BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session in the Johnson Commons Ballroom at The University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on August 21, 2006, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this September 19, 2007 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Mr. Roy Estess, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Ms. Robin J. Robinson and Ms. Amy Whitten. Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton and Mr. Scott Ross were absent. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stacy Davidson, President, and opened with prayer by Mr. Ed Blakeslee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on August 15, 2007, stand approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved the following Consent Agenda.

REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

1. UM – Approved the request to appoint Watermark Golf, LLC, and Nathan Crace Design as the design professional for IHL 207-281, Golf Course Landscaping. The project includes drainage, irrigation and landscaping. Funds are available in the amount of $3,200,000 from self-generated funds and EBC proceeds.

2. MSU – Approved the request to increase the project budget from $430,000 to $498,000 for an increase of $68,000 for IHL 205-230, Simrall Auditorium Renovation. Funds are available in the amount of $498,000 from university sources.

PERSONNEL REPORT

EMPLOYMENT

Alcorn State University
Trowbridge, Emery

Delta State University - Athletics
Pobolish, Chet
Jackson State University
Carr, Robert
Scott, John

Mississippi State University
McCarty, Jack R.
Mullen, IV, Walter E.
Stanley, Jr., Thomas M.

Mississippi Valley State University
Kim, Jongchae

University of Mississippi
Carrington, W. Tucker
Hartman, Kimberly J.
Holmes, Erin

University of Mississippi Medical Center
Arany, Istvan
Helms, Jeff L.

University of Southern Mississippi
Driskell, L. Chad
Glascoff, David W.
Perry, Timothy Tyson

System Administration
Borsig, James B.
Catlette, Martha P.

CHANGE OF STATUS

Alcorn State University
Arnold, Jessie
Bhargava, Vivek
Dollar, Carolyn
Piper, William

Jackson State University
Bishop, Carrine

Farish-Jackson, Jean
Hardy, Mark
Johnson, Gladys
Washington, Rodney

Mississippi State University - Athletics
Tomlinson, Bobby E.

Mississippi State University
Chrisman, James J.
Kidd, Michael T.
Mitchell, Dennis J.
Muzzi, Michael T.
Rankins, Jr., Alfred

University of Mississippi Medical Center
Brown, Michelle D.

University of Southern Mississippi
Powell, William W.

TERMINATION

Delta State University - Athletics
Cooper, Jr., Jackie

EMERITA/EMERITUS STATUS

University of Mississippi Medical Center
Hughson, Michael D.
Hughson, Virginia S.

University of Southern Mississippi
Reinert, Bonita Rae

NECROLOGY

University of Mississippi Medical Center
Brooks, Thomas J.
ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS #1 AND #2 WERE DEFERRED AS SHOWN BELOW. On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Mr. Colbert, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #3 as submitted on the following Budget, Finance & Audit Agenda.

1. **System Administration** - Dr. Joe Paul, Chair of the Tuition Task Force and Vice President of Student Affairs at the University of Southern Mississippi, presented the Tuition Task Force Report. A copy of the report is included in the *September 19-20, 2007 Board Working File.*

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, to adopt the recommendations made by the Tuition Task Force in its report.

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, the Board voted to table the previous motion to approve the recommendations until further review by the Commissioner and the Institutional Executive Officers. The final recommendations will be brought to the Board at a later date.

2. **System Administration** - Dr. Homer (Bucky) Wesley, Chair of the Financial Aid Task Force and Vice President of Student Services at Mississippi University for Women, presented the Financial Aid Task Force Report. A copy of the report is included in the *September 19-20, 2007 Board Working File.*

A motion was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, to adopt the recommendations made by the Financial Aid Task Force in its report. Mr. Patterson withdrew the motion.

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, with Mr. Colbert, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, the Board voted to refer the recommendations to the Commissioner, his staff and the Institutional Executive Officers for further review. The refined recommendations will be brought to the Board at a later date.

3. **System Administration** - Approved the *Ayers* Settlement Disclosure Report for submission to the court. A copy of the report is included in the *September 19-20, 2007 Board Working File.*

THE BOARD MEETING RECESSED AROUND 4:00 P.M.
THE BOARD MEETING RECONVEnED AT 8:30 A.M. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007. The following members were present: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Mr. Roy Estess, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Ms. Robin J. Robinson and Ms. Amy Whitten. Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton and Mr. Scott Ross were absent.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Robert Khayat, Chancellor, facilitated a presentation about the University of Mississippi.

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES & PROGRAMS AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Bettye Neely, Chair

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #2 as submitted on the following Educational Policies & Programs Agenda.

1. Other Business - Dr. Mary Ware, IHL Director of Nursing, gave a presentation about the Mississippi Nursing Degree Programs. Dr. Lynn House, IHL Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, announced that Dr. Ware is retiring at the end of the month. Dr. House thanked Dr. Ware for her hard work and dedication. Commissioner Meredith also thanked Dr. Ware for her years of service. Dr. House then introduced the new IHL Director of Nursing Education, Dr. Martha Catlette, effective October 1, 2007.

2. System Administration - Approved the revisions to the Accreditation Standards and Rules and Regulations for Mississippi Nursing Degree Programs. A copy of the revisions is included in the September 19-20, 2007 Board Working File.


LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Ms. Amy Whitten, Chair

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Legal Agenda. Agenda item #2 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #3 was
approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #4 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #5 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #6 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #7 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #8 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #9 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting.

1. **DSU** - Approved the request to grant Nehi Bottling Company the exclusive license and right to promote and sell beverage products on the university campus. Nehi will pay a license fee of $50,000 annually plus commission on all sales. The agreement is for ten years beginning October 1, 2007. A copy of the agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office is included in the *September 19-20, 2007 Board Working File*.

2. **JSU** - Approved the request to execute a Consent, Subordination, Nondisturbance and Attornment Agreement. Jackson State University is a tenant in the Jackson Medical Mall owned by the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, a Mississippi non-profit corporation (hereinafter the “Foundation”). The Foundation is seeking to refinance all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, renovation and repair of certain properties that it owns. In order to do that, the Foundation needs JSU’s consent to assign the Foundation’s rights under its lease with JSU to the lender. The Consent, Subordination, Nondisturbance and Attornment Agreement grants JSU’s permission for the Foundation to assign these rights to the lender. A copy of the agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office is included in the *September 19-20, 2007 Board Working File*.

3. **MSU** - Approved the request to renew a contract with the firm Wenderoth, Lind & Ponack, L.L.P., located at 2033 K Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20006, to provide services necessary for obtaining trademarks. The term of the agreement will be for one (1) year, at hourly rates of $305 for principals and $285 for associates, for a maximum amount payable of $10,000 during the contract term. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office.

4. **MSU** - Approved the request to renew a contract with the firm Butler Snow O’Mara Stevens & Cannada located at AmSouth Plaza, 17th Floor, 210 East Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39201, to provide services necessary in the practice areas of intellectual property and commercial matters; this representation does not and is not intended to include any representation by law firm for or on behalf of the university as bond counsel or in any related role in connection with any financing transaction undertaken by or for the university, including any other matters which may concern advice in connection with indebtedness of the university. The term of the contractual agreement will be for one (1) year, at blended hourly rates of $225 for intellectual property services, $215 for commercial services, and $85 for legal assistants. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office.
5. **MUW** - Approved the request to enter into a Food Service Management Agreement with Sodexho to provide services for the campus food service program. This contract represents a negotiated renewal of an existing contractual relationship. If approved, the contract would span five years beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012. The contract incorporates board rates previously approved by the IHL Board, adjusted for the inclusion of flex dollars into the meal plan rate, and a vendor funded capital commitment. A copy of the agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office is included in the *September 19-20, 2007 Board Working File*.

6. **UMMC** - Approved the request to enter into a five-year maintenance agreement with Thyssenkrupp Elevators. This agreement is for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2012 for the service of Thyssenkrupp elevators located within buildings on the UMMC campus and covers 45 of the 89 total elevators on campus. The cost per month is $23,669. The request includes a 10% increase per year for any price increase by the company or any miscellaneous services the company may be requested to provide that is not covered under the contract. There is also an increase of $25,000 or $2,083.33/month in year three of the contract to cover the new elevators that will be in the new addition of the Guyton Building. The total amount of the agreement is not to exceed $2,000,000. A copy of the agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office is included in the *September 19-20, 2007 Board Working File*.

7. **UMMC** - Approved the request to enter into an agreement with Smith Rouchon and Associates for Secondary/Legal collections. The term of this agreement is from November 1, 2007 to January 1, 2009 and will not exceed $1.5 million. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office.

8. **USM** - Approved the amended affiliation agreement with The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association. A copy of the agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office is included in the *September 19-20, 2007 Board Working File*.

9. **USM** - Approved the request to enter into a contract between the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus and The University of Southern Mississippi Research Foundation for 4,495 square feet located in “the Old Surgery Center Building” at 1203 Board Avenue in Gulfport, Mississippi. The contract amount is $114,662.50 each year, effective July 17, 2007 through September 15, 2010 and will be renewable annually until June 30, 2012. A copy of the contract which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office is included in the *September 19-20, 2007 Board Working File*.

10. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. *(See Exhibit 1.)*
GULF COAST COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Amy Whitten, Chair of the Gulf Coast Committee, requested a status report about the Gulf Coast. Commissioner Thomas Meredith and Mr. Robert Bass, IHL Project Director — Gulf Coast operations, both gave a brief report. Dr. Martha Saunders, President of the University of Southern Mississippi, will give a more formal presentation at the November Board meeting.

REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Scott Ross, Chair

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda items #1 - #6 as submitted on the following Real Estate & Facilities Agenda. Agenda item #7 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. AGENDA ITEM #8 WAS APPROVED AS SHOWN BELOW. Agenda items #9 - #10 were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting. Agenda item #11 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting.

1. ASU – Approved the initiation of the Jack Spinks Stadium Renovation Project and the appointment of William T. Mills of Mills and Mills Architects as project professionals. Funds are available in the amount of $500,000 from HB 246, Laws of 2007.

2. ASU - Approved the initiation of a project and the appointment of Dale and Associates, in Jackson, MS as the project professionals to renovate elevators in Thompson Women's Tower, Demby Hall, the Walter Washington Administration Building, and the Math and Science Building. Funding is available in the amount of $950,000 from university funds and HB 246, Laws of 2007.

3. MSU – Approved the initiation of IHL 205-234, Construction of New Road, and the request to proceed with the selection of a project professional for the design and construction of a new entrance road north of 1-82 on the north farm connection to the existing research park. Funds are available in the amount of $2,460,000 from the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

4. UM – Approved the initiation of IHL 207-304, NIUST Shop Building, and the appointment of Mills and Mills Architects as the design professionals for the design and construction of a new Marine Biology office/shop facility to house oceanographic mapping equipment. Funds are available in the amount of $301,000 and are provided by self-generated funds.
5. **UMMC** – Approved the initiation of **IHL 209-500, Health Related Professionals Drainage Revisions**, and the appointment of Dale/Morris Architects, PLLC as project professionals to update the storm drainage to the existing entrance plaza to correct flooding problems. Funds are available in the amount of $570,700 from tuition, fees and interest income.

6. **UMMC** – Approved the initiation of **IHL 209-501, 2007 School of Dentistry Renovations**, and the appointment of JBHM Architects as the project professionals to convert a research lab of one large classroom to two (2) small classrooms. Funds are available in the amount of $270,000 from self-generated funds.

7. **UMMC** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for **GS 109-186, New Teaching Facility**, from $5,005,000 to $5,930,000 for an increase of $925,000 to create an adequate reserve for construction contingency as required by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Funds are available in the amount of $4,000,000 from SB 2988, Laws of 2003, and $1,930,000 from UMMC interest income.

8. **JSU** – Request approval for a Resolution authorizing the Jackson State University Educational Building Corporation (the “JSU/EBC”) to enter into a bond swap of the Callable Bonds of certain series 2007A bonds. The national amount related to the swap is $30 million. The university will receive an initial payment of $1 to $1.5 million, a net present value savings of $8,297,494 and an average annual savings of $462,220. There is a $45,000 cost associated with the bond swap transaction.

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Owens, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, the Board withheld approval of the swap pending the recommendation of the Board staff and with the understanding that final Board approval is delegated to and will be made by Mr. Ross, Chairman of the Real Estate & Facilities Committee, and Mr. Patterson, Chairman of the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee.

9. **MSU** – Approved the request to name the current McCool Hall Addition & Renovation Project, the “Leo Seal Family Business Complex,” in honor of the donor, Mr. Leo Seal.

10. **USM** – Approved the request to grant a utility easement to Mississippi Power Company for the provision of primary electrical service on university property. The electrical service will provide power for the first building in the university’s initiative for establishment of an Innovation and Commercialization Park. This easement request is an addition to the rights-of-way utility easements approved by the Board in July, 2005.

11. **System Administration** – Approved the resolution designating Mr. Harry G. Sims, Interim Assistant Commissioner for Real Estate & Facilities, as the Designated Applicant Agent to receive FEMA/MEMA reimbursement for damage to the Education and Research Center.

12. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received the Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the August 15, 2007, Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. **(See Exhibit 2.)**
GOVERNANCE AGENDA
Presented by Dr. D. E. Magee, Chair

On motion by Dr. Magee, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Governance Agenda.

1. **System Administration** - Approved for first reading the amendment to Board Policy 912 Use of Real Property and Facilities, as follows:

   **912 USE OF REAL PROPERTY AND FACILITIES**

   In general, it shall be the policy of the institutions not to make available the real property, buildings and other facilities of the institutions to outside organizations. Exceptions to this policy may be approved by the Institutional Executive Officer. No exception shall be approved for private foundations, commercial enterprises, political or sectarian meetings, without specific approval of the Commissioner.

**AYERS ENDOWMENT TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**
September 18, 2007

The teleconference committee meeting was brought to order by Dr. D. E. Magee, Chair. The following matters were discussed and/or voted upon:

1. The rules of a telephonic meeting were explained.
2. On motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Mason, with Dr. Neely and Dr. Meredith absent and not voting, the committee approved the minutes of its last year’s meeting held on September 19, 2006.
3. On motion by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Hudson, with Dr. Neely and Dr. Meredith absent and not voting, the committee accepted the *Ayers* Settlement Endowment Investment Report.
4. The committee discussed the $35 million private endowment set out in the *Ayers* Settlement Agreement. A list of possible donors to assist in funding the private endowment will be circulated among the Institutional Executive Officers and the Board members to review and suggest additional donors. Dr. Magee also requested the committee members to begin thinking about a strategy to approach the possible donors. A follow-up conference call will be scheduled at a later date.
5. On motion by Dr. Mason, seconded by Dr. Hudson, with Dr. Neely and Dr. Williams absent and not voting, the committee adjourned.

The following committee members attended the meeting: Dr. D. E. Magee (Chair), Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. Thomas Meredith, Dr. Malvin Williams, Dr. Ronald Mason and Dr. Roy Hudson. Dr. Bettye Neely was absent.
ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner

On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Administration/Policy Agenda. Agenda item #2 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting.

1. DSU - Approved the request to bestow an honorary degree on Ms. Natasha Trethewey at its December 2007 Commencement.

2. USM - Approved the request to bestow an honorary degree on Mr. David J. Fine at its December 2007 Commencement.

3. System Administration (Information item.) - In compliance with Board policy, the following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for inspection in the Board Office.
   a. JSU – Budget revision of the Ayers Program(s); no increase in total Ayers budget rather a reallocation among funds
   b. MUW - Budget revision for an annual contract renewal of a facilities management agreement with Sodexho. This change represents a 3% increase in the total budget.
   c. MVSU - Budget revision of the Ayers Program(s); no increase in the total Ayers budget rather a reallocation among funds.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Presented by Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner

The highlights from the Commissioner’s Report were as follows:

- Thank you, Mr. President. It is my pleasure to present the September Commissioner’s Report.
- Thank you, Chancellor Khayat, and your team for hosting this month’s Board meeting. As always, we have appreciated your gracious hospitality. I know the Board values the opportunity to meet on-campus. We get used to meeting in the IHL Board room. Coming to campus gives us all an opportunity to tour the institutions, visit with students and faculty, and be reminded why your work on this Board is so important.
- Today you approved the accreditation of nursing standards for Mississippi’s nursing degree programs, a presentation made to you by Dr. Mary Ware. Dr. Ware is retiring this month, after over 30 years of professional service to the state. Dr. Ware began her career as a nursing instructor at UMMC. She has taught and served in various capacities at Hinds Community College, Mississippi University for Women, the Mississippi Army National Guard, William Carey College, and finally for you as the state’s Director of Nursing Services at IHL since 2003. Mary, I know I speak for the Board and for the nursing faculty throughout Mississippi that we have appreciated your dedicated service and your great attitude.
I know you are looking forward to not traveling so much so you can spend quality time with your husband, daughters, and your two granddaughters. We wish you well in retirement.

I’d also like to formally introduce all of you to Dr. Jim Borsig. Dr. Borsig joined us last Thursday as our new Assistant Commissioner of Governmental Affairs and Special Projects. Many of you probably remember Jim when he served Southern Miss as its Legislative Liaison back in 2000, as well as Research and Development Coordinator at Mississippi State’s Stennis Institute in the early 1990’s. Most recently, Jim has worked in the Department of Corporate Information and Planning at the South Mississippi Electric Power Association. Jim met with the legislative liaisons today, and will be instrumental as we move toward this next legislative session. Jim, welcome aboard!

Speaking of the next legislative session, our Joint Legislative Budget Hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday, September 25, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Woolfolk Building, downtown Jackson. You all should have seen the agenda—some of you are on it! Your Board Office is working on all aspects of the hearing, and we hope you will attend.

I appreciate the good work of Southern Miss’ Dr. Joe Paul, MUW’s Dr. Bucky Wesley, and all the members of our university community who served on the Tuition and Financial Aid task forces. You heard their recommendations today, and I think you will agree that they have discussed some positive, innovative ideas toward increasing both accessibility and affordability in Mississippi’s higher education system.

Part of encouraging Mississippi’s citizenry to pursue a four-year degree is directly tied to the leadership within Mississippi’s schools and universities.

I’m pleased to report that the Mississippi Department of Education is taking the lead in putting together a Blue Ribbon Committee for the Redesign of Leadership, much like Dr. House’s presentation to you last month regarding the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Redesign of Teacher Preparation. Some of the individuals serving on this new committee include Trustee Bettye Neely, Doc Foglesong, and other MDE, IHL, and community representatives. The BRC for Leadership Redesign will begin meeting in October and is working in tandem with the SREB. Dr. House, we look forward to your keeping us abreast of the new BRC’s progress.

Also in October (October 7-9) is the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities’ (MAC) conference, hosted by Jackson State. The theme of the conference is “achieving enhanced student retention and graduation rates in Mississippi post-secondary education.” System representatives will join individuals from our private and community colleges to discuss how Mississippi can achieve this important mandate. Dr. Reggie Sykes will present a special session on the community college transfer process, as well as how our institutions can better recruit Mississippi’s Phi Theta Kappa students. I think Reggie’s involvement in the MAC conference will be a positive step as we work to increase the number and quality of baccalaureate degrees in our state.

Another positive move in that direction is that student enrollment is up! For the first time in Mississippi’s history, enrollment at Mississippi’s eight public universities has surpassed 70,000 students. Preliminary Fall 2007 enrollment figures show an increase of 1.2% in the student population, up from 69,941 students in Fall 2006 to 70,800 students in Fall 2007. Mississippi has enjoyed this upward trend for 13 consecutive years; a positive, necessary sign as we continue to compete in today’s global economy.

The time has come again for your third-annual Best Practices competition! Each year, your Best Practices competition helps develop and promote current best practices among our institutions so that the state’s financial resources continue to be efficiently and effectively managed. Institutions may enter in the categories of Academics; Finance, Business, and Administration; Student Services, and
Technology. First place winners receive $10,000; second place winners receive $5,000; paid from your incentive pool. Entries are due Friday, October 19, and will be announced during your January, 2008 Board meeting. Institutions are encouraged to visit www.mississippi.edu for details!

And finally, in good news from your institutions:

- **Alcorn State University**’s School of Education and Psychology has proven its commitment to producing quality teachers by achieving accreditation under the performance-oriented standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the organization responsible for professional accreditation of teacher education. Alcorn’s accreditation was recently re-affirmed through 2013.

- Each year, **Delta State University**’s Madison Center honors the U.S. Constitution on or around September 17, the original adoption date of the Constitution in 1787. This year, the Madison Center will welcome back to campus Delta State alumna Associate Justice Ann H. Lamar for a free lecture to the university community. Justice Lamar is the third woman to serve on the State Supreme Court.

- Also in good news, in August, **Jackson State University**’s School of Engineering was accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET Inc., the recognized accrediting body for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology. JSU’s School of Engineering evolved from the Ayers higher education desegregation settlement. It opened in Fall 2000 and, per ABET requirements, began the accreditation process in January 2006 after graduating its first class of students.

- A September 22nd ribbon-cutting ceremony will officially open **Mississippi State’s Welcome Center** and the Cullis and Gladys Wade Clock Museum. The museum’s 400-piece collection represents the lifelong fascination of Cullis Wade—a 1940 MSU electrical engineering graduate from Bogalusa, LA—with timepieces, especially their internal mechanisms. Dating from the early 1700s, the clocks and watches were purchased from throughout the United States and represent nearly every American manufacturer.

- On Thursday, Sept. 27th, presidential historian Michael Beschloss will speak during the 2007 Welty Gala sponsored by the Mississippi University for Women Foundation. Beschloss is an award-winning historian and the author of eight books including the acclaimed *New York Times* best-seller *The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany, 1941-1945*. He serves as NBC News Presidential Historian and is a regular on PBS’s *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*.

- This Thursday, the Washington County Alumni Chapter at **Mississippi Valley State University** will host a luncheon for all Valley student athletes in appreciation of their dedication to their studies and to the Delta Devils.

- A novel animal model of clinical depression devised by a **University of Mississippi** research psychologist shows promise for better diagnosis and treatment of the syndrome and may result in a technology patent for the university. Ken Sufka, professor of psychology and pharmacology at Ole Miss, has been studying the connection between anxiety and depression for several years, seeking ways to better diagnose and treat clinical depression.

- And finally, the **University of Southern Mississippi School of Social Work Director Dr. Michael Forster** recently received this year's Mississippi Conference for Social Welfare 2007 Merit Award for his contributions toward the field of social welfare and social services. Dr. Forster was nominated by his colleagues, who called him a “strong advocate for the state’s child welfare workers.”
That, Mr. President, brings me to the end of my report. Thank you!

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn.

[Signatures]

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning
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REPORT OF THE PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to litigation and other matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statement dated 7/20/07) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with Charlie F. Wade v. MS Cooperative Extension Service.)

TOTAL DUE .......................................................... $495.14

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statements dated 6/30/07 and 7/27/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $1,959.44 and $1,849.68, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with the DSH Litigation.)

TOTAL DUE .......................................................... $3,809.12

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Scott, Sullivan, Streetman & Fox (Statement dated 7/24/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the Teer case.)

TOTAL DUE .......................................................... $7,437.86

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lewis Fisher Henderson Claxton & Mulroy (Statement dated 7/18/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the Sterling case.)

TOTAL DUE .......................................................... $11,488.64

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Kruger & Holland (Statement dated 7/12/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the Smith case.)

TOTAL DUE .......................................................... $481.00
Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statements dated 7/9/07 and 7/19/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $3,646.29 and $435.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with the Dean and Dean Architects investigation.)

**TOTAL DUE** ......................................................... $4,081.29

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bryan Nelson P.A. (Statements dated 4/10/07 and 7/3/07) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $37.65 and $162.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with the Armaraneni case.)

**TOTAL DUE** .......................................................... $200.15

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette (Statement dated 7/10/07) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the OFCCP Audit.)

**TOTAL DUE** ........................................................ $1,581.60

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by McMahan & Brinkley (Statement dated 7/6/07) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the Jordan case.)

**TOTAL DUE** ......................................................... $18,353.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Adams & Reese (Statements dated 7/12/07 and 7/11/07) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $525.00 and $4,650.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with the Servedio case and a personnel matter, respectively.)

**TOTAL DUE** ......................................................... $5,175.00

Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to patent and other matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 6/14/07, 6/14/07, 6/14/07, 6/14/07, 6/21/07, 7/10/07, 7/10/07, 7/10/07, 7/10/07, 7/10/07, 7/10/07, 7/24/07, 7/24/07, 7/24/07 and 7/24/07) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Compact Time-of Flight Mass Spectrometer – CA” - $76.50; “Compact Time-of

**TOTAL DUE ......................................................... $6,895.44**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hunton & Williams (Statements dated 3/6/07, 7/11/07, 7/11/07, 7/11/07, 7/11/07, 7/11/07, 7/11/07 and 7/11/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Stable Suppository Formulations Effecting Bioavailability of 9-THC-BE” - $30.00; General - $2,400.16; “Method of Preparing Delta 9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – KR” - $724.03; “Method of Preparing Delta 9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – PO” - $1,402.13; “Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisitene Dimers as Anti-Cancer and Anti-Infective Agents – AU” - $954.79; “Anticancer and Antiprotocoal Dihydroartemisinene and Dihydroartemisitene Dimers with Desirable Chemical Functionalities – CA” - $795.72; “Methods of Delta-9-THC – NZ” - $1,174.94 and “Nail Fungus Treatment” - $2,310.00.)

**TOTAL DUE ......................................................... $9,791.77**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (Statements dated 1/19/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Saururus Cernuus Compounds that Inhibit Cellular Responses to Hypoxia” - $2,287.00; “Antifungal Cyclopentenediones” - $1,663.10; “In-Furnace Reduction of Nitrogen Oxide by Mixed Fuels Involving a Biomass Derivative” - $289.00; “Use of IL-2 Receptor Antibodies” - $2,277.78; “Compositions Comprising Highly Purified Amphotericin B – AU” - $120.50; “Compositions Comprising Highly Purified Amphotericin B – CA” - $421.92; “Compositions Compromising Highly Purified Amphotericin B – EP” - $98.50; “Novel Cycloopenetenedione Antifungal Compounds and Methods for Their Use – AU” - $153.50; “Novel Cycloopenetenedione Anti-Fungal Compounds and Methods for Their Use – CA” - $1,119.30; “Novel Cycloopenetenedione Anti-Fungal Compounds and Methods for Their Use – EP” - $143.76; Novel Cycloopenetenedione Anti-Fungal Compounds and Methods for Their Use – JP” - $8,842.01; “Saururus Cernuus Compounds that Inhibit Cellular Responses to Hypoxia – JP” - $109.50; “Method and Device for Reducing Engine Noise – CA” - $1,625.70 and “Method and Device for Reducing Engine Noise – EP” - $1,131.40.)

**TOTAL DUE ......................................................... $20,282.97**
Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 6/30/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Animal Model for Anxiety and Depression” - $99.00 and “Animal Model for Anxiety and Depression” - $7,361.90.)

**TOTAL DUE** .......................................................... $7,460.90

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (Statements dated 6/22/07) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Molecules Encoding Imidazoline Receptive Polypeptides andEncodedThereby” - $264.50; “Thermally-Targeted Delivery of Medicaments” - $760.00; “Temporary Mucosal Gastric Electrical Stimulation Device and Method for Treating Gastroparesis” - $397.86; “Synergistic Combinations of Chrome-Free Corrosion Inhibitors” - $46.00; “Cell Culture Model for Demyelination/Remyelination” - $999.66 and “Saliva-Based Protein Profiling” - $1,751.50.)

**TOTAL DUE** .......................................................... $4,219.52
Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the August 15, 2007 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval.

**Delta State University**

The Board staff approved the award of a contract for the Kethley Building Re-Roof, GS 102-216, to Ray Collins Construction, the lower of two (2) bidders in the amount of $343,700 [base bid and three (3) alternates]. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Funds are available in the amounts of $170,095 from HB 2246, Laws of 2006, and $217,565 from HB 1634, Laws of 2005.

**Jackson State University**

The Board staff approved Change Order #5 for the School of Engineering, GS 103-179, in the deductive amount of $11,250 to delete work associated with new rip-rap along the Lynch Creek drainage ditch and requested approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Funds are provided from HB 1675, Laws of 1999.

**Mississippi State University**

The Board staff approved Change Order #1 for Middleton Hall Roofing/Waterproofing, GS 105-314, in the deductive amount of $109,200 to delete work originally included in the contract as Alternate #1. Funding is from SB 2010, Laws of 2004.

The Board staff approved the university’s request to remove Building 1264-ARC Bin, Starkville, MS and Building 1322- Physiology Storage, Starkville, MS from inventory (pending final approval by DEQ) and requested approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The Office of Real Estate and Facilities has received approval letters from MDAH and MDEQ. This information is on file.

**Mississippi University for Women**

The Board staff approved Change Order #1 for Frazer Hall Mechanical, GS 104-155, in the deductive amount of $3,855 for controls which were included in the original budget. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Funds are available from SB 3254, Laws of 1998; HB 1675, Laws of 1999; and HB 1634, Laws of 2005.

**Mississippi Valley State University**

The Board staff approved the Construction Documents at 67% complete for the Library Renovation, GS 106-201, as prepared by the project professional, Duvall/Decker Architects, and requested approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Funds are available in the amount of $12,700,000 from SB 3197, Laws of 2003.
University of Mississippi

The Board staff approved Change Order #2 for Natural Products Center Auditorium, IHL 207-263, in the deductive amount of $4,658.50. Funds are available from a HRSA grant in the amount of $2,600,000.

The Board staff approved the award of a contract to CIG Contractors of Corinth, Mississippi, the lower of two (2) bidders in the amount of $1,177,500 for Meek Hall ADA, GS 107-278, for renovations. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Funding is available from self-generated funds.

The Board staff approved the bids and the award of a contract for demolition of Village Apartments, IHL 207-299, to the lowest of five (5) bidders, M&M Services of Jackson, Mississippi in the amount of $1,197,000. Funds are available from self-generated funds and private donations.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

The Board staff approved Change Order #2 for Water System Improvements Phase I, IHL 209-478, in the amount of $62,361.50 with an increase of 456 calendar days. Funds are available in the project budget from interest income.

University of Southern Mississippi

The Board staff approved the Schematic Design documents prepared for Cedar Point, Research Lab Facility, Phase III, GS 110-089, for the Gulf Park Campus and requested approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004, and a NOAA Grant (GS02733).


The Board staff approved Change Order #1A for MM Roberts Stadium Expansion and Renovation, IHL 208-258, in the amount of $30,545.41 with no change in contract time for removal of the old scoreboard to make way for the expansion construction. Funds are available from the USM Athletic Foundation.

The Board staff approved Change Order #2 for MM Roberts Stadium Expansion and Renovation, IHL 208-258, in the amount of $5,000 for the exclusion of a certified surveyor for the building layout. The contractor will perform the layout with his own personnel. Funds will be credited to the project budget.
The Board staff approved Change Order #3 for the Trent Lott Center for Excellence in Economic Development & Entrepreneurship, IHL 208-251, in the amount of $1,683,205 with an increase of 365 days to the contract to restore items previously negotiated out of the contract. Funds are available from Government VA-HUD Independent Appropriations Act on 200 Conference Report (HR-107-202).

The Board staff approved the Construction Documents and authorized advertising for the receipt of bids for Aquaculture Visitor’s Center Phase III, IHL 210-234. Funds have been received in the amount of $1,800,000 from the NOAA Grant (GR02439).

The Board staff approved Change Order #3 for MM Roberts Stadium Expansion and Renovation, IHL 208-258, in the amount of $3,501 for additional costs to include electrical and data outlets. Funds are available from the USM Athletic Foundation.

The Board staff approved Change Order #4 for MM Roberts Stadium Expansion and Renovation, IHL 208-258, in the amount of $2,024.61 for additional costs to connect existing ADS pipes for the field drains. Funds are available from the USM Athletic Foundation.

The Board staff approved Change Order #5 for MM Roberts Stadium Expansion and Renovation, IHL 208-258, in the amount of $1,948.85 to provide a power transformer connection. Funds are available from the USM Athletic Foundation.

The Board staff approved the university’s request to advertise for the receipt of bids for the addition and renovation for Ogletree Alumni House, IHL 208-263. Funds are available from private donations and university sources.