

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
September 17-18, 2008**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 27, 2007, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this September 17-18 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering, Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith and Ms. Amy Whitten. Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson and Ms. Robin J. Robinson were absent. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Whitten, President, and opened with prayer by Mr. Blakeslee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Whitten introduced Representative David Norquist, Senator Sampson Jackson, II and Senator Gary Jackson and welcomed them to the meeting. She noted that they have all helped higher education tremendously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Patterson, Ms. Pickering and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on August 20- 21, 2008, stand approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #10 WAS MOVED TO THE REGULAR AGENDA. On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Smith, with Mr. Patterson, Ms. Pickering and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved the following Consent Agenda excluding agenda item #10.

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

1. **System Administration (Information item.)** - Suspension of Academic Programs- Student enrollment into the following 6 academic programs has been suspended to assess future need or to allow currently enrolled students to graduate prior to deletion:
 - a. **ASU** - Master of Business Administration in Hospitality and Gaming Management (CIP 52.0999),
 - b. **DSU** - Education Specialist in Secondary Education (CIP 13.1205),
 - c. **JSU** - Bachelor of Science in Educational Technology (CIP 13.0501),
 - d. **MSU** - Bachelor of Science in Integrated Pest Management (CIP 01.1105),
 - e. **MUW** - Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Microbiology (CIP 26.0503), and
 - f. **UMMC** - Doctor of Philosophy in Preventative Medicine (CIP 60.0254).

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2. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The following are new limited scope centers and institutes.
- a. **DSU** has established the Teacher Leadership Institute for the Advancement of Diverse Practices in Education, which is a limited scope institute that will provide services and experiences for Mississippi teachers to build their capacity for leadership. Current scientific research provides compelling evidence that P-12 schools need to build strong leadership teams comprised of individuals who can serve as mentors, instructional and curriculum specialists, coaches, and resource persons. The initiatives of the Institute will build capacity for strong teacher leadership within P-12 schools across the state. The Institute will: 1) serve as an organizational hub and clearinghouse for resources and training opportunities, 2) host symposiums and professional development featuring nationally acclaimed experts, 3) coordinate and supervise a Summer Teacher Leadership Academy, 4) conduct research related to best practices in teacher leadership, and 5) provide year-round daily support for teacher leaders. There will be no new costs to the institution to fund the Institute.
 - b. **MSU** has established the Center of Family Enterprise Research, which is a limited scope center that provides educational and research opportunities for students and disseminates the results of research to family businesses in Mississippi to improve their management and performance. Seed funding from the Vice President for Research, College of Business, and Department of Management Information Systems will provide initial support for the center. Matching funds for the annual Theories of Family Enterprise Conference, which is co-sponsored by the center, will be available from its partner, the University of Alberta's Centre for Entrepreneurship and Family Enterprise. The center director and founding fellows will seek external funding through grants and contracts and obtain external endowment funding. The center will be funded with extramural grant funds and endowments, thus there will be no new costs to the institution.
 - c. **MSU** has established the G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery National Center for Veterans Research, which is a limited scope center that will compile statistical data and analyses and serve as a resource to Congress and other constituencies for these data. There is a national need for an independent research center that can provide analyses and information on current and future veteran's issues and programs. Currently, there is no independent research center that can provide Congress or the Department of Veterans Affairs with the necessary ongoing data and analyses to support congressional oversight, authorization and appropriation, or assistance in program development, accountability, evaluation, and policy analysis. The Center for Veterans Research will help establish a research team for veteran research with the goals of seeking new extramural funding, communicating with government agencies and veterans groups, and providing direction for veteran research in the United States. The center is funded with extramural grant funds, thus there will be no new costs to the institution.
 - d. **MSU** has established the Mississippi State University Energy Institute, which is a limited scope institute that: 1) coordinates energy research, 2) facilitates communication among researchers, centers, and working groups, 3) sets high expectations for external research funding, peer reviewed publications, and graduate education, 4) enhances the national reputation of faculty engaged in energy research, and 5) encourages the development of energy-based industries in Mississippi. The institute is comprised of the MSU Sustainable Energy Center; the Cooling, Heating, and Power research projects in the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Agricultural and Biological Engineering; the Industrial Assessment Center in the Department

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- of Mechanical Engineering; and the Institute for Clean Energy Technology. The Energy Institute serves as the umbrella unit that coordinates existing research projects among the various centers, institutes, and departments that are involved in energy research, and develops plans and proposals for future energy-related research projects. The institute will play a critical role in formulating research-based solutions to our nation's current energy crisis. The institute is funded with extramural grant funds, thus there will be no new costs to the institution.
- e. **MSU** has established the Mississippi State University Institute of Golf, which is a limited scope institute that promotes the academic and non-academic units involved in golf course operations and player performance. The Golf Institute will bridge the efforts of the Professional Golf Management program in the College of Business, the Golf and Sports Turf Management program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and MSU Golf Course to promote, establish, and better position MSU as a leading institution in golf teaching, research, and outreach. The institute is funded through retail revenue and reallocation of existing funds, thus there will be no new costs to the institution.
- f. **MSU** has established the Mississippi State University Sustainable Energy Research Center, which is a limited scope center that coordinates renewable energy research efforts at MSU and develops new engineering and scientific knowledge to serve as a catalyst in creating sustainable energy industries in the state. The initial focus of the center will be on supplying renewable transportation fuels and refinery feed stocks to meet the nation's goal of replacing 20% of the fuel supply with renewable energy by 2020. Research through the center will attempt to use natural resources to supply renewable fuel that is sustainable, thus reducing the dependency on oil. The center is funded with extramural grant funds, thus there will be no new costs to the institution.
- g. **UM** - In September of 2008, the university will establish the Center for Intelligence and Security Studies, which will be a limited scope center that will fill a critical void in the national need for increased educational and research opportunities in the field of intelligence analytics. The new center will allow faculty with interest and expertise in related areas to collaborate on educational, research, and service activities. Furthermore, the center will facilitate more competitive extramural grant applications and enhance educational opportunities for students. The center will be funded with extramural grant funds, thus there will be no new costs to the institution.
- h. **UM** has established the INDO-US Joint Center for Research in Indian Systems of Medicine, which is a limited scope center that brings forward and further promotes the existing collaborative research between the University of Mississippi Natural Products Research Unit and the Department of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy, an agency of the government of India. Since 2005, the National Center for Natural Products Research has collaborated on research of medicinal plants with the Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine. The new center will help continue that relationship by facilitating the mechanism for funding and collaboration to: 1) provide authentic information about the strengths of Indian systems of medicine and demystify the misconceptions about these systems of medicines in the US, 2) facilitate awareness through educating, training, workshops, seminars, and information exchange between Indian and US scientists, 3) undertake product development and research activities for the scientific development of Indian systems of medicine, 4) create a repository of authentic reference materials for research and regulatory needs, 5) encourage and facilitate cooperation in research activities, and 6) facilitate the involvement of Indian industry in product

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- development, especially for global markets. The center is funded with extramural grant funds, thus there will be no new costs to the institution.
- i. **UM** has established the Institute for Innovation in Mathematics Education, which is a limited scope institute that will provide leadership in synergizing business, local communities, parents, IHL institutions, and the Mississippi Department of Education to: 1) improve mathematics performance of K-12 students in the state, 2) bridge the achievement gap in mathematics between African American and Caucasian students, and 3) ensure that student mathematics achievement levels support building of robust growth in the state economy. Although mathematics is the content focus of this institute, infusing applied skills (such as communication strategies, problem solving, teamwork, and leadership) will be a part of the instructional approaches. The center will be funded with extramural grant funds and by existing budgets, thus there will be no new costs to the institution.
 - j. **UM** has established the Mississippi Geographic Alliance, which is a limited scope center that focuses on improving K-12 teaching and learning in geography in Mississippi through: 1) professional development workshops for K-12 teachers 2) public awareness campaigns via family-oriented geography educational activities, and 3) research endeavors. Previously, the Croft Institute for International Studies has served as the institutional host for the Mississippi Geographic Alliance (MGA) by managing the grant for this organization and working synergistically to implement common programs. However, the Croft Institute Board has conducted programmatic restructuring, and as a result, has ended its commitment to serve as the host for MGA. The Department of Public Policy Leadership has decided to become the host for MGA and established the MGA as a grant-funded center within the department. The center is funded through an external endowment, thus there will be no new costs to the institution.
 - k. **USM** - In the spring of 2009, the university will establish the Center for Healthcare Marketing and Sales, which will be a limited scope center that will advance education, research, and practice in healthcare sales and marketing by coordinating activities between students and potential employers, and by serving as a resource for healthcare and other related industries through educational programs and professional development activities. The center will serve as a resource for faculty interested in research activities related to healthcare sales and marketing. The new center will have an advisory board comprised of faculty administrators from the College of Business, and managers and executives from industry that will provide guidance and assistance related to center activities. The center will be funded with extramural grant funds, thus there will be no new costs to the institution.
 - l. **USM** - In October of 2008, the university will establish the Center for the Study of War and Society, which will be a limited scope center that will serve as a local, national, and international resource for the study of the history of warfare at the social, economical, political, cultural, and military levels. In conjunction with the International Programs Center, the Center for the Study of War and Society will provide students and faculty the opportunity to study the history of war abroad, and will foster a greater understanding of the many aspects of warfare through teaching, scholarship, and outreach. There will be no new costs to the institution to fund the center.

BUDGET FINANCE & AUDIT

3. **DSU** - Approved the request to enter into an agreement with REI Contracting, Inc. The purpose of the agreement is to purchase and install a new video scoreboard for the football facility. The contractor will

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provide on-site training and if necessary, provide personnel on-site for opening day service. Selection of the contractor was done via a bid process. The purchase and installation of the football facility scoreboard is to be completed between September 19, 2008 and September 27, 2008. The total cost of the football facility scoreboard is \$530,000. This contract will be financed via sponsorships with local vendors in the form of scoreboard advertising. A copy of the agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is on file in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.

4. **MSU** - Approved the request to enter into an agreement with Viking Range, Inc. The purpose of the agreement is to lease up to 1,528 square feet in the University's Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems (CAVS) Extension facility in Canton, Miss., to Viking Range, Inc., in order to facilitate collaborative research with MSU and promote economic development across the state. MSU will provide network and telecommunications capabilities, access to a controlled server area, and utilities and janitorial services. Upon MSU's prior authorization, Viking will be responsible for costs associated with necessary renovations. The lease is for the period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. The cost to Viking per square foot utilized is \$2.50 on a monthly basis. Costs will not exceed \$45,840 for the contract period. A copy of the agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is on file in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.
5. **UMMC** - Approved the request to enter a four-year contract with AVAYA, Inc. The purpose of the contract is to upgrade the existing campus-wide phone and voice mail system. The contract is for the period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2012. Costs include a one-time payment of \$376,000 for hardware and software upgrades and annual licensing and maintenance fees of \$591,799. The total contract cost is \$2,743,196. The contract will be funded via State budgeted funds. A copy of the contract which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.
6. **UMMC** - Approved the request to enter a five-year contract with Children's National Medical Center. The purpose of the contract is to partner with the contractor to strengthen pediatric cardiovascular surgery at UMMC. The contractor will provide surgeons, cardiologists, cardiac intensivists, and other personnel. The contract is for the period September 19, 2008 to September 18, 2013. Annual fees are as follows: Year 1: \$300,000, Year 2: \$250,000, Year 3: \$250,000, Year 4: \$200,000, and Year 5: \$200,000. Payments are due on a monthly installment basis for a total contract cost of \$1,200,000. The contract will be funded via patient revenue. A copy of the contract which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.
7. **UMMC** - Approved the request to enter a five-year contract with Children's National Medical Center. The purpose of the contract is to partner with the contractor to strengthen pediatric cardiovascular surgery at UMMC. The contractor will provide non-physician personnel, including registered nurses, physician assistants, clinical coordinators, nurse educators, perfusionists, and respiratory therapists to both perform the needed services and teach UMMC staff. The contract is for the period September 19, 2008 to September 18, 2013. In addition to stipulated rates for personnel, a three-day travel allowance per personnel member is also provided. Annual costs will not exceed \$200,000 and the total cost for the contract period is \$1,000,000. The contract will be funded via patient revenue. A copy of the contract which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.

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8. **UMMC** - Approved the request to enter into a contract with Labyrinth Solutions, Inc. The purpose of the agreement is to provide consulting services for the UMMC SAP Student Life Cycle Management project. This project is similar to the University of Mississippi, Oxford SAP landscape which allows students to have student accounting, policies, catalog and master data online. The contract is for the period October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. A total of ten consultants are budgeted, five of whom will be on-site and the other five available for off-site remote support. Fees will be billed based on actual hours worked. The total contract costs will not exceed \$2,648,000. The contract will be funded via tuition and fees. A copy of the contract which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.
9. **UMMC** - Approved the request to amend its agreement with Siemens Medical Solutions. The purpose of the amendment is to extend the contract period an additional thirty-two (32) months in order to upgrade the IBM mainframe. The upgrade is necessary to provide adequate response time to support current and future workload requirements. The amendment is for the period November 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011. The price includes replacement of the IBM business series processor, operating system software licenses, and IBM equipment maintenance. The total cost for the contract period is \$925,181. The contract will be funded via state budgeted funds. A copy of the agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.
10. **UMMC** - Request for Board ratification of a joint agreement with the Delta Health Alliance in which the parties agree to develop and implement a program of remote intensive care monitoring. In order to further this initiative, UMMC and the Delta Health Alliance request approval to enter into a system and service agreement with VISICU, Inc. The purpose of this agreement is to purchase an Electronic ICU System (eICU). eICU is a patented care model that allows hospitals to develop and implement a program of remote intensive care monitoring by utilizing Telemedicine Technology and advanced software to electronically monitor multiple hospital ICU's at the same time. The contract period is September 22, 2008 to September 21, 2013. Annual costs are as follows: Year 1: \$5,320,400; Year 2: 2,343,118; Year 3: \$2,160,944; Year 4: \$1,608,514; and Year 5: \$1,582,764. The total contract cost is \$13,015,740 and will be funded via patient revenue. The Delta Health Alliance will reimburse UMMC for fifty-percent of these costs via grant funds. **(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO THE REGULAR AGENDA.)**
11. **USM (Information item.)** The Board approved a five-year lease agreement with AVAYA, Inc. in August, 2008 contingent upon being informed of final costs related to the overall project in September. The purpose of the agreement was to lease equipment to upgrade the University's current telephone system. The project consists of two-phases. Actual costs for both phases were finalized shortly after the August Board meeting and are as follows: first phase, replacement of the voice mail system, consisting of system hardware, software and installation costs: \$908,965; second phase, replacement of the telephone switch, consisting of equipment purchases and services, \$535,500. The name of the AVAYA reseller selected as vendor for the second phase of this project is Source. The total contract cost for the lease agreement is \$1,444,465. The period of the lease agreement is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2013.

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12. PERSONNEL REPORT

EMPLOYMENT

Jackson State University
Smith, Ingrad

AWARD OF TENURE

Alcorn State University
Peoples, Gerald

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Mississippi State University

Rescind sabbatical leave approved March, 2008

Dwayne A. Wise, Professor, Biological Sciences,
August 16, 2008 to December 31, 2008, \$77,695.00
per annum, (sabbatical pay for period will be
\$38,847.50), professional improvement

**EDUCATIONAL POLICIES &
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

The Committee was brought to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Bettye Neely. The following items were discussed/voted upon:

1. Declaration of intent to establish a nursing program at East Mississippi Community College. **(THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.)**
2. On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Perry absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the staff's suggestions based on the academic program productivity review.
3. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Perry absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the new academic programs. Dr. Neely applauded the universities on their collaboration in offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.
4. On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the requested modifications to existing academic programs.
5. On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the request for a new academic unit.
6. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the suggested modifications to existing academic units.
7. On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the recommended changes and the plan for implementation from the Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) for the Redesign of Teacher Preparation. Dr. Lynn House, IHL Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, gave a presentation on this BRC project. Dr. Neely commended Dr. House, Dr. Susan Lee, IHL Director of P-16 Initiatives;

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and the rest of the team who diligently worked on the redesign. Commissioner Meredith also thanked Dr. House for her leadership on this project.

8. On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee received the report on the System-Wide Course Redesign Initiative for Educational Enhancement. Dr. House gave a presentation on the system-wide course redesign.

Committee members attending the meeting were: Dr. Bettye Neely (Chair), Dr. Stacy Davidson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Robin Robinson and Mr. C.D. Smith. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse and Ms. Amy Whitten.

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES & PROGRAMS AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Bettye Neely, Chair

AGENDA ITEM #1 WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA. On motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Patterson, Ms. Pickering and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #2 as submitted on the following Educational Policies & Programs Agenda. Agenda item #3 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Smith, with Mr. Patterson, Ms. Pickering and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda item #4 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda item #5 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Ms. Pickering, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda item #6 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Smith, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda item #7 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda item #8 was approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting.

1. **System Administration** – In accordance with (a) and (b), Miss. Code Ann., §37-129-1, *et seq.* (1972), as amended, which empowers the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to establish rules and regulations and promulgate uniform standards for accreditation of schools of nursing- approval is requested for Stage I Application-declaration of intent/need to establish a program of professional nursing for East Mississippi Community College. **(THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.)**

2. **System Administration** - Approved the following recommendations based on the academic productivity review.
 - a. Delete the following 9 academic programs:
 - i. **DSU** -
 - (1) Bachelor of Sciences in Education in Business Education (CIP 13.1303)
 - (2) Bachelor of Science in Education in Special Education (CIP 13.1001)
 - (3) Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandising (CIP 52.1902)
 - ii. **JSU** - Master of Science in Systems Management (CIP 52.1401)
 - iii. **MSU** -
 - (1) Bachelor of Science in Business and Industry (CIP 52.0201)

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- (2) Bachelor of Science in Trade and Technical Studies(CIP 13.1319)
 - (3) Master of Science in Entomology and Plant Pathology (CIP 26.0702)
 - (4) Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Economics (CIP 01.0103)
 - iv. **USM** - Specialist in Library and Information Science (CIP 25.0101)
- b. Continue with stipulations the following 13 academic programs (These programs are subjected to annual review for two years to assess progress toward future productivity.):
 - i. **ASU** - Bachelor of Science in Special Education (CIP 13.1001)
 - ii. **DSU** - Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (CIP 09.0401)
 - iii. **JSU** -
 - (1) Master of Science in Mathematics (CIP 27.0101)
 - (2) Education Specialist in Reading (CIP 13.1315)
 - iv. **MVSU**
 - (1) Bachelor of Science Education in Social Science Education (CIP 13.1317)
 - (2) Bachelor of Science Education in Science Education (CIP 13.1399)
 - (3) Bachelor of Arts in Music (CIP 50.0901)
 - (4) Bachelor of Music Education in Music (CIP 13.1312)
 - v. **USM** -
 - (1) Master of Science in Physics (CIP 40.0801)
 - (2) Master of Education in Art Education (CIP 13.1302)
 - (3) Master of Arts in Philosophy (CIP 38.0101)
 - (4) Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education/Doctor of Music Education (CIP 13.1312)
 - (5) Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education (CIP 13.1316)
- 3. **System Administration** - Approved the new academic programs as follows:
 - a. **ASU, DSU, MUW, UMMC** and **USM** - Request to offer the collaborative Doctor of Nursing Practice degree (CIP 51.1669) to prepare advanced practice nurses for providing higher quality healthcare to diverse populations and to meet the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education's requirement to accredit only advanced practice nursing programs at the doctoral level.
 - b. **MSU** - Request to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Criminology degree (CIP 45.0401) to meet the need of students interested in the sociological aspects of crime and justice.
 - c. **MSU** - Request to offer the Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Medical Technology degree (CIP 51.0808) to prepare students to assist veterinarians and other professionals associated with the care and welfare of animals.
 - d. **MSU** - Request to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences degree (CIP 40.0699) to provide students a broad understanding of physical and chemical processes associated with the Earth's subsurface, surface, and atmosphere through observation, theoretical relationships, and quantitative and analytical techniques.
 - e. **MUW** - Request to offer the Bachelor of Science in General Studies degree (CIP 24.0101) to provide students broader freedom of course choices to earn a baccalaureate degree through an individualized, non-traditional course of study.

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- f. **UM** - Request to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies degree (CIP 38.0201) to expose students to the methodology used in the academic study of religion, an array of religious traditions worldwide, and critical and creative thought regarding religion.
 - g. **UMMC** - Request to offer the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences degree (CIP 51.0911) to provide instruction in anatomy and physiology, image production, radiographic pathology, pharmacology, law and ethics, equipment operation, and patient care techniques using high quality medical images to make accurate diagnoses.
 - h. **USM** - Request to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Instructional Technology and Design degree (CIP 13.0501) to provide students with a broad understanding in cognitive theory, technology applications, and research experience.
4. **System Administration** - Approved the modifications to existing academic programs, as follows:
- a. **MUW** - Request to consolidate the (1) Bachelor of Arts in Music (CIP 50.0901), (2) Bachelor of Music in Music Teacher Education (CIP 13.1312), and (3) Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy (CIP 51.2305) into the Bachelor of Arts in Music or Bachelor of Music (CIP 50.0901), with three emphasis areas (General Music, Music Education, or Music Therapy), to allow more efficient student progression in the music program by exploring their music and career interests fully before committing to a restricted course of study.
 - b. **UMMC** - Request to consolidate the (1) Master of Science in Biochemistry (CIP 26.0202), (2) Master of Science in Medical Pharmacology (CIP 51.2003), and (3) Master of Science in Physiology & Biophysics (CIP 26.0900) into the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (CIP 26.9999) to improve efficiency, consistency, and quality of basic science educational programs at the institution.
 - c. **DSU** - Request to rename the Bachelor of Science in Audiology and Speech Pathology (CIP 51.0204) to the Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences (CIP 51.0204) to respond to guidelines of practice—DSU’s bachelor of science program offers only pre-professional instruction; to become an audiologist, an individual must hold a doctorate in audiology. The proposed change also aligns the program name with the department name.
 - d. **UM** - Request to rename the Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Disorders (CIP 51.0204) to the Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CIP 51.0204) to emphasize the importance of academic study, clinical training, creative research, service learning, and community outreach in this degree program.
 - e. **UM** - Request to rename the Master of Science in Communicative Disorders (CIP 51.0204) to the Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CIP 51.0204) to emphasize the importance of academic study, clinical training, creative research, service learning, and community outreach in this degree program.
 - f. **UMMC** - Request to rename the Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management (CIP 51.0706) to the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management (CIP 51.0706) to reflect the latest terminology in this allied health field, and the increasing emphasis on management of electronic health information as a significant component of quality healthcare.
5. **System Administration** - Approved the request for a new academic unit, as follows:
- a. **MSU** - Establishment of the Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, which will be a new academic department in the College of Arts and Sciences that will bring faculty

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with common training and research interests into a unit with a unified purpose. This new department will bring Anthropology faculty (currently housed in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work) and Middle Eastern Studies faculty (currently housed in the Department of Philosophy and Religion) together, since both faculty groups have archaeology as a common research interest. Anthropology faculty are engaged in American archaeology and Middle Eastern Studies faculty are engaged in eastern Mediterranean archaeology, thus this is a logical alignment to allow the faculty to focus their research and teaching efforts in their areas of specialization in ways that are not practical under the current organizational structure. The proposed department will be funded by reallocating existing resources within the College of Arts and Sciences, thus there will be minimal new costs to the institution.

6. **System Administration** - Approved modifications to existing academic units, as follows:
 - a. **MSU** - Request to reorganize the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work by removing Anthropology faculty and associated resources from the existing unit and placing them in the proposed Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures. The proposed reorganization will better facilitate collaboration among faculty with common research interests. The proposed reorganization will require minimal financial resources, which will be obtained through reallocation within the College of Arts and Sciences.
 - b. **JSU** - Request to rename the Department of Chemistry to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry to reflect modern terminology, national trends in teaching chemistry, and faculty research interest in the discipline. The proposed name change will require minimal resources (e.g., change of campus signs, stationary, recruiting materials, etc.).
 - c. **MSU** - Request to rename the College of Business and Industry to the College of Business to reflect modern terminology and to be consistent with the academic unit structure of peer institutions. The proposed name change will require minimal resources.
 - d. **MSU** - Request to rename the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work to the Department of Sociology as a part of a proposed reorganization within the College of Arts and Sciences, whereby Anthropology faculty and associated resources will be removed from the existing unit Sociology and Social Work faculty will remain in the existing unit. The single "Sociology" descriptor will allow the unit to distinguish itself in the discipline and further advance the reputation of its faculty and students. The proposed name change will require minimal resources.
 - e. **MSU** - Request to rename the GeoResources Institute, which is an extensive scope institute, to the Geosystems Research Institute. The proposed name change will better reflect the expanded scope of the existing unit. Besides geospatial technology in agricultural and natural resource management, the unit now includes ecosystems and atmospheric sciences, homeland security, unmanned aircraft systems, and small satellite engineering. The proposed name change will require minimal resources.

7. **System Administration** - Approved the recommended changes and the plan for implementation from the Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) for the Redesign of Teacher Preparation. These recommendations resulted from extensive collaboration and evaluation. A copy of the recommendations is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*. Dr. Neely announced that Dr. House will be presenting the above recommendations to the Mississippi State Board of Education later today.

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8. **System Administration (Information item.)** Dr. Lynn House, IHL Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, gave a report on the System-Wide Course Redesign Initiative for Educational Enhancement. Under the direction of Board staff and in cooperation with the National Center for Academic Transformation (NCAT), IHL institutions are implementing course redesign projects to 1) enhance the delivery method of course content, 2) serve course teaching load demands more efficiently, and 3) improve the student pass/fail rate in selected courses within the IHL system. A copy of the report is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.

Dr. House thanked Ms. Menia Dykes, IHL Coordinator of Academic Affairs and Nursing Education, and Dr. Al Rankins, IHL Director of Academic Affairs, for their work on this project.

**REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, September 17, 2008**

The Committee was brought to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Scott Ross. The following items were discussed/voted upon:

1. On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Rouse, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve agenda item #1.
2. Agenda item #6 was pulled from the agenda.
3. On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve agenda items #2 - #5 and #7.
4. Other Business - On motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the request to look into reversing the layout of the conference room table to face the audience.

Committee members attending the meeting were: Mr. Scott Ross (Chair), Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. Douglas Rouse, and Mr. C.D. Smith. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Dr. Bettye Neely, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Robin Robinson, and Ms. Amy Whitten.

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Presented by Mr. Scott Ross, Chair**

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

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda items #1 - #5, #7 and #8 as submitted on the following Real Estate & Facilities Agenda. **AGENDA ITEM #6 WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**

1. **MSU** - Approved the initiation of **IHL 205-241, Building 28–Old Band Hall**, a project for the renovation of Building 28–Old Band Hall to be used as a computer center for students. The university also requests approval of Michael T. Muzzi, AIA, AUA, of MSU Facilities Management as project professional. The total project budget is \$670,000. Funds are available from self-generated sources.

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2. **ASU** - Approved the following requests regarding the privatized housing project:
 - a. Request to lease approximately fifty (50) acres of land located on the western edge of the Alcorn campus in Claiborne County, MS to a LLC that will be created by the Alcorn State University Foundation for a term not to exceed thirty (30) years. After payment by the Board/University of all sums due under the lease, the Board may purchase the auxiliary facilities for \$1.00. The LLC, as part of the development team, plans to construct a \$48,000,000 student housing facility on the property for the benefit of the university.
 - b. Request approval of Campus Apartments, Inc. as the developer and the above named LLC as part of the developer's team. Campus Apartments, Inc. is being recommended for approval based on a comprehensive and open bid process. The recommendation is based on evaluation of pre-determined selection criteria that determined the Campus Apartments, Inc.'s proposal offers the best value to the public in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the Request for Proposal (RFP).
 - c. Request that the Board delegate authority to the president of the university to approve and execute the appropriate lease and contractual agreement(s), for the project, pursuant to Mississippi Code Ann., Section 37-101-7 (1972), as amended. A copy of the executed lease/contractual agreements will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities. Board approval of this agenda item is requested contingent upon review and approval of the lease/contractual agreement(s) by the Attorney General's Office.
3. **ASU** - Approved the request to revise the project allocation amounts for the *Ayers*-funded capital projects as per the attached chart. This chart reflects the project amounts as per the Settlement Agreement and the proposed changes. A chart showing the revision is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.
4. **MSU** - Approved the request to amend the land lease to Sigma Chi Fraternity by adding an additional .25 acre adjacent to the existing leased property. A copy of the lease and the survey showing the proposed property addition will be kept on file in the offices of Real Estate & Facilities.
5. **MSU** - Approved the proposed exterior design for **IHL 205-235, New Residence Hall**. A copy of the rendering is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.
6. **MVSU** - Request to revise the project allocation amounts for the *Ayers*-funded capital projects as per the attached chart. This chart reflects the project amounts as per the Settlement Agreement and the proposed changes. **(THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.)**
7. **UM** - Approved the request to name the recently completed Farley Hall addition as The Overby Center in honor of university alumnus Charles Overby, the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Freedom Forum.
8. **Other Business** - Approved the recommendation of the Real Estate & Facilities Committee to look into reversing the Board's conference table in the Board room so that it faces the audience.

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9. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received the Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the September 17-18, 2008 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. (See Exhibit 1.)

**BUDGET, FINANCE & AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

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The Committee was brought to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. by Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Chair. The following items were discussed/voted upon:

1. On motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the Committee's recommendation authorizing the Board staff to move forward with agenda item #1 upon approval by the Chairman of the Budget Finance & Audit Committee.
2. On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Perry, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve agenda item #2.
3. On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Owens, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve agenda item #3.
4. On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Owens, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve agenda item #4, contingent upon approval by the Attorney General's Office. Ms. Cheryl Mowdy, IHL Director of Support Operations, gave a presentation about *Ayers* funding.

Committee members attending the meeting were: Mr. Aubrey Patterson (Chair), Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Alan Perry, and Ms. Christy Pickering. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. Bettye Neely, Ms. Robin Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith, and Ms. Amy Whitten.

BUDGET, FINANCE & AUDIT AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Chair

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Perry, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Budget, Finance & Audit Agenda. Agenda item #2 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Pickering, seconded by Mr. Smith, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda item #3 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Owens, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda item #4 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Rouse, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. Agenda item #5, **which was moved from the Consent Agenda**, was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Pickering, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting.

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1. **UMMC** - Approved a resolution authorizing the Medical Center Educational Building Corporation (EBC) to issue bonds the proceeds of which will be used to refund the EBC's variable rate demand revenue bonds, Series 2001 (Adult Hospital Project) and the EBC'S variable rate demand revenue bonds, Series 2004 (UMMC Pediatric and Research Facilities Project). The EBC's borrowing costs have significantly increased as a result of the recent downgrade of the bond insurer, Ambac Assurance Corporation, by the rating agencies. As a result, the EBC's financial advisor, First Southwest Company, has recommended the refunding of the Series 2001 Bonds for approximately \$43.5 million and the Series 2004 Bonds for approximately \$43.5 million with a new liquidity provider and without Ambac Assurance Corporation as bond insurer. The Board approved delegating the decision to management to move forward with this transaction on the condition that they receive approval by the Chairman of the Budget Finance & Audit Committee at the time of pricing. The Board also approved the request for First Southwest Company to serve as financial advisor for the refunding and Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, P.A. to serve as bond counsel. The Attorney General's Office approved the Bond Counsel. Ziegler Securities will serve as underwriter and remarketing agent for the bonds issued to refund the 2001 issue and JP Morgan Securities will serve as underwriter and remarketing agent for the bonds issued to refund the 2004 issue.
2. **UMMC** - Pending approval of the revised contractual language by the Attorney General's Office, the Board approved the request to enter into an agreement with Sodexo Operations, LLC with the condition that the university will attempt to negotiate the clause that should the contract fail as a result of the vendor the amortization of any remaining balance from the \$2.4 million will be canceled. The purpose of the agreement is to provide management and operation services for the Food and Nutrition Department at UMMC. The contract is for the period October 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013. The annual costs are as follows: Year 1: \$1,794,188; Year 2: \$2,116,981; Year 3: \$2,116,981; Year 4: \$2,500,000 and Year 5: \$2,500,000 for a total guaranteed contract price of \$11,028,150. The contract will be funded via patient revenues and cafeteria sales. A copy of the agreement is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.
3. **System Administration** - In accordance to Board Policy 704.01 Athletic revenue and Expenditures, each school is authorized to expend a maximum amount of \$175 per student FTE from unrestricted Education and General funds on a per semester basis. The allocation is to be reviewed and automatically indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) every three years beginning after FY 2005. The Board approved the request to index the maximum amount per student FTE per semester for each institution to \$192 as per the CPI beginning with the summer semester of 2008.
4. **System Administration** - Pending approval by the Attorney General's Office, the Board approved the *Ayers Accountability Manual*. A copy of the manual is included in the *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.
5. **UMMC** - Approved the ratification of a joint agreement with the Delta Health Alliance in which the parties agree to develop and implement a program of remote intensive care monitoring. In order to further this initiative, UMMC and the Delta Health Alliance will enter into a system and service agreement with VISICU, Inc. The purpose of this agreement is to purchase an Electronic ICU System (eICU). eICU is a patented care model that allows hospitals to develop and implement a program of remote intensive care monitoring by utilizing Telemedicine Technology and advanced software to

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electronically monitor multiple hospital ICU's at the same time. The contract period is September 22, 2008 to September 21, 2013. Annual costs are as follows: Year 1: \$5,320,400; Year 2: 2,343,118; Year 3: \$2,160,944; Year 4: \$1,608,514; and Year 5: \$1,582,764. The total contract cost is \$13,015,740 and will be funded via patient revenue. The Delta Health Alliance will reimburse UMMC for fifty-percent of these costs via grant funds. A copy of the joint agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *September 7-18, 2008 Board Working File*. **(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.)**

GOVERNANCE /LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Bob Owens, Chair

On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board approved moving agenda item #1 to the list of items to be taken up in Executive Session. **AGENDA ITEM #1 WAS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION LATER IN THE MEETING.** On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Ms. Pickering, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #2 as submitted on the following Legal Agenda. **MR. ALAN PERRY ABSTAINED ON AGENDA ITEM #2. AGENDA ITEM #3 WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**

1. **UMMC** - Settlement of Tort Claim No. 1438. **(THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN UP DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.)**
2. **USM** - Approved the request to file a lawsuit against Ace Westchester, Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Co. and John Does 1-10, to attempt to recover insurance proceeds related to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. The university also requests approval to hire John Lee, Paul Benton and Tommy Dulin as outside counsel to represent USM in this lawsuit. These attorneys will work on a contingency fee basis. The Attorney General has approved these requests.
3. **System Administration** - Proposed amendments to Board Policy 301.0806 University Foundation/Affiliated Entity Activities. **(THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.)** The subcommittee members, Mr. Perry and Mr. Ross, received responses from the stakeholders. These responses need to be handled before this item is presented again at the October meeting. A copy of the policy is included in the bound *September 17-18, 2008 Board Working File*.
4. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. **(See Exhibit 2.)**

GULF COAST SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. Robert Bass, IHL Project Director—Gulf Coast operations, gave the following update:

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- Planning work continues along the schedule presented at last month’s Board of Trustees meeting. A tour of the Cross Creek property was conducted for all Master Planning Committee members on August 15th, complete with a briefing on the site by developer representatives.
- The full Committee met on August 27th and 28th on the Gulf Park campus, with presentations and discussion led by the Sasaki & Co. members of the consulting collaborative. Sasaki representatives gave an extensive briefing on the geo/technical aspects of the Cross Creek site, the potential “student market” to be served by the university, and the existing and potential industries in need of well-trained future employees. In-depth discussions were held with department heads and academic deans, university administration, and members representing student constituencies. Topics covered included planning principles for the Committee’s work, potential curricula, current thinking in campus buildings better serving student life, and how to tie the existing coastal sites together. Following the conclusion of the sessions, a delegation of the Committee’s Leadership Team met with developer representatives to update on the Committee’s work to date and offer them opportunity for feedback.
- The next planning session will be held October 8th and 9th, with logistics still being determined. At present, the Executive Committee of the Gulf Coast Business Council will meet with the Committee on the afternoon of the 8th to give its input regarding their programmatic and community needs and desires for the Gulf Coast area. Tentatively scheduled are additional sessions/forums with coastal municipal and county public officials and local school district leadership.
- We expect to have an extensive briefing and update for the Gulf Coast Special Committee and the full Board of Trustees at the October Board meeting. Remaining formal planning sessions are scheduled as follows: November 12-13, 2008, January 21-22, 2009, and April 15-16, 2009. We encourage all Trustees available to attend as their schedules permit.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner

1. **System Administration** - The Board discussed the dates and locations for the January through December 2009 Board meetings as outlined below:

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| Wednesday-Thursday, January 14-15, 2009 | Board Office |
| Wednesday-Thursday, February 18-19, 2009 | Campus Meeting - JSU |
| Wednesday, March 18, 2009 | Board Office |
| Thursday, April 16, 2009 | Board Office |
| Wednesday-Thursday, May 13-14, 2009 | Board Office |
| Tuesday-Thursday, June 16-18, 2009 | Board Retreat - TBA |
| Thursday, July 16, 2009 | Subject to Call |
| Wednesday-Thursday, August 19-20, 2009 | Board Office |
| Wednesday-Thursday, September 16-17, 2009 | Board Office |
| Wednesday-Thursday, October 14-15, 2009 | Campus Meeting - ASU |
| Wednesday-Thursday, November 18-19, 2009 | Board Office |
| Thursday, December 17, 2009 | Subject to Call |

Dr. Meredith noted that the Thursday, April 16th date should be Wednesday, April 15th.

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2. **System Administration** - The Board discussed the proposed deadline for submission of the Diversity Report to the Board and the proposed deadline for submission of goals in response to the Diversity Report.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Whitten announced that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee Hearings for the IHL System are scheduled to begin on Monday, September 22nd at 1:30 p.m. The separately funded units will be presented the next morning. Ms. Whitten encouraged all of the Board members to attend the hearings.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Presented by Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner

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

- ▶ Thank you, Madam President. It is my pleasure to present the September Commissioner's report.
- ▶ For the 14th consecutive year, enrollment has increased in our public university System. Preliminary figures were released Tuesday; I know you all received the release. Some of our institutions were down; some were up—way up!—like Mississippi State, with a 4.6% increase! Southern Miss-Gulf Coast reached a record enrollment, highest ever since the university opened in 1972. Enrollment also rose at the University of Mississippi for the 13th consecutive year. Some of our institutional enrollments went down, which I believe is indicative of today's economy and certainly not a trend. But, overall, I am pleased enrollment is up again.
- ▶ It seems that, for the most part, Mississippi was spared Hurricane Gustav's wrath just a few weeks ago. I know the Hurricane brought back some traumatic memories for many Mississippians, especially our citizens on the Gulf Coast. Mr. Blakeslee and Ms. Pickering, I hope weathered the storm relatively OK, considering the circumstances. Alcorn and Southern Miss Gulf Coast were the most impacted, although compared to the damages incurred during Katrina, we all know it could have been much worse. Dr. Ross, I believe you had some minimal damage to buildings, but a good deal of water damage and roof leakage. Dr. Saunders, I believe you had transformer damage at Gulf Park, and the Halsted Road site had some damage to the pier, but all can be repaired. In good news, Cedar Point came through well! Many of our institutions cancelled class for one or more days. This is expected, as the safety of our students, faculty, and staff is our number one priority. Like they did during Hurricane Katrina, our institutions immediately responded to the call to service. Delta State, Jackson State, Mississippi State, Mississippi Valley State, and the University of Mississippi all opened general population shelters; Jackson State also opened a special needs shelter. Mississippi State also sheltered thousands of pets and livestock. Like they did during Hurricane Katrina, the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Department of Medicine opened a clinic at the Coliseum. UMMC staff volunteered their time and treated 129 patients in 3 days. Mississippi University for Women also packed trucks full of supplies, ready to be deployed to impacted sister institutions at a moment's notice. IHL staff (Bob Neal and Andy Taylor from Linda's group and Pete Wally and Jim Hood from Phil's group) manned an IHL desk at the MEMA Emergency Operations Center 24-hours a day for the duration of the emergency. This was the first "major" incident in which IHL had a seat in the EOC, which is an important facet of our System-wide disaster plan. From our desk, IHL is able to track incidents at our universities and deploy aid as

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needed. This System assigns a MEMA tracking number to each incident, which helps our institutions seeking reimbursement of expenses from MEMA. Executive Office and institutional staff are also able to be in constant contact with IHL personnel, who kept us up-to-date on the storm and its progress. In addition, Annie Mitchell was called in by MEMA public information staff to assist the agency in its Joint Information Center, responding to media and general public inquiries. I appreciate the good work of our institutions and our staff. Service is important to the mission of any public university, and our folks never falter in that regard.

- ▶ I appreciate the fact that nearly all of you attended the hearings called by the Senate Universities and Colleges Committee. Some of those committee members are with us today, and we appreciate their attendance. We were fortunate to have an opportunity to discuss the many benefits of our current System of Higher Education. At the top of the list is our ability to put the needs of the State of Mississippi first, before the individual needs of any one institution. Our seat in the MEMA EOC, and our ability to coordinate statewide emergency response, is a perfect example of how our System works to improve the lives of all Mississippians. Other examples include initiatives like the Blue Ribbon Committee for Teacher Education and the National Center for Academic Transformation's course redesign program. You received those reports today, and I know you understand the great, positive impact both initiatives will have for our students and our universities. It is my understanding that Senator Davis will be on our campuses in the next few weeks. I know our institutional executive officers are looking forward to the opportunity to showcase their exceptional institutions.
- ▶ This is the third day in Jackson for many of you, as the Mississippi State Board Search Committee held first round interviews Tuesday and yesterday. First round interviews will be held for the next president of Mississippi Valley State University next week. The searches are progressing on-schedule, thanks to your efforts, as well as the good work of the campus Search Advisory Committees, who had the great task of reviewing all the resumes and forwarding their selections to the Board Search Committees. Those groups also self-selected about 7 members to join the Board for the remaining interviews, and I know you are appreciating their insights and participation. Our goal is to have both searches completed no later than November 1st.
- ▶ Many of you will be back in Jackson on Monday, when we appear before the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. Like you discussed with the members of the Senate Universities and Colleges Committee last week, this is another opportunity to discuss the needs of our institutions, as well as start a conversation about your proposed five year framework. We will be followed on Monday by the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as well as the Agriculture Units at Alcorn and Mississippi State. We appreciate your time and participation and look forward to a productive meeting.
- ▶ Finally, in institutional good news:
 - ▶ Eight Alcorn State University students have been selected to attend the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's 2008 Leadership Institute. They will attend the 8th Annual Leadership Institute Recruitment Conference & Career Fair entitled "Critical Thinking: Real World - Real Time Decisions" next month in New York City. What a great honor for these exceptional students!
 - ▶ Dr. John M. Hilpert revealed the new Delta State University logo during an unveiling ceremony Saturday, September 13th on the Delta State campus. The ceremony kicked off the first campus-wide marketing initiative in the school's history designed to promote a comprehensive, aggressive approach to marketing Delta State University. You can view the new logo now! Here it is on our screen. Good job, John!
 - ▶ For the third time in five years, Tulane University evacuated faculty, staff and students to Jackson State University due to a hurricane. Hurricane Gustav's threat sent 267 students to

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Jackson who found shelter at the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center. Since 2000, JSU has provided Tulane temporary emergency accommodations.

- ▶ Lowndes County company PACCAR partnered with Mississippi State University through a \$2 million donation to the Bagley College of Engineering to establish a new academic chair. Funding from global leader of designing and manufacturing light-, medium-, and heavy-duty trucks will support excellence in engineering and spur economic development in the state.
- ▶ For the 5th year in a row, Mississippi University for Women has been ranked a top Southern public master's university by *U.S. News & World Report*. MUW was ranked 12th among Southern public master's universities in the 2009 edition as well as No. 33 in the Best Universities Master's by region category.
- ▶ John Tanner, former Department of Justice attorney, will be the featured speaker at the Mississippi Valley State University's 2009 Aaron Henry Scholars Lecture Series on Race, Politics, Gender and Culture. Mr. Tanner will speak on "Election 2008: Consequences and Expectations." The event is scheduled on Oct. 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in the MVSU Carpenter Auditorium.
- ▶ Former longtime NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw will speak in the Fulton Chapel of the University of Mississippi the evening before the first 2008 Presidential Debate. The event is sponsored by Ole Miss' Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics, and is among dozens of special events planned in concert with the debate. Although tickets have been distributed, the address and Q&A will be simulcast in the Farley Hall Auditorium and on the Grove Stage. Chancellor Khayat spoke to you last month about the debate. Needless to say, this has been a tremendous undertaking for the University of Mississippi, and we are all extraordinarily proud of you and the fine work by your faculty, staff, and students!
- ▶ Last Friday, the University of Mississippi Medical Center hosted a dedication for the new Arthur C. Guyton Research Center. Dr. Davidson attended that great event, named in honor of Dr. Guyton. Among his many extraordinary accomplishments, Dr. Guyton wrote the world-renowned *Textbook of Medical Physiology*; the most widely utilized physiology text. Dr. Jones, I know you and your students will enjoy that beautiful facility.
- ▶ The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Southern Mississippi is the recipient of a \$1 million endowment from The Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco. The only lifelong learning institute in Mississippi supported by the Osher Foundation, the Southern Miss institute provides a wide range of intellectually-engaging learning activities for senior adults in the Hattiesburg area.
- ▶ And that, Madam President, brings me to the end of my report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Whitten declared the Senate Universities and Colleges Committee hearings as extremely fruitful. She thanked the Board members who took the time to attend. Ms. Whitten also thanked the Legislature for encouraging the Board to have these kinds of dialogues. Ms. Pickering has suggested that members of the IHL Board liaison with the Senate Universities and Colleges Committee over time. Ms. Whitten is thinking about suggesting a meeting between the IHL Board and the Senate Universities and Colleges Committee in the early part of the legislative session to show the legislators the issues that concern the universities. Mr. Owens noted that the Institutional Executive Officers represented the system very well during the hearings.

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2. Ms. Whitten thanked the Commissioner's staff, especially Ms. Jeri Knapp and Ms. Sharon Scott, for their superlative work organizing the many recent meetings including providing meals at the last minute.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Ms. Pickering, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Pickering, seconded by Dr. Rouse, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board **voted to go into Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of two personnel matters at Mississippi State University,
Discussion of a personnel matter at the Board Office, and
Discussion of a litigation matter at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed and/or voted upon:

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Owens, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board approved the settlement of Tort Claim case #1199, *Hamilton v. UMMC*, as presented by counsel.

The Board discussed the request of Dr. R. H. Gilmer for a Board review of his termination as a tenured faculty member at Mississippi State University. Following careful consideration of and deliberation over Dr. Gilmer's request, a motion was made by Mr. Ross, seconded by Ms. Pickering, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, denying the request for Board review.

The Board discussed a Board Office personnel matter. **No action was taken.**

Due to time constraints, the Board did not take up the second personnel matter at Mississippi State University.

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Smith, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Owens, with Mr. Patterson and Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn.



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EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the August 20-21, 2008 Board meeting.
- Exhibit 2 Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.

EXHIBIT 1

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Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the August 20-21, 2008 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval.

Jackson State University

GS 103-219, Johnson/Dansby Replacement: The Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as presented by Vernell Barnes Architects and Foil-Wyatt Architects, a joint venture. The Board staff requested approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$13,350,000. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004; HB 246, Laws of 2007; and HB 1641; Laws of 2006.

Mississippi Center for Education and Research

GS 111-044, Mechanical Modifications Program: The Board staff approved the request for payment in the amount of \$57,432.12 to Atherton Consulting Engineers, Inc. for engineering services on the above referenced project. The Board staff requested approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management.

Mississippi State University

Removal of Buildings 1723 and 1724: The Board staff approved the university's request to remove Greenhouse Buildings 1723 and 1724 located at South Farm, Animal Research Center, Starkville, Mississippi. The buildings will be removed from the Mississippi Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station #422 inventory. The Office of Real Estate and Facilities will maintain letters from MDAH and MDEQ on file. The Board staff requested approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management.

IHL 205-230, Simrall Auditorium Renovation: The Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$24,180 with an additional twenty (20) days added to the contract of Weathers Construction. The change order is necessary to extend the new auditorium finishes into room 104. The total project budget is \$600,000. Funds are available from self-generated sources.

IHL 205-235, New Residence Hall: The Board staff approved the Schematic Designs as presented by Luke Peterson and Kaye Architects, project professionals. The total project budget is \$29,960,000. Funding is available from Mississippi State University Educational Building Corporation Bonds in the amount of \$29,960,000.

IHL 205-237, Parking Lot South: The Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$43,770. This change order is necessary to increase the thickness of the new asphalt road bed. The total project budget is \$932,000. Funding is available from self-generated sources.

Mississippi University for Women

IHL 204-118, Fine Arts Building-Storm Damage: The Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$46,635.45 to install additional fiber optics and sinks. The total project budget is \$5,108,580. Funding is available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

Mississippi Valley State University

GS 106-198, Science and Technology Center: The Board staff approved Change Order #3 for an increase of forty (40) days to the contract of Frazier Construction Company. The change order is necessary due to time extension caused by weather delays for the months of December 2007 thru May 2008. The Board staff requested approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$15,010,786.88.

IHL 106-202, Sutton Administration Building: The Board staff approved a request for a declaration of an emergency for the Sutton Administration Building Project to award emergency mold remediation to Anderson Environmental Services in the amount of \$195,000. The Board staff requested approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management.

IHL 206-019, New Men's & Women's Residence Halls: The Board staff approved Change Order #4 for a credit in the amount of \$37,616.88 with an additional ten (10) days to the contract of Carothers Construction caused by weather delays. The total project budget is \$12,284,555.80. Funding is available from the EBC Revenue Bonds Account Project Contingency.

IHL 206-019, New Men's & Women's Residence Halls: The Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the amount of \$28,102.60 with an additional eight (8) days to the contract of Carothers Construction. This change order is necessary due to weather delays and various revisions added as approved by Billes Architecture in association with Dale and Associates Architects. The total project budget is \$12,284,555.80. Funding is available from the EBC Revenue Bonds Account Project Contingency.

IHL 206-020, Magnolia Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #1 for a credit in the amount of \$30,834. Funding is available from the Educational Building Corporation Bonds.

IHL 206-020, Magnolia Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$9,166 with an increase of twenty (20) days to the contract of IKBI Incorporated due to improvements of ADA accessibility items. Funding is available from the Educational Building Corporation Bonds.

IHL 206-020, Magnolia Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$7,189.30 for glazing of windows and glazing of storefront entrance systems. Funding is available from the Educational Building Corporation Bonds.

IHL 206-020, Magnolia Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$10,529 with an increase of forty-five (45) days to the contract of IKBI Incorporated for hard tile flooring in lieu of wood grain flooring. Funding is available from the Educational Building Corporation Bonds.

IHL 206-020, Magnolia Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the amount of \$4,992.15 with an increase of ten (10) days to the contract of IKBI Incorporated for the installation of added doors, frames and hardware. Funding is available from the Educational Building Corporation Bonds.

IHL 206-020, Magnolia Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #6 in the amount of \$5,172.70 with an increase of ten (10) days to the contract of IKBI Incorporated for the installation of associated components to concrete masonry walls and corridor doors. Funding is available from the Educational Building Corporation Bonds.

IHL 206-020, Magnolia Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #7 for a credit in the amount of \$19,253. Funding is available from the Educational Building Corporation Bonds.

IHL 206-020, Magnolia Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #8 in the amount of \$8,494.47. This change order is necessary to secure type "B" fixtures to corridor walls to prevent potential damages to fixtures. Funding is available from the Educational Building Corporation Bonds.

IHL 206-020, Magnolia Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #9 in the amount of \$2,112.55. This change order is necessary to provide installation to column mounted lighting in lobby area for lighting as shown in architectural detail on electrical drawings. Funding is available from the Educational Building Corporation Bonds

University of Mississippi

GS 107-277, Old Chemistry Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$6,734.38 and an increase of twenty-four (24) days to the contract of Panola Construction Company. This change order is necessary due to various exterior painting to the auditorium, allowances for HVAC controls, costs for valves for the chilled water system, grate protection system for NE building elevation light wells and electrical conduit and wiring to connect five AHU's to control panels. The Board staff requested approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The project budget is \$4,000,000. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004.

GS 107-277, Old Chemistry Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the amount of \$7,970 for exterior masonry restoration work, removal of sign and paint the exterior canopy on the north side of the building and a deduction of cost for Thermal Infrared Imaging Scan of the electrical system. The Board staff requested approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The project budget is \$4,000,000. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004.

GS 107-284, Fraser Hall Third Floor: The Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$87,415 with an additional thirty (30) days to the contract of CIG Contractors, Inc. for insurance necessary for removal and disposal of undiscovered asbestos which was located by concealed conditions. The Board staff requested approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$3,600,000. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004.

GS 107-291, Guyton Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved the Contract Documents, authorized the request to advertise for the receipt of bids, and requested approval by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$3,000,000. Funds are available from HB 246, Laws of 2007.

IHL 207-294, Residential Colleges: The Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$13,461 for electrical supply revisions and sewer line work to the project. The total project budget is \$46,500,000. Funds are available from self-generated sources.

IHL 207-294, Residential Colleges: The Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$127,890 for installation of various foundation items to the new kitchen and the installation of a gas line, a meter, a strainer and fittings to extend the main water line feed to the south side of the building. The total project budget is \$46,500,000. Funds are available from self-generated sources.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

IHL 209-435”C”, Guyton Building Expansion: The Board staff approved Change Order #8 in the amount of \$145,999 with an additional twenty-one (21) days to the contract of Flintco, Inc. for miscellaneous latent conditions and items. The total project budget is \$53,500,000. Funds are available from self-generated sources.

IHL 209-499, Day Surgery HVAC Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #3 for a credit adjustment in the amount of \$89,546. The total project budget is \$1,500,000. Funds are available from self-generated sources.

EXHIBIT 2

September 17-18, 2008

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by David Ware & Associates (Statement dated 7/1/08) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the labor certification of Dragan Stanisevski.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,000.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statement dated 7/28/08) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the case styled *Charlie F. Wade v. MS Cooperative Extension Service.*)

TOTAL DUE \$908.08

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by John T. Kitchens (Statements dated 7/15/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$870.00, \$945.00, \$1,692.80 and \$4,725.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with the cases styled *Flowers, Beason, Knight* and *McGarry*, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE \$8,232.80

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Barry J. Walker (Statements dated 6/29/08) from the funds of Delta State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,500.00 and \$1,500.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with the employment certifications of *Kumiko Shimizu* and *Adam Lynde.*)

TOTAL DUE \$3,000.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins, Ludlam, Winter & Stennis (Statement dated 5/15/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the EBC Research.)

TOTAL DUE \$1,395.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Adams & Reese (Statements dated 7/17/08 and 7/24/08) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$14,198.99 and \$20,509.88, represent services and expenses in connection with a personnel issue.)

TOTAL DUE \$34,708.87

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 7/21/08 and 7/26/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the UMMC-North Clinic for General Advice - \$6,186.09 and the UMMC-North Clinic for General Representation of Medical School and Facility Practice Plans - \$1,720.00.)

TOTAL DUE **\$7,906.09**

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 6/20/08, 6/20/08, 6/20/08, 6/21/008, 7/22/08 and 7/22/08) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with following patent applications: “Organic Wood Preservatives” - \$161.50, “Compact Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer – Japan” - \$935.00, “Compact Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer – UK” - \$85.00, “Organic Wood Preservatives” - \$811.74, “Compact Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer – Germany” - \$395.16 and “Light Scattering etc.” - \$220.00.)

TOTAL DUE **\$2,608.40**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (Statements dated 6/17/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent applications: “Cell Culture Model for Demyelination/Remyelination” - \$829.29, “Thermally-Targeted Delivery of Medicaments” - \$741.50, “DNA Sequence Encoding a Human Imidazoline Receptor and Method for Cloning the Same” - \$1,020.00 and “Saliva-Based Protein Profiling” - \$678.43.)

TOTAL DUE **\$3,269.22**