

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

March 21, 1985

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, March 21, 1985, and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on March 8, 1985, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this March 21, 1985.

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 Charles C. Jacobs, Jr., and opened with prayer by Mr. Jones.

Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, March 20, 1985, that an executive session was necessary to discuss legal matters and personnel matters concerning Mississippi University for Women and Mississippi Valley State University.

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to meet in executive session on Wednesday, March 20, 1985, to discuss the above mentioned matters.

Reports from Institutional Executive Officers

On motion by Mr. Jacobs and duly seconded, the Board voted to hear reports from institutional executive officers in open meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 1985.

Approval of the February 21, 1985, Minutes

On motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Dr. Lovelace, the minutes of the February 21, 1985, meeting were approved.

Report of the Presidents' Council

Dr. Kent Wyatt, in the absence of Dr. Joe L. Boyer, Chairman of the Presidents' Council, had two items to bring before the Board. The Council had received from the University of Southern Mississippi a request for a change in the off-campus speaker policy of the By-Laws and Policies. The Council asks that the professional staff of the Board study the request to determine if the revised policy would be

better. A request for a change in the By-Laws and Policies concerning the decision-making process of the Board of Trustees was brought before the Presidents' Council by the Student Body Presidents' Council. The Presidents' Council brought this request to the Board without recommendation.

Report of the Athletics Committee

On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the following report of the Athletics Committee was approved:

Jackson State University:

1. Approve recommendation for athletic personnel as submitted by Dr. James A. Hefner.
2. Approve an extension of the contract for Paul E. Covington, Head Basketball Coach for Men and Instructor of Health, from March 6, 1985, through June 30, 1985, with no change in funds.

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve recommendation for athletic personnel as submitted by Dr. James D. McComas.

University of Southern Mississippi:

1. Approve recommendations for athletic personnel as submitted by Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas.

Report of the Buildings Committee

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

Alcorn State University:

1. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order No. 1 for GS 101-113, Library-Science -- Asbestos Removal, adding \$1,049.79 to the contract of ARC, Inc.

Jackson State University:

1. Approve the request to substitute as its number one priority the renovation of the University Park facility in lieu of renovating and equipping the Classroom Complex Building on the Proposed Projects for Capital Improvements for Bond Issue and to use the designated \$490,000.00 accordingly. The purpose of this request is to enhance the efforts to strengthen the humanities and liberal arts components of the academic program.

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management to award the contract to the low bidders for SBC 105-159, Furniture and Equipment, Groups 81 and 89, College of Veterinary Medicine. The low bid for Group 81 is \$59,000.00 and for Group 89 is \$7,790.00. Funds are available from Senate Bill 3048, Laws of 1980.
2. Approve granting an easement to South Central Bell permitting the installation of an underground cable across property belonging to the Mississippi Agricultural & Forestry Experiment Station at the Coastal Plains Branch Station in Newton. The cable will occupy a route within an easement previously granted to Mississippi Power

and Light Company and will not place additional encumbrances on the station. Compensation will be paid at the rate of \$500.00 per acre.

3. Approve the request to award the contract to the low bidder, Magnolia State School Products, Inc., of Columbus, Mississippi, for Contract "C" - Stadium Seating, Scott Field Stadium Expansion, in the amount of \$241,460.93. Project funds are sufficient for this award.
4. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the contract documents for SBC 105-159, Furniture and Equipment, Groups 85 and 89, College of Veterinary Medicine, and request the advertisement of bids. Funds are available from Senate Bill 3048, Laws of 1980.
5. Approve the request to initiate a new project entitled Cafeteria Improvements and to retain the firm of Thomas S. Jones and Associates as architects with the following consultants:

Mechanical - North, Beasley and Swayze  
Electrical - Watkins & O'Gwynn  
Structural - Post and Witty

Also approve the request that the architects provide immediate assistance in planning the relocation of the dishwashing system. The estimated cost of this relocation is \$308,000.00. Funds will be provided by the University Auxiliary Services.

6. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order No. 2 for GS 105-173, Chemical Waste System, Hand Chemical Laboratory, deducting \$3,760.00 from the contract of Parker Brothers Plumbing & Heating Company, Inc.

Mississippi University for Women:

1. Approve and request the approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the design development documents for GS 104-059, Security Lighting, Phase I, and for authorization of the engineer to proceed with the preparation of contract documents. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2982, Laws of 1983.

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve the request to accept a federal grant in the amount of \$151,200.00 to apply to the 1985 Airport Improvement Project. Further approve low bids submitted by Himes Construction Company, of Jackson, Tennessee, in the amount of \$134,587.00 for "Contract A," and by Mid-South Fence Company for "Contract B" in the amount of \$15,755.60, and authorize the University to contract with the low bidders contingent upon receipt of the grant. The balance of project budget is available from University funds in the amount of \$16,800.00.
2. Approve the plans and specifications for the Reconstruction of Faculty House 18 and authorize the University to advertise for bids. The estimate for reconstruction is \$24,000.00, and funds are available from Home Lloyd's Insurance Company of Texas and from University sources.
3. Approve the request and request approval from the Central Data Processing Authority to purchase equipment for the University Police Department. The amount of this request is \$1,874.65, and money is available from University sources.

4. Approve award of the contract to the low bidder, Jesco, Inc., in the amount of \$24,743.00, for the construction of a Canine Facility. This project is to be funded from University funds.
5. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order No. 2 adding \$985.59 to the contract of Strevel & Sons, Inc., for SBC 107-155, Repair Law School Roof.

University of Mississippi Medical Center:

1. Approve the low bid submitted by AT&T Information Systems in the amount of \$1,982,176.07 for a new telephone system and authorize the Medical Center to contract with AT&T for the purchase of the system. The installation of this equipment will result in a savings of \$600,000.00 over the next five years. Funds are available from the Medical Center funds.
2. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order No. 1 adding \$1,708.37 and 56 calendar days to the contract of Campbell Construction Company, for SBC 109-115, 1982 Renovation Program.
3. Approve Change Order No. 2 for 1984 Miscellaneous Repairs to Mechanical Systems adding \$15,000.00 to the contract of B & R Mechanical Contractors for the lining in the 250,000 gallon water tank. Funds will be provided by the Medical Center.
4. Approve Change Order No. 1 adding \$595.53, and Change Order No. 2 adding \$1,870.00 to the contract of Campbell Construction Company for Computer Services Facility, Phase II. The Medical Center will provide funds for this change order.

University of Southern Mississippi:

1. Approve the contract documents and request approval and the advertisement for bids of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for SBC 108-099, Security Lighting - Phase II. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2982, Laws of 1983, in the amount of \$225,000.00.
2. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management that the University Physical Plant Department be allowed to execute the work on SBC 108-092, Waterproofing of Two Buildings, on a reimbursable basis. This request is due to the numerous utility lines in the areas to be excavated, the unknown foundation design and condition of subject buildings, the high student activity in and around the project site, and the inability of anyone to fully anticipate existing conditions and project requirements to accomplish the desired results to curtail water infiltration into subject areas. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2982, Laws of 1983, in the amount of \$45,000.00, and from Senate Bill 2996, Laws of 1982, in the amount of \$5,000.00.
3. Approve the request that the College of Business Administration Building be designated the Joseph A. Greene, Jr., Building in recognition of Dr. Greene's outstanding contributions to the growth and development of the College of Business Administration from the three-faculty-member Department of Commerce.
4. Approve the request and request approval of the Central Data Processing Authority for the purchase of additional equipment for the Data Point long distance control system (Infoswitch).

Education and Research Center:

1. Approve the request and request approval of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for Change Order No. 1 for GS 111-016, Reroof Penthouse, adding 66 days to the contract of Nicholas-Horne, Inc.

Report of the Finance Committee

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

University of Mississippi Medical Center:

1. Approve request to change a fee change request for the School of Nursing. At the January 1985 meeting of the Board of Trustees the following request was approved:

"The addition of a National League for Nursing Achievement Test fee for undergraduate senior students of \$20.00 to cover costs of a comprehensive achievement test."

The request should have been stated as follows:

"The increase of the National League for Nursing Achievement Test fee from \$9.00 to \$20.00 for undergraduate seniors to cover costs of adding a comprehensive achievement test."

All Institutions:

1. Approve proposed plan of action for members of the Board of Trustees to be involved in 1985-86 budget preparations as follows:
  - a. Approve the allocation of state appropriated funds at the April 18, 1985, Board meeting.
  - b. Give the institutional executive officers directives on salary adjustments and other possible instructions.
  - c. Assign the responsibility for certain institutional budget requests to individual Board members. The Board office staff will coordinate between the institutions and the individual Board members as to campus hearings for departmental budgets. Individual Board members will be encouraged to spend as much time as possible on the respective campuses to give them maximum exposure to the budgetary process.
  - d. Approve individual campus budgets at the June 20, 1985, Board meeting.

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. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Crosthwait, 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" as amended.

2. Review report of current litigation.
3. Review report of authorized private legal counsel.

Student Appeal to the Board:

1. Delay consideration until the April 18, 1985, meeting of the appeal of two students who were dismissed from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Report of the Medical Affairs Committee

On motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Rogers, 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 a change in status for Dr. James C. Brown from Director of Educational Programs, Director of Student Recruitment and Counseling, Acting Assistant Dean for Student Programs and Associate Professor of Community and Oral Health, School of Dentistry, to Associate Professor of Community and Oral Health and Assistant Dean for Student Programs, School of Dentistry, effective April 1, 1985, with a change in salary from \$42,000.00 to \$49,000.00.
3. Approve requests for foreign travel for Dr. Barbara J. Boss, Dr. Richard L. Klein, Dr. Nancy L. McCain, Dr. Richard C. Miller, Dr. Richard S. Nowakowski, Dr. Martin H. Steinberg, Mr. E. H. Rommerdale, Dr. Mehdi Tavassoli, Dr. Jeanette Waits, Dr. G. William Bates, Dr. Luther C. Fisher, and Dr. Herbert Langford.

Medical Education Loan Program:

1. Approve the request of Thomas D. Rose to change his dental practice location from Saltillo, Mississippi, to Ellisville, Mississippi, effective July 1, 1985. The Board had approved Saltillo as Mr. Rose's practice location at its November 15, 1984, meeting.
2. Approve Walnut, Mississippi, as the medical practice location for Allie L. Prater, M.D., effective July 1, 1985.
3. Approve request to pursue collection of medical education loan of Dr. Martin L. Beard who breached his contract in 1962.

Special Medical Education Loan Program:

1. Approve the following applicant for a medical education loan:

Joseph Walker Blackston - Oxford, Mississippi  
Medicine  
University of Mississippi Medical Center

Report of the Research Committee

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

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Harold D. Howse.

2. Approve affiliation with the University of Arkansas at Monticello for the purpose of training their students in the marine sciences.

Mississippi Research and Development Center:

1. Approve changes in staffing plan as submitted by Dr. Jim W. Meredith.
2. Approve the following contract:  
85-42E, Robert L. Cooper, Jackson State University, \$4,200.00.

Report of the Student Advisory Committee

On motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following report of the Student Advisory Committee was approved:

Report from Student Representative:

1. Mr. Steve Sheppard, Student Representative to the Board, on behalf of the Student Body Presidents' Council, requested that the Board make certain changes in its By-Laws and Policies. Mr. Sheppard asked that this amendment be considered by the Instruction, Administration, and Policy Committee at the Board's April 18, 1985, meeting.

Report of the Instruction, Administration, and Policy Committee

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the following report of the Instruction, Administration, and Policy Committee was approved:

Mississippi Valley State University:

1. Direct the Board's professional staff to work with Dr. Boyer, President of Mississippi Valley State University, and Dr. Paul Sharp, consultant to the Board of Trustees, to review the ten-point plan proposed by Dr. Boyer. After sufficient time, Dr. Thrash will bring a report and recommendations to the Board. Proposals from the study should ensure the continuation of Mississippi Valley State University and enhance the quality of education provided by the University.

Mississippi University for Women:

1. The Board approves the plan of action identified as proposal three. Dr. Strobel, President of Mississippi University for Women, put forth the proposal that would reduce expenditures supported by state appropriations in 1985-86 in the amount of \$768,287.00. All graduate degree programs will be eliminated with the exception of Nursing. The Board directs Presidents Strobel and McComas to work together on joint programs that will increase enrollment at Mississippi University for Women and to facilitate more efficient use of faculty and physical facilities.

Executive Office:

1. The Executive Office of the Board shall strengthen its overview of the general operations of the eight universities as the Management Information System (MIS) is implemented in the 1985-86 fiscal year. The Board wishes to have a more pronounced involvement in the programming and budgetary operations of those segments of higher education receiving line item appropriations. The Executive

Office shall have capable and sufficient manpower during 1985-86 to monitor properly all the operations of the eight universities and their related budgetary units.

Doctoral Programs:

1. Direct the professional staff and the university executive officers involved to expedite the review of doctoral programs and make recommendations to the Board no later than the December 1985 meeting.

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the following was approved with Mr. Watson recording a negative vote:

Off-Campus Degree Credit Operations:

1. Off-campus programs are to be completely self-supporting with the exceptions of the off-campus degree-granting centers at Gulf Park-Jackson County, Meridian, and the Jackson-Vicksburg Engineering Programs. All other off-campus programs will cease to receive state appropriations effective July 1, 1986. The Board will recommend to the 1986 Legislature that continuing off-campus degree-granting centers are to receive fifty percent, rather than the current level of seventy percent, of the formula allocations as are calculated for on-campus support from state appropriations with the savings realized to be appropriated to the on-campus operations of the universities. The off-campus center at Tupelo will remain in operation on a probationary basis with fifty percent state support during the 1986-87 fiscal year. The student enrollment must reach 300 during the academic year of 1986-87 in order for the degree-granting center to continue operation.

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Rogers, 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 offer seventeen off-campus courses at the Vicksburg Consortium during the 1985 summer session as submitted by Dr. Walter Washington.

Delta State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Kent Wyatt.
2. Approve request for foreign travel for Dr. Rose Strahan.
3. Approve request for an exception to the 90-day pre-filing requirement for new programs so that Notice of Intent may be filed to request approval of a Specialist degree program in School Psychology at the May 16, 1985, meeting.

Jackson State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. James A. Hefner.
2. Approve request to allow the University to offer upper-level undergraduate and graduate academic credit courses within a fifty-mile radius without previous Board approval. Classes that make will be reported to the Board through the standard reporting procedures for extension courses. Board approval will be requested for all courses to be offered outside the fifty-mile radius.

Mississippi State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. James D. McComas.
2. Approve foreign travel for Dr. Robert Babcock, Dr. Leslie E. Bauman, Dr. Richard D. Benton, Dr. Benjamin Blaney, Dr. Elias R. Callahan, Dr. Robert L. Cook, Dr. R. Rodney Foil, Dr. Lynn M. Gourley, Mr. Gregory J. Hartwell, Mr. Michael J. McCarthy, Dr. Walter K. Porter, Jr., Mr. Charles C. Robinson, Dr. W. Steve Shepard, Dr. Jung P. Shim, Dr. D. V. Strikantiah, Mr. Reuben Stapp, Dr. Fred W. Taylor, Dr. Francis G. Wagner, Dr. Vance H. Watson, Dr. Frank D. Whisler, Dr. W. W. Wilson, Mr. Samuel B. Woodham, Dr. Daniel D. Bennett, Dr. James L. Wolfe, and Dr. Chul K. Lee.

Mississippi Valley State University:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Joe L. Boyer.
2. Approve request to establish the following new positions:
  - a. Comptroller, Office of Fiscal Affairs, effective April 1, 1985, with a three-month contract at \$8,500.00.
  - b. Internal Auditor, Office of Fiscal Affairs, effective April 1, 1985, with a three-month contract at \$6,300.00.

University of Mississippi:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. R. Gerald Turner.
2. Approve request for a change in status for Dr. W. Randy Boxx from Acting Dean of the School of Business Administration and Professor of Management to Associate Dean of the School of Business Administration and Professor of Management, effective January 1, 1985, with no change in funds.
3. Approve request to appoint Dr. Morris Marx as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor of Mathematics, effective June 1, 1985, with an annual salary of \$64,500.00.
4. Approve request to establish the new position of Acting Instructor in Computer and Information Science, School of Engineering, Department of Computer and Information Science, one-half time, effective January 1, 1985, with a one-semester contract at \$2,400.00.
5. Approve degrees awarded on December 20, 1984.
6. Approve requests for foreign travel for Dr. Dan Landis, Dr. James J. Cooke, and Dr. Dennis Romano.
7. Approve request to change the title of the Center for Electronic Information Management to the Center for Telecommunications to better reflect the activities of the Center.

University of Southern Mississippi:

1. Approve personnel recommendations as submitted by Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas.
2. Approve sabbatical leaves for Dr. Peter E. Durkee and Dr. Patricia J. Faulkender.

3. Approve a change in status for Dr. Wallace G. Kay from Dean and Professor, Honors College and English, to Professor of English, effective August 24, 1985, with a change from a twelve-month contract at \$42,000.00 to a nine-month contract at \$40,000.00.
4. Approve request that Dr. Peggy Joyce Prenshaw be appointed Dean of the Honors College and Professor of English, effective July 1, 1985, with an annual salary of \$55,000.00.
5. Approve request to suspend admission to the Master of Arts degree with a major in Public Relations (CIP 090501). The Master of Science degree with a major in Public Relations will be retained.
6. Approve requests for foreign travel for Anselm C. Griffin, III, James L. Hall, Eddie M. Lewis, Noel Polk, and Marsha Houston Stanback.

Executive Office:

1. Approve personnel recommendation as submitted by Dr. E. E. Thrash.
2. Accept the retirement of Mr. J. L. (Jake) Scott, effective April 5, 1985.

Meeting with Mississippi University for Women Delegation

The Board of Trustees heard from a group of individuals representing business and civic leaders, local government officials, MUW faculty, MUW alumnae, and MUW students who supported maintaining the identity of Mississippi University for Women as a separate institution with its own mission. Dr. James W. Strobel, President of Mississippi University for Women, presided over the group's presentation to the Board.

Meeting with Mississippi Valley State University Delegation

The Board of Trustees heard from a group of individuals who represented Mississippi Valley State University and the surrounding area and who supported the ten-point plan which was proposed to the Board by Dr. Joe L. Boyer, President of Mississippi Valley State University. Dr. Boyer presided over the group's presentation to the Board.

Meeting with Representatives of the Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Association

The Board of Trustees heard from members of the Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Association who opposed both the Board of Trustees' proposal to eliminate degree programs other than a general baccalaureate degree and Dr. Boyer's ten-point plan and proposed that additional degree programs and additional funding be provided to Mississippi Valley State University.

Presentation of Master Plan for the Biloxi Waterfront Project

Honorable Gerald Blessey, Mayor of Biloxi, Mr. Ace Torrey, consultant for the Biloxi Waterfront Project, and other representatives of the Biloxi area presented the Master Plan for the Biloxi Waterfront Project to the Board of Trustees and discussed problems which are related to the use of land owned by the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and which must be resolved before the project can begin.

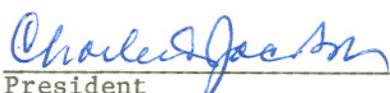
April 18, 1985, Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on the campus of Delta State University on April 17-18, 1985.

There being no further business, adjournment was ordered.

  
Executive Secretary and Director

Approved:

  
President

