustees. The Board also thanked Delta State University for allowing Dr. Robbins to work for the Board during this time. (SEE EXHIBIT H.)

MINDPOWER Essay Writing Contest

The Board commended the following winners of the fourth annual MINDPOWER Essay Writing Contest:

Kim Connell
Collins High School, Collins
First Place - \$1,000.00 Scholarship

Laura Weldon
Kirk Academy, Grenada
Second Place - \$500.00 Scholarship

Schnell Scott
Amanda Elzy High School, Greenwood
Third Place - \$250.00 Scholarship

Recognition of President N. Denton Rogers, Jr.

Mr. N. Denton Rogers, Jr., expressed his appreciation to the members of the Board for their support and cooperation during the year he served as President. Mr. Rogers presented the gavel to Mr. Bryce Griffis who will assume the duties of Board President on May 8, 1986.

Mr. Bryce Griffis presented to Mr. Rogers a plaque and gavel in recognition of his service as President of the Board during 1985-86 and commended him on behalf of the members of the Board for his many contributions to higher education in the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Bryce Griffis also presented to Mr. Rogers a plaque bearing an etching of Mr. Rogers and indicating his term of service as President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Griffis expressed appreciation to Mr. Rogers for his leadership and dedication during his presidency.

With no further business, adjournment was ordered.


Executive Secretary and Director

Approved:


President

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Executive Session

May 14, 1986

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, May 14, 1986, that an executive session was necessary to discuss a pending legal matter and Board personnel matters.

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Crosthwait, the Board voted unanimously during executive session on Wednesday, May 14, 1986, to authorize attorneys of the Universities Division, Office of the Attorney General, to settle the pending claim against Journal Publishing Company (Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal) for \$750.00.

Dr. E. E. Thrash, Executive Secretary and Director, reviewed with the Board the personnel terminations that were brought about by budget reductions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1986.


Executive Secretary and Director

Approved:


President

