

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Executive Sessions

February 18-19, 1987

On motion by Mr. Watson, seconded by Dr. Lovelace, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, February 18, 1987, that an executive session was necessary to discuss personnel matters at Mississippi Valley State University, a legal matter at the University of Southern Mississippi, the Ayers lawsuit, and a legal and personnel matter at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The Board received a report from Dr. Joe L. Boyer, President of Mississippi Valley State University, pertaining to a termination letter to Dr. William Stewart, an employee of the University, and the change in responsibilities of Dr. Robert Young, also an employee. Dr. Boyer was advised to work very closely with attorneys in his due process hearings.

The Board received a report from attorneys of the Universities Division of the Office of the Attorney General and from Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, President of the University of Southern Mississippi, concerning the opinion handed down in Chancery Court of Forrest County regarding the Pro Travel, Inc., of Mississippi v. the University of Southern Mississippi and Avanti Travel, Inc. lawsuit. On motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Crosthwait, the Board instructed the attorneys to appeal the decision of the Court with Mrs. Miller, Mr. Watson, and Mrs. Williams abstaining.

The Board received a report from Mr. Ed Noble of the Office of the Attorney General and Mr. William F. Goodman of Watkins and Eager, Attorneys at Law, pertaining to the Ayers lawsuit. Trial is set for April 8, 1987, in Oxford, Mississippi, under the judgeship of Judge Neal Biggers. The attorneys speculated that the trial will probably take six to eight weeks.

Dr. Norman C. Nelson, Vice Chancellor of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, reviewed with the Board the collection process used at the Medical Center for accounts receivable.

Ms. Carolyn Mills of the Office of the Attorney General reviewed the proposal of the Office of the Attorney General to become involved in the collection process for accounts receivable at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

On motion by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Lovelace, the Board concurred with Dr. Nelson that the Medical Center personnel continue to maintain the responsibility of collection of accounts receivable.

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Executive Secretary and Director

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President