

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**
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BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi 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 9:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 23, 2015, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this February 18, 2016 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mrs. Karen L. Cummins, Mr. Tom Duff, Dr. Ford Dye, Mr. Shane Hooper, Dr. Alfred E. McNair, Jr., Mr. Chip Morgan, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith and Dr. J. Walt Starr. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Alan Perry, President. Trustee McNair introduced Reverend Kenneth Maurice Davis who opened the meeting with prayer.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- President Perry welcomed the Student Government Association Officers: JoJo Dodd, SGA President at Mississippi State University; Roxanne Raven, SGA President-Elect at Mississippi State University; Quincy Hughes, SGA President at the Mississippi University for Women; Rod Bridges, SGA President at the University of Mississippi; Sarah Ali, SGA President at the University of Mississippi Medical Center; and Jeffrey George, SGA President at the University of Southern Mississippi.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Dye, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on January 20, 2016.

**2016 DIVERSITY AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE
IN OBSERVANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

President Perry noted that each year the Board observes Black History Month by celebrating the achievements and accomplishments of one individual from each state institution of higher learning who has contributed significantly to the positive advancement of diversity on his/her campus and in the community.

Trustee Karen Cummins, Chair of the Diversity Committee, thanked the members of the committee, Trustee Alfred McNair and Trustee C.D. Smith, for their time and effort. Trustee Cummins also recognized the IHL staff who assisted with the program: Ms. Caron Blanton, Ms. Bridget Breithaupt, and Mr. Henry Anderson. Trustee Cummins gave special thanks to Ms. Clotee Lewis, IHL Coordinator of Public Affairs, and the photographer Mr. Jay Ferchaud from the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

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Trustee Cummins congratulated all of the nominees and presented them with a Certificate of Recognition for their outstanding vision, dedication, as well as serving as role models and strong advocates for the advancement of diversity at their respective universities and in the surrounding communities. The nominees were as follows:

Dr. John Igwebuike	Alcorn State University
Dr. Corlis Snow	Delta State University
Dr. Hongtao Yu	Jackson State University
Dr. Shirley A. James Hanshaw	Mississippi State University
Dr. Jonathan Pote	Mississippi State University, Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Thomas Velek	Mississippi University for Women
Dr. Baxter Wright, ACSW	Mississippi Valley State University
Dr. Murrell Godfrey	University of Mississippi
Dr. Juanyece Taylor	University of Mississippi Medical Center
Dr. Kevin Greene	University of Southern Mississippi

Trustee Cummins recognized Dr. Shirley A. James Hanshaw, Associate Professor of English and Liaison, MSU-Tougaloo College Exchange Program in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at Mississippi State University, as the 2016 Diversity Educator of the Year. Trustee C.D. Smith acknowledged Dr. William F. (Bill) Scaggs, President Emeritus of Meridian Community College, as the special community honoree. Dr. Scaggs received the Community Service Award for his commitment to working to enhance the quality of life for all citizens through his public service and more than 50 years as an educator. Dr. Hanshaw and Dr. Scaggs were each presented with a resolution and plaque commemorating these awards. A copy of the resolutions is included in the *February 18, 2016 Board Working File*.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Trustee Hooper, seconded by Trustee Pickering, with Trustee McNair absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agenda.

FINANCE

1. **MSU** – Approved the request by MSU on behalf of its National Strategic Planning and Analysis Research Center (NSPARC), to lease the 6,580 square feet of space known as One Research Boulevard, (Suite 200B and 200), Starkville, MS 39759 of the Multi-Tenant Office space from the Oktibbeha County Economic Development Authority for 36 months. Currently the Research and Technology Corporation (RTC) has a rental agreement with the Oktibbeha County Economic Development Authority. NSPARC has had a Use Agreement with RCT in the past, but NSPARC has the funding and is requesting to lease space to conduct business activities.

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RTC is willing to let MSU/NSPARC take over this lease. Currently the monthly agreement is \$6,097.08 a month plus quarterly utilities prorated based on the percentage of square footage occupied. The term of the agreement is 36 months starting on March 1, 2016 and ending on February 28, 2019. The contract may be renewed for one year periods upon written agreement of both parties. The total cost of this contract is \$219,494.88 plus quarterly utilities prorated based on percentage of square footage occupied by the Lessee. It is estimated the annual costs will be \$73,164.96 plus quarter utilities. The contract will be paid through the NSPARC Service Center Fund. The agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is on file in the Board Office.

2. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter into an agreement with Sage Publications, Inc. for subscription to 825 electronic journals used for educational and research functions. This agreement revises the listing of journals included in the previous subscription and also updates costs to reflect the pricing from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. The total cost over the three year agreement is \$421,841.22, broken down as follows: 2016 - \$133,811.65; 2017 - \$140,502.23; and 2018 - \$147,527.34. The contract will be funded by general funds. The agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is on file in the Board Office.
3. **MVSU** – Approved the request to participate in the next state agency master lease purchase series through the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration's (DFA's) master lease program, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 31-7-10 (14). Although other state universities expressed interest in pursuing an IHL master lease-purchase of equipment, the combined dollar value did not prove cost effective at this time. The next DFA series for state agencies is scheduled for February 2016, and MVSU's participation in same would enable it to lease-purchase approximately \$408,104 of transportation equipment for the university to meet its current need for new transportation equipment.
4. **MVSU** – Approved the resolution granting the filing of an application to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for a grant to assist in providing transportation services. Through an agreement with the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration, Mississippi Valley State University provides public transportation services in eight (8) Delta counties: Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Sunflower, Tallahatchie and Washington. The mass transit system serves as a vital means of transportation for students to attend the university. The resolution which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is on file in the *February 18, 2016 Board Working File*.
5. **UMMC** – Approved an assumption agreement with Cerner Health Services, Inc. for UMMC to assume responsibility of an existing agreement between Cerner and Grenada Lakes Medical Center. By assuming the agreement, UMMC will be assured continued services of the Cerner System until UMMC has fully implemented the Epic electronic health record at Grenada and the Cerner System is no longer required. Cerner is currently used as Grenada's electronic health record system. Additionally, by assuming the current agreement, UMMC will be able to negotiate with Cerner, as necessary, to ensure a smooth conversion to Epic. The term of the agreement is from approximately February 19, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The total cost of the assumption and conversion is estimated to be \$783,931.40. Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services has authorized a maximum spend amount of \$855,931.40 for the assumption and conversion. A breakdown of the costs is included in the bound *February 18, 2016 Board Working File*. The agreement is funded by hospital patient revenues. The

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agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is on file in the Board Office.

6. **USM** – Approved a Lease agreement between USM and the University of Southern Mississippi Athletic Foundation (Lessee). The leased premises are approximately 25,000 square feet of the land and building known as the Jim and Thomas Duff Athletic Center located at 110 Ray Guy Way, Hattiesburg, MS 39406. The leased premises are currently used as the football locker room and strength and conditioning center for the University's football team with a portion of the premises being currently used as the M-Club Room. During the term of the Lease, Lessee shall renovate the football locker room, fitness center and M-Club Room, (collectively the "Facilities") in accordance with plans and specifications as approved by the University. The total cost of upgrades provided by the Foundation is estimated to be \$1.6 million. The term of the Lease will commence on a date subsequent to Board approval of the Lease and continuing through the earlier of (a) the 31st day of July, 2016, or (b) the date which is thirty (30) days subsequent to the completion and acceptance of the completed Facilities (as defined in Article III of the Lease, unless sooner terminated under the terms of Article XV of the Lease). The contract amount shall be \$1.00 cash in hand. Funding will come from the Lessee's private funds. The agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is on file in the Board Office.

REAL ESTATE

7. **JSU** – Approved the initiation of **GS 103-281, Alexander Center Renovation Phase III**, and the reappointment of Foil-Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC as design professional. The retention of the design professional is desired by the university due to Phase III of the project being a continuation of Phase I & II of this building. Alexander Hall is a five-story residence hall that houses freshmen students. The building was constructed in 1967 and has not been renovated since its original construction. This project will consist of completing the center portion of the building with 124 bed count and will connect the west and east wings through the center. The construction of all phases of this project is part of the University's Campus Master Plan. The proposed project budget is \$1.4 million. Funds are available from SB 2906, Laws of 2015 (\$1,400,000).
8. **UM** – Approved the initiation of **IHL 207-415, Golf Practice Facility Renovation**, and the appointment of the design professional using the "Request for Qualifications" (RFQ) selection process. Practice facilities for the Ole Miss Men's and Women's Golf teams are located adjacent to the Ole Miss Golf Club. The Whitten Golf Complex houses team meeting rooms, locker rooms for teams, coaches' offices, and storage areas. The nearby Herrington Golf Center includes an indoor-outdoor hitting facility. The scope of this project includes site improvements to enhance the flow between the practice facilities, improvements to the driving range, and expansion of the team practice green. The scope may also include building improvements to expand the Herrington Golf Center and master plan for a future bunk house. The university will return to the board at a future board meeting to seek approval of the design professional as well as a revised budget to reflect the full scope of the project once it has been established. The proposed project budget is \$500,000. Funds are available from Athletic Foundation Fundraising (\$500,000).

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9. **UM** – Approved the request to increase the budget for **IHL 207-409, Croft Building Envelope Corrections**, from \$1,250,000 to \$ 1,500,000, for an increase of \$250,000. The funding source for the project will remain the same. The project is currently in the construction phase. The entire building was re-pointed in 1988 and has since been severely damaged. The current project to correct this did not originally require IHL approval and the project was awarded within budget at \$832,499.22 including a standard contingency. Last October, the university was forced to [internally] increase the budget and initiate a project with the IHL Board due to several deficient repairs performed on the structure since its original construction. While working to correct the aforementioned issues, several other issues were discovered in the structure of the east wall and the university's design professionals advised the university to completely remove and rebuild the entire east wall. These additional unforeseen conditions lead to a change order estimated to be greater than the current project contingency. Funds are available from Internal R&R (\$1,500,000).
10. **USM** – Approved the request to demolish and delete from inventory Building #241 (residence located at 3501 Morningside Drive, Hattiesburg, MS) and Building #242 (single story apartment located at 3401 Pearl Street, Hattiesburg, MS). Both properties are currently in a state of disrepair and need to be demolished. The approval letter has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities.
11. **USM** – Approved the request to revise the prioritized list of proposed funding needs for the 2016 Legislative Session as prepared by the University of Southern Mississippi. The original list was approved by the IHL Board in August of 2015. (**See Exhibit 1.**)

LEGAL

12. **MSU** – Approved the request to modify a contract with WARE | IMMIGRATION, formerly WARE | GASPARIAN, to provide services necessary in preparing labor certification documents on behalf of Mississippi State University for its employees who seek permanent residence status and related immigration matters. This Modification #3 will extend the term of the contract for one (1) year or through March 20, 2017. The fee schedule, as outlined below, remains unchanged from the original contract. The total amount payable during the extension period shall not exceed \$50,000. All other provisions of the Agreement for Legal Services dated March 21, 2013 shall remain in effect. This Modification has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

Schedule of Legal Fees for Academia

Nonimmigrant Petitions and Processes

H-1B petition	\$1500.00
H-1B extension or amendment petitions	\$1000.00
TN petition or border/consulate processing	\$1500.00
TN extension petition	\$1000.00
E-3 petition or consular processing	\$1500.00
E-3 extension petition	\$1000.00
O-1 petition	\$4000.00
O-1 extension or amendment petition	\$1500.00

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Change of status or extension of status for dependents (I-539) no additional charge

J-1 waiver (IGA or hardship)	\$6000.00
J-1 waiver (Conrad)	\$6000.00

Permanent Residents Process with Labor Certification: Faculty

\$2000.00	"Special Handling" labor certification (must be paid by University*) <i>\$2500 if position must be re-advertised</i>
\$1000.00	Additional fee if audited
\$2500.00	Immigrant petition
\$1500.00	Adjustment of status and related applications (I-765, I-131, etc.) by employee
\$750.00	Adjustment of status and related applications each spouse or child <i>U.S. Dept. of Labor requires employers to pay all costs associated with labor certification, including legal fees and advertising costs; employees may pay other fees</i>

Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty

\$3000-\$4000	Labor certification (must be paid by University). Exact fee depends on difficulty of case.
\$1500.00	Additional fee if audited
\$2500.00	Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment
\$2500.00	Immigrant petition
\$1500.00	Adjustment of status and related applications (I-765, I-131, etc.) by employee
\$750.00	Adjustment of status and related applications each spouse or child <i>*U.S. Dept. of Labor requires employers to pay all costs associated with labor certification, including legal fees and advertising costs; employees may pay other fees.</i>

Permanent Residence Process: Outstanding Professors and Researchers

\$5000.00	Immigrant petition
\$1500.00	Adjustment of status and related applications by employee
\$750.00	Adjustment of status and related applications each spouse or child <i>Since labor certification is not required, employees may pay all fees.</i>

Permanent Residence Process: National Interest Waiver

\$5000.00	Immigrant petition
\$1500.00	Adjustment of status and related applications by employee
\$750.00	Adjustment of status and related applications each spouse or child <i>Since labor certification is not required, employees may pay all fees</i>

Employee's legal fees in all cases may be paid in monthly installments, to be arranged with attorney.

PERSONNEL REPORT

13. **EMPLOYMENT**

University of Mississippi Medical Center

- David A Felton; Dean and Professor of Care Planning and Restorative Sciences, School of Denistry; salary of \$365,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; effective January 19, 2016

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14. SABBATICAL

University of Mississippi

- Dr. Michael Thomas Allen; Chair and Professor of Psychology; from salary of \$137,120 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$51,420 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period (twelve-month contract); E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to December 31, 2016; professional development.
- Dr. Susan H. Allen; Associate Professor of Political Science; from salary of \$71,860 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$35,930 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to December 31, 2016; professional development.
- Dr. Michael Andrew Barnett; Associate Professor of Lighting Design; from salary of \$68,145 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$34,073 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to December 31, 2016; professional development.
- Dr. Melissa L. Bass; Associate Professor of Public Policy Leadership; from salary of \$66,337 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$33,169 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to December 31, 2016; professional development.
- Dr. Lei Cao; Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering; from salary of \$111,200 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$55,600 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 23, 2017 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. Alice H. Cooper; Professor of Political Science; from salary of \$87,325 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$43,663 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 23, 2017 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. Alakabha Datta; Associate Professor of Physics & Astronomy; from salary of \$73,418 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$36,709 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. George Worlasi Kwasi Dor; Professor of Music; from salary of \$75,188 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$37,594 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to December 31, 2016; professional development.
- Dr. Leigh Anne Duck; Associate Professor of English; from salary of \$85,156 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$42,578 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. Lester Field, Jr.; Professor of History; from salary of \$93,616 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$46,808 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to December 31, 2016; professional development.
- Dr. Ann Fisher-Wirth; Professor of English; from salary of \$93,432 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$46,716 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 23, 2017 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. Mark Vincent Frezzo; Associate Professor of Sociology; from salary of \$66,803 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$33,402 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to May 13, 2017; professional development.

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- Dr. Michael H. Hoffheimer; Professor of Law and Leonard B. Melvin Lecturer; from salary of \$173,654 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$86,827 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to December 31, 2016; professional development.
- Dr. Prabhbakar Raju Mantena; Professor of Mechanical Engineering; from salary of \$138,193 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$69,097 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 23, 2017 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. Erwin Mina-Diaz; Associate Professor of Mathematics; from salary of \$75,500 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$37,750 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to December 31, 2016; professional development.
- Dr. Clifford Ochs; Professor of Biology; from salary of \$87,391 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$43,696 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 23, 2017 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Ms. Rene E. Pulliam; Interim Chair and Associate Professor of Theatre Arts; from salary of \$72,875 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$36,438 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 23, 2017 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. Bradley Craig Robinson; Associate Professor of Music; from salary of \$69,585 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$34,793 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 23, 2017 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. Karen E. Sabol; Associate Professor of Psychology; from salary of \$69,746 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$34,873 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 23, 2017 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. Stefan E. Schulenburg; Associate Professor of Psychology; from salary of \$70,691 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$35,346 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to December 31, 2016; professional development.
- Dr. Greg S. Tschumper; Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry; from salary of \$104,425 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$52,213 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. Donald Lee Trott; Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities; from salary of \$89,202 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$44,601 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 23, 2017 to May 13, 2017; professional development.
- Dr. Anne S. Twitty; Assistant Professor of History; from salary of \$56,657 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$28,329 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 23, 2017 to December 31, 2018; professional development. (contingent upon award and approval of tenure before Fall 2016)
- Dr. Nancy L. Wicker; Professor of Art and Art History; from salary of \$97,458 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to salary of \$48,729 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 18, 2016 to May 13, 2017; professional development.

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15. EMERITUS STATUS

University of Southern Mississippi

- Richard W. Heard; Professor Emeritus of Coastal Sciences; effective February 1, 2016

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Trustee Ford Dye, Chair

On motion by Trustee Dye, seconded by Trustee Hooper, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve agenda item #1 as submitted on the Academic Affairs Agenda.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the following new academic programs:
 - a. **DSU** – Bachelor of Applied Science in Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence degree;
 - b. **MSU** – Bachelor of Science in Fashion Design and Merchandising degree;
 - c. **MSU** – Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science degree;
 - d. **MVSU** – Master of Arts in Convergent Media degree;
 - e. **MVSU** – Master of Science in Sport Administration degree;
 - f. **UM** – Bachelor of Science in Applied Gerontology degree;
 - g. **UMMC** – Master of Science in Biostatistics and Data Science degree; and
 - h. **UMMC** – Doctor of Philosophy in Biostatistics and Data Science degree.

FINANCE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Christy Pickering, Chair

On motion by Trustee Pickering, seconded by Trustee McNair, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve agenda item #1 as submitted on the Finance Agenda. On motion by Trustee Pickering, seconded by Trustee McNair, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve agenda items #2 - #4.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved for first reading the proposed changes to Board Policy 906 Educational Building Corporations. The change will remove the subsequent meeting requirement for bond refundings and defeasements and add continuing disclosure procedures. (**See Exhibit 2.**)
2. **ASU** – Approved the request to issue, through the Alcorn State University Educational Building Corporation (the “EBC”), a maximum of \$48,300,000 revenue refunding bonds in one or more taxable and/or tax-exempt series (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of refunding and defeasing all or a portion of the previously issued EBC Revenue Bonds (Student Housing Project), Series 2009, issued in the original principal amount of \$47,000,000 (the “2009 Bonds”) which were issued to finance the acquisition, construction, maintenance, enlargement, improvement or equipping of public buildings, land and facilities and to make other capital improvements on the main campus of ASU located in or near Lorman, Mississippi, including, but not limited to construction, equipping and landscaping of dormitories, including appropriate external infrastructure improvements such as parking, utilities, streets and drives (collectively, the “Project”); approving various documents related to the proposed bond issue and paying the issuance costs of the

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Bonds. The Board approved the request to hire Raymond James & Associates, Inc. as senior underwriter and First Southwest as financial advisor. Butler Snow, LLP was previously approved by the chair of the Legal Committee to serve as bond counsel. The Board approved the request for the Attorney General's Office of the State of Mississippi to serve as counsel for the Board, the University, and the Corporation in connection with the various transactions related to the Project. Further, the Board waived any related conflict of interest. The Board also approved the request to waive the requirement of Board Policy 906 Educational Building Corporations that delays the adoption of various documents until a subsequent meeting after the financial advisor's presentation and to move forward with the execution and delivery by the President of this Board and the Commissioner of Higher Education, the President of ASU, and the President and Secretary of the EBC, where appropriate, of the following documents:

- a. Ground Lease by and among this Board, ASU and the EBC, providing that the Ground Lease will not terminate until the Bonds are paid in full or the Indenture is discharged, whichever occurs earlier;
- b. Lease Agreement by and between the EBC and this Board, providing for the payment of rent by this Board to the EBC in an amount sufficient to pay the debt service on the Bonds;
- c. (Preliminary) Official Statement pertaining to the public marketing and sale of the Bonds to be distributed by the Underwriter to prospective bond purchasers; and
- d. Continuing Disclosure Agreement by and between this Board and the trustee for the Bonds, providing for the annual disclosure of certain information pertaining to the Bonds.

Long-term bonds in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series will be issued with maturities not to exceed thirty (30) years. Debt payments will be serviced by revenues that secure the Refunded Bonds. The bond resolution and form of bond documents has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office.

3. **DSU** – Pending approval by the Attorney General's Office, the Board approved the request to issue, through the Delta State University Educational Building Corporation (the "EBC"), a maximum of \$18,300,000 revenue refunding bonds in one or more taxable and/or tax-exempt series (the "Bonds") for the purpose of (a) refunding and defeasing all or a portion of the previously issued EBC Revenue Bonds (Campus Improvements Project), Series 2003, issued in the original principal amount of \$2,475,000 (the "2003 Bonds") which were issued to finance the renovation, restoration, rehabilitation, furnishing and equipping of various student housing facilities located on the University campus and (b) acquiring from Statesman Housing, LLC, the sole member of which is Delta State University Foundation, Inc. (together, the "Foundation"), that certain student housing facility financed with Mississippi Business Finance Corporation Revenue Bonds (Statesman Housing, LLC Project), Series 2009A, issued in the original principal amount of \$17,065,000 (the "MBFC Bonds" and together with the Series 2003 Bonds, the "Refunded Bonds"), and in connection with such acquisition, the advance refunding and defeasance of all of the outstanding MBFC Bonds (collectively, the "Project"); approving various documents related to the proposed bond issue and paying the issuance costs of the Bonds. The Board approved the request to hire Raymond James & Associates, Inc. as senior underwriter and First Southwest as financial advisor. Butler Snow, LLP was previously approved by the chair of the Legal Committee to serve as bond counsel. The Board approved the request for the Attorney General's Office of the State of Mississippi to serve as counsel for the Board, the University, and the Corporation in connection with the various transactions related to

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the Project. Further, the Board waived any related conflict of interest. The Board also approved the request to waive the requirement of Board Policy 906 Educational Building Corporations that delays the adoption of various documents until a subsequent meeting after the financial advisor's presentation and to move forward with the execution and delivery by the President of this Board and the Commissioner of Higher Education, the President of DSU, and the President and Secretary of the EBC, where appropriate, of the following documents:

- a. Ground Lease by and among this Board, the University and the EBC, providing that the Ground Lease will not terminate until the Bonds are paid in full or the Indenture is discharged, whichever occurs earlier;
- b. Lease Agreement by and between the EBC and this Board, providing for the payment of rent by this Board to the EBC in an amount sufficient to pay the debt service on the Bonds;
- c. (Preliminary) Official Statement pertaining to the public marketing and sale of the Bonds to be distributed by the Underwriter to prospective bond purchasers; and
- d. Continuing Disclosure Agreement by and between this Board and the trustee for the Bonds, providing for the annual disclosure of certain information pertaining to the Bonds.

Long-term bonds in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series will be issued with maturities not to exceed thirty (30) years. Debt payments will be serviced by revenues that secure the Refunded Bonds. At this time, the Foundation has not taken the necessary Board action required in order for DSU to complete the purchase of the student housing facility and defease the outstanding lease obligation. The Board delegated approval of this item to the Finance Committee chair contingent upon receipt of evidence of approval from the DSU Foundation Board and the Attorney General's Office.

4. **UM** – Approved the request to issue through the University of Mississippi Educational Building Corporation (UMEBC) revenue refunding bonds in one or more taxable and/or tax-exempt series to finance the costs of the current and/or advance refunding and defeasance of all or a portion of 1) UMEBC revenue refunding bonds, Series 2005, issued in the original principal amount of \$10,965,000; 2) UMEBC revenue bonds, Series 2006A, issued in the original principal amount of \$17,985,000; and 3) MEBC revenue bonds, Series 2008A, issued in the original principal amount of \$29,785,000; to pay the costs of issuance, sale, the delivery of the bonds; and any other necessary bond documents. Butler, Snow, LLP was previously approved by the chair of the Legal Committee to serve as bond counsel. The Board approved the request to hire Raymond James & Associates, Inc. as the underwriter and First Southwest as the financial advisor. The term of the new bonds will closely match the term of the existing debt which is being refinanced. UMEBC expects to issue up to \$38.3 million par value in fixed rate bonds to support this current and/or advance refunding and refinancing. Revenue streams as currently being utilized to fund the debt service obligations of the existing UMEBC bonds that will be refinanced. These revenue streams include Intercollegiate Athletics revenue, private gifts, and student room rents. The bond resolution and form of bond documents has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. The Board also approved the request to waive the requirement of Board Policy 906 Educational Building Corporations that delays the adoption of various documents until a subsequent meeting and granted final approval of the bond resolution and form of bond documents.

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LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Hal Parker, Chair

On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Hooper, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to move agenda item #1 to the Executive Session Agenda.

1. **UMMC – Settlement of IHL Self-Insured Workers’ Compensation Claim No. 55-34155-1.** **(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA.)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Perry invited the university presidents to report on current activities on their campuses.
- Dr. Mike Henderson, Chief Medical Officer at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, gave a report on the Health Affairs Committee meeting held Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA

Presented by Commissioner Glenn F. Boyce

On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Smith, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to move agenda item #1 as submitted on the Administration/Policy Agenda to the Executive Session Agenda for discussion.

1. **SYSTEM – Discussion of possible changes to Board Policy 1105.01 Institutional Real Property and Board Policy 1106 Firearms Policy.** **(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA.)**

INFORMATION AGENDA

Presented by Commissioner Glenn F. Boyce

REAL ESTATE

1. **SYSTEM –** The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the January 20, 2016 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. **(See Exhibit 3.)**

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2. **SYSTEM –** The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. **(See Exhibit 4.)**
3. **ASU –** Trustee Hal Parker, as Board Legal Committee Chair, on behalf of the Board, approved Alcorn State University’s emergency request to contract with the law firm of Butler Snow for legal services related to bond refinancing transactions. The approved approximate rate is \$1.55 per \$1000 of bonds with an approximate maximum amount payable under the agreement of \$75,000.

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4. **DSU** – Trustee Hal Parker, as Board Legal Committee Chair, on behalf of the Board, approved Delta State University's emergency request to contract with the law firm of Butler Snow for legal services related to bond refinancing transactions. The approximate maximum amount payable under the agreement of \$47,500.
5. **UM** – Trustee Hal Parker, as Board Legal Committee Chair, on behalf of the Board, approved the University of Mississippi's emergency request to contract with the law firm of Butler Snow for legal services related to bond refinancing transactions, specifically to assist in the issuance of new bonds for the purpose of refunding outstanding obligations. The approved rate is \$1.90 per \$1000 of bonds up to \$24M and \$1.15 per \$1000 of bonds after the first \$25M.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

6. **SYSTEM** – The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for inspection at the Board Office.
 - a. **MSU** – In accordance with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts, “The Commissioner is authorized and empowered to approve non-oil, gas and mineral leases in an amount equal to or less than \$100,000.” On January 15, 2016, Commissioner Glenn F. Boyce approved the request to renew the lease agreement between MSU and Charles Cameron Dean, Jr. for the lease of 100.7 acres of open crop land including a metal covered shop building, for use by MSU’s Delta Research and Extension Center in Stoneville, MS to conduct agricultural research. The extension is for a one-year period – January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. There are no changes to the terms of the original lease agreement other than the start and end dates. The contract total is \$25,057.50 annually, payment to be paid within 45 days of the date the agreement is signed. The contract will be funded by general funds. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs has reviewed and approved the contract documents.
 - b. **MSU** – In accordance with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts, “The Commissioner is authorized and empowered to approve non-oil, gas and mineral leases in an amount equal to or less than \$100,000.” On January 25, 2016, Commissioner Glenn F. Boyce approved the request enter into a lease agreement with The Bulldog Club for the lease of real property on the MSU Starkville campus for the purpose of constructing a locker room for the University’s soccer team. The lease begins March 1, 2016 and is for a period of 24 months or until the completion of the project, whoever occurs first. As payment, The Bulldog Club shall pay to MSU “good and valuable consideration” including, but not limited to, construction of improvements on the subject property, which improvements shall be owned “free and clear” by MSU upon completion of the project. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs has reviewed and approved the contract documents.
 - c. **MSU** – In accordance with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts, “The Commissioner is authorized and empowered to approve non-oil, gas and mineral leases in an amount equal to or less than \$100,000.” On February 1, 2016, Commissioner Glenn F. Boyce approved the request enter into a lease agreement with Crumley

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Properties, LLC for the lease of approximately 200 square feet of office space on the first floor of a building located at 175 N. Union St., Canton, MS at a cost of \$450 per month for a period of five months from February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, as well as the requirement for prepayment of a security deposit in the amount of one month's rent due upon execution of the lease agreement. This space is to be used as additional office space by The Early Years Network and will be funded through the EYN grant. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs has reviewed and approved the contract documents.

- d. **USM** – In accordance with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts, “The Commissioner is authorized and empowered to approve non-oil, gas and mineral leases in an amount equal to or less than \$100,000.” On February 1, 2016, Commissioner Glenn F. Boyce approved the request to renew an existing Outside Research Agreement between the University and Aqua Green, LLC. The purpose of the agreement is for Aqua Green to continue developing and refining methods and procedures for the production of live eastern oyster eyed-larvae using artificial seawater in a closed, recirculating aquaculture system. The renewal term shall commence February 1, 2016 and expire July 31, 2016. The contract amount is \$902,004. Funds are available from general funds. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs has reviewed and approved the contract documents.
- e. **SYSTEM** – In accordance with Board Policy 703.04 Institutional Scholarships, Tuition Waivers and Fellowships Subsection F Policy Guidelines, each institution is required to submit an annual summary of actual expended E&G Scholarships, Fellowships and Tuition Waivers for the past fiscal year. Included in this presentation would be a summary of the actual E&G student aid expenditures by financial aid category as well as the number of category award recipients. On, January 25, 2016, Commissioner Glenn F. Boyce reviewed and approved the FY 2015 presentation. The Executive Office financial staff has reviewed and approved the institutions’ submissions. A copy of these reports will be maintained in the IHL Department of Finance and Administration for review.
- f. **SYSTEM** – On January 27, 2016, Commissioner Glenn F. Boyce reviewed and approved the Quarterly Employment Reports which lists all hires and all separations for the period beginning October 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015. These reports are required by Board Policies 401.0102 Delegation of Authority and 801.09 Resignations. The Executive Office financial staff has reviewed and approved the institutions’ submissions. A copy of these reports will be maintained in the IHL Department of Finance and Administration.

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**HEALTH AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT**
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Rouse at approximately 3:00 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. The Committee received information about clinical quality from Dr. Mike Henderson, Chief Medical Officer at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.
2. The Committee received a financial update from Mr. Jim Wentz, Chief Financial Officer at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.
3. The Committee received an update on the University's wellness program from Mr. Jonathan Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer, and Dr. Josh Mann, Chair, Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.
4. By consensus, the meeting adjourned.

The following Committee members attended the meeting: Dr. Doug Rouse (Chair), Mrs. Karen Cummins, Dr. Ford Dye, Mr. Shane Hooper, Dr. Alfred McNair, Mr. Chip Morgan, Mr. Alan Perry and Mr. C.D. Smith. Committee members Mr. Tom Duff, Mr. Hal Parker, Mrs. Christy Pickering, and Dr. Walt Starr were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Hooper, seconded by Trustee Cummins, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Hooper, seconded by Trustee Dye, with Trustee Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter into Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of a state university personnel matter;
Discussion of a state university litigation matter; and
Discussion of an IHL prospective litigation matter.

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

On motion by Trustee Hooper, seconded by Trustee McNair, with Trustee Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the request for Dr. Al Rankins, President of Alcorn State University, to join the Advisory Board for Entergy Mississippi and authorized him to receive the potential supplemental income provided to Advisory Board's members.

On motion by Trustee Hooper, seconded by Trustee Duff, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the settlement of IHL Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Claim No. 55-34155-1, styled as *Lucia Greene vs. UMMC, et al.*, as recommended by counsel.

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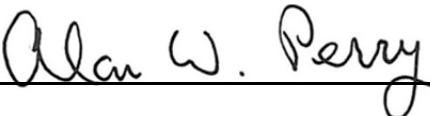
The Board discussed an IHL prospective litigation matter. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Hooper, seconded by Trustee Duff, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

On motion by Trustee Hooper, seconded by Trustee Dye, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to waive Board Policy 201.0302 Procedures for Changing Board Policies and Adopting New Policies which requires final adoption of a policy change at a subsequent meeting and to approve the proposed changes to Board Policy 1105.01 Institutional Real Property and Board Policy 1106 Firearms Policy for immediate implementation. **(See Exhibits 5 and 6, respectively.)**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Hooper, seconded by Trustee Duff, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 Revised Facilities Needs Requests for the University of Southern Mississippi for FY 2017, 2016 Legislative Session.
- Exhibit 2 Proposed changes to Board Policy 906 Educational Building Corporations for first reading.
- Exhibit 3 Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the January 20, 2015 Board meeting.
- Exhibit 4 Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.
- Exhibit 5 Proposed changes to Board Policy 1105.01 Institutional Real Property for final approval.
- Exhibit 6 Proposed changes to Board Policy 1106 Firearms Policy for final approval.

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Revised Facilities Needs Requests for FY 2017 2016 Legislative Session

University	University Priority	Project Description	Original Project Request	New Request	Total By University
USM	1	College of Health – Greene Hall Renovation	\$4,500,000	**\$8,200,000	
	2	Science Instruction & Research – Johnson Science Tower Renov.	\$25,000,000		
	3	Safety/Parking/Transit Improvements	\$9,500,000		
	4	Student Recruitment & Success - Renovations	\$17,225,000		
	5	College of Arts & Letters –Harkins Hall Renovation	\$10,000,000		
					\$69,925,000

Note 1: Asterisk (*) represents a budget revision to the project.

Note 2: See Descriptions and Justifications for university projects below.

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EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATIONS

Authority, Miss. Code Ann., Sections 37-101-61, and 37-101-63 (1972), as amended, grants the state institutions of higher learning the authority to form nonprofit corporations for the purpose of acquiring, or maintaining, equipping, improving or constructing facilities for use by the institution. These educational building corporations are granted the authority to issue bonds or other forms of debt obligations (if required for the type of debt to be issued) for the construction and renovation of facilities.

Financial Advisor. Prior to Board consideration of an institution's request to issue debt by of the educational building corporation for the construction, maintenance, equipping, acquisition, and renovation of facilities or to refinance outstanding debt, Board staff, in conjunction with institutional staff, must select a financial advisor(s) to represent the interests of the Board, the educational building corporation and the institution to provide the Board with an independent analysis of the institution's financial condition, to verify that proposed revenue stream(s) are sufficient to repay the debt service and to recommend the project's viability. If the educational building corporation will issue commercial paper, the financial advisor shall also calculate an opinion of the breakeven interest rate to long term bonds to justify the use of commercial paper. The financial advisor(s) shall meet such qualifications and perform such services as may be prescribed by the institution, the Board or its staff.

Payment to the financial advisor(s) shall be made by the institution, or the institution's educational building corporation, without regard for whether the Board approves the construction or renovation or whether the institution or educational building corporation constructs the project, or in the case of refinancing, whether the debt is refinanced.

Financing Projects. Prior to Board consideration of an institution's request to issue debt of the educational building corporation for the construction, maintenance, equipping, acquisition or renovation of facilities, the financial advisor must provide the Board with an independent analysis of the institution's financial condition, to verify that proposed revenue stream(s) are sufficient to repay the debt service and to recommend the project's viability. If the educational building corporation will issue commercial paper, the financial advisor shall also calculate an opinion of the breakeven interest rate to long term bonds to justify the use of commercial paper. The institution shall submit the report of the financial advisor(s) and the request for a project initiation to the Board for approval. The request must state the institution's intent, justify the need for the project and give an estimate of the total construction budget. The request must also include naming the design professionals, bond counsel and senior underwriter(s) selected by the board of the educational building corporation.

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~~Any selection of a financial institution to serve as trustee under a trust indenture, as escrow agent under an escrow agreement, or as a lender to an educational building corporation, either directly or through the purchase of obligations of the educational building corporation, shall be made by the educational building corporation in its sole discretion and shall not be subject to approval by the Board.~~

Following the Board's approval of the project initiation, the institution shall return to the Board at a subsequent meeting and present a resolution for Board approval granting permission for issuing bonds or other forms of debt obligations for the specific project. ~~and for approval of the following documents to which the Board will be a party: the lease, the ground lease, the preliminary official statement (if required for the type of debt to be issued), and the continuing disclosure agreement (if required for the type of debt to be issued). The resolution also grants permission for the documents to be executed.~~ In no case shall the educational building corporation issue bonds or other forms of debt obligations without specific approval of the debt obligations from the Board for specific projects. ~~Unless the Board approves otherwise, obligations shall be offered and sold through a competitive sale process or, alternatively, on a negotiated basis to an underwriter, in the case of bonds, or a dealer, in the case of commercial paper.~~

Refinancing or Defeasing of Outstanding Debt. Outstanding debt of the educational building corporation may be refinanced in accordance with the provisions of this policy. Prior to Board consideration of an institution's request to issue debt of the educational building corporation to refinance outstanding debt of the institution or the educational building corporation, the financial advisor must provide the Board with an independent analysis showing potential net present value (NPV) savings based on current market conditions. The institution's request must include naming the bond counsel and senior underwriter(s) selected by the board of the educational building corporation. After consideration of the financial advisor's analysis and other factors that the Board deems material, the Board may approve the issuance of debt by the educational building corporation, in the discretion of the authorized representatives of the educational building corporation to refinance outstanding debt of the institution or the educational building corporation, which authorization may be conditioned on the specific level of NPV savings being achieved. Refinancing or defeasing of debt does not require a subsequent meeting of the Board of Trustees provided the financial advisor has provided a report demonstrating adequate net present value savings and the bond resolution and form of bond documents have been presented to and approved by the Board.

Review and Approval of Documents. In connection with the issuance of debt for any purpose, the institution shall present a resolution for Board approval granting permission for issuing bonds or other forms of debt obligations and for approval of the following documents to which the Board will be a party: the lease, the ground lease, the preliminary official statement (if required for the type of debt to

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be issued), and the continuing disclosure agreement (if required for the type of debt to be issued). The resolution shall also authorize representatives of the Board to execute such documents. Prior to the approval of the resolution by the Board, the educational building corporation ~~should~~ shall submit to the Board staff, for informational purposes only, the form of any documents that are to be entered into by the educational building corporation in connection with the issuance of bonds or other debt, but to which the Board is not a party.

Method of Sale. Unless the Board approves otherwise, obligations shall be offered and sold through a competitive sale process or, alternatively, on a negotiated basis to an underwriter, in the case of bonds, or a dealer, in the case of commercial paper.

Selection of Financial Institution Participants. Any selection of a financial institution to serve as trustee under a trust indenture, as escrow agent under an escrow agreement, or as a lender to an educational building corporation, either directly or through the purchase of obligations of the educational building corporation, shall be made by the educational building corporation in its sole discretion and shall not be subject to approval by the Board.

Continuing Disclosure Obligations. Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 generally provides that an underwriter cannot sell governmental bonds unless an “obligated person” with respect to the bonds enters into a “Continuing Disclosure Agreement” (CDA) agrees to submit annually audited financial statements of the obligated person and other information as set forth in the CDA and notices of specified material events. With respect to the issuance of bonds by educational building corporations, the Board is an “obligated person” and the CDA will typically require audited financial statements and operating data for the entire IHL system to be submitted annually, rather than information on individual institutions. The material events specified in the CDA also typically relate to the entire IHL system.

To facilitate uniformity, efficiency and timeliness in complying with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 relating to bonds issued by an educational building corporation, the Board, rather than the educational building corporation, will enter into the CDA and undertake to provide the annual disclosures and material event notices. The Board will hire an independent agent to assist with compliance with its obligations under CDA(s), as well as, compliance by educational building corporations under CDA(s) entered into by educational building corporations prior to the adoption of this policy upon approval by the Board. The Board, and/or its dissemination agent, will also sign up for the EMMA tickler system reminders.

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SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE JANUARY 21, 2016 BOARD MEETING SUBMISSION DEADLINE

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD'S REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES STAFF ACCORDING TO BOARD POLICY §904 (A) BOARD APPROVAL.

Change Order Approval Note: No change orders approved by Board staff, as reflected within any of the following informational agenda items, increase the Board approved total project budget. The total project budget as approved by the Board provides for a contingency fund, which allows for an increase in the construction budget of between five and ten percent. Any increase in the total project budget caused by a change order, would require Board approval and could not be approved by Board staff until the budget increase is approved by the Board.

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. DSU– GS 102-260 – Preplan Zeigel Hall

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Architecture South, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 5, 2016

Project Initiation Date: October 16, 2014

Design Professional: Architecture South, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$350,000.00

2. DSU– GS 102-262 – Young Mauldin Renovations

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, December 17, 2015

Project Initiation Date: October 16, 2014

Design Professional: Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$5,350,000.00

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

3. JSU– GS 103-278 – School of Engineering Phase II

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Change Order #3

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Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the credit amount of \$5,807.20 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc. Approval is requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 7, 2016

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following items: installation of floor boxes in the 2nd floor to include cutting the floor deck, adding support to the underside of the box and sealing around the box to the slab; estimated amount for the Web Based Building Management System was \$90,000.00 and the proposal amount received was \$83,000.00 with a deduct of \$7,000.00.

Change Order Justification: Modifications were required to properly install the specified floor boxes and the proposal for the Web Based Building Management System was less than the allowance given in the contract documents.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$33,679.52.

Project Initiation Date: February 21, 2013

Design Professional: Cooke, Douglass, Farr Lemons, Architects & Engineers, P.A.

General Contractor: Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc.

Project Budget: \$8,600,000.00

4. JSU– GS 103-281 – Alexander Center Renovation Phase II

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the credit amount of \$23,777.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Flagstar Construction Company, Inc. Approval is requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 14, 2016

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following items: relocate the existing storm pipe around the elevator pit foundation; reroof four canopies over the exit doors; add sprinkler piping in the middle wing; change the shower units for drain pipe coordination; and credit for the controls allowance vs. the bid amount.

Change Order Justification: During excavation for the elevator pit an existing underground storm drain pipe was encountered running east to west through the pit foundation; the existing roofing on canopies over four exit doors were in bad shape; the middle wing shell spaces must have fire protection added to complete the building system or occupancy; the originally specified shower units had drain locations in conflict with ductwork below and must be replaced using another model shower with an offset drain; and the bid for controls came in below the allowance amount.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total credit amount of \$1,630.00.

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2013

Design Professional: Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC

General Contractor: Flagstar Construction Company, Inc.

Project Budget: \$8,310,000.00

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5. MSU– IHL 205-278 – MSU nSPARC Data Center

Approval Request #1: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 12, 2016

Project Initiation Date: November 20, 2014

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$4,650,000.00

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

6. UM– GS 107-311 – Music Hall West Wing Renovation

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Change Order #5

Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the credit amount of \$18,000.00 and seventeen (17) additional days to the contract of D. Carroll Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 12, 2016

Change Order Description: Change Order #5 includes the following items: add seventeen (17) days to the contract time; and reduce the contract amount by \$18,000.00.

Change Order Justification: Additional seventeen (17) days were added due to inclement weather; and liquidated damages were due to the difference in the two completion dates – the difference in the two dates is seventy-two (72) days.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Five (5) change orders for a total amount of \$41,752.00.

Project Initiation Date: March 21, 2013

Design Professional: Shafer & Associates, PLLC

General Contractor: D. Carroll Construction, LLC

Project Budget: \$4,650,000.00

7. UM– IHL 107-314 – Garland Hedleston Mayes Renovation

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by JH&H Architects/Planners/Interiors, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, December 17, 2015

Project Initiation Date: January 19, 2012

Design Professional: JH&H Architects/Planners/Interiors, P. A.

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$20,000,000.00

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8. UM – IHL 207-353 – Coulter Hall Additions & Renovations

Approval Request #1: Change Order #14

Board staff approved Change Order #14 in the amount of \$18,531.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Carothers Construction, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 12, 2016

Change Order Description: Change Order #14 includes the following items: removal of existing tile floor and base in the kitchen area; slope the floor around the perimeter of the room with Ardex materials; install & pass the test for waterproofing the membrane; and install new floor tile and bases.

Change Order Justification: All items of this change order were due to errors & omissions. No fees are paid to design professional for correction of errors and omissions in the contract documents.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Fourteen (14) change orders for a total amount of \$383,302.00.

Project Initiation Date: February 16, 2012

Design Professional: Barlow Eddy Jenkins + Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, Architects & Engineers, P.A.

General Contractor: Carothers Construction, Inc.

Project Budget: \$18,000,000.00

9. UM– IHL 207-376.1 – STEM Building – Site Abatement & Demolition

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$212,399.00 to the apparent low bidder, Virginia Wrecking Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 5, 2016

Project Initiation Date: January 16, 2014

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Virginia Wrecking Company, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$970,094.19

Total Project Budget: \$8,700,000.00

10. UM– IHL 207-376.2 – STEM Building – Site Utilities Relocation

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by McCarty Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 5, 2016

Approval Request #2: Waiver of Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Waiver of Design Development Documents as submitted by McCarty Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 5, 2016

Project Initiation Date: January 16, 2014

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$4,031,570.27

Total Project Budget: \$8,700,000.00

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11. UM– IHL 207-385R.1 – Manning – Practice Fields Enlargement REBID

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$2,997,331.00 to the apparent low bidder, Sports Turf Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 5, 2016

Project Initiation Date: June 19, 2014

Design Professional: Holcombe Norton Partners, Inc.

General Contractor: Sports Turf Company, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$4,482,168.00

Total Project Budget: \$5,531,030.00

12. UM– IHL 207-391 – Jackson Avenue Center Phase II Renovation

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Shafer & Associates, PLLC, design professional.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 12, 2016

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 12, 2016

Project Initiation Date: August 21, 2014

Design Professional: Shafer & Associates, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$8,835,000.00

13. UM– IHL 207-392 – North Parking Structure

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 5, 2016

Approval Request #2: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 15, 2016

Project Initiation Date: September 26, 2014

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$33,150,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$34,550,000.00

14. UM – IHL 207-392.1 – North Parking Structure – Access Roads

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, December 17, 2015

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Approval Request #2: Waiver of Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Waiver of Design Development Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, December 17, 2015

Approval Request #3: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 12, 2016

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 12, 2016

Project Initiation Date: September 26, 2014

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$1,400,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$34,550,000.00

15. UM– IHL 207-401 – Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Engineering Solutions, Inc., design professional.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 7, 2016

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 7, 2016

Project Initiation Date: February 18, 2015

Design Professional: Engineering Solutions, Inc.

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$9,900,000.00

16. UM – IHL 207-408 – Natural Products Phase III

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, Architects & Engineers, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 5, 2016

Approval Request #2: Waiver of Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Waiver of Design Development Documents as submitted by Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, Architects & Engineers, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 5, 2016

Project Initiation Date: October 15, 2015

Design Professional: Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, Architects & Engineers, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$1,600,000.00

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17. UM– IHL 207-409 – Croft Institute – Building Envelope Corrections

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$175,388.72 and seventy-five (75) additional days to the contract of Barnes & Brower, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 14, 2016

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following items: remove and rebuild the east brick wall utilizing concrete masonry unit brick & new facing brick; and seventy-five (75) additional days.

Change Order Justification: This change order is necessary due to extensive deteriorations of mortar discovered at the inner wythes; and seventy-five (75) additional days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$359,143.40.

Project Initiation Date: October 15, 2015

Design Professional: Belinda Stewart Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Barnes & Brower, Inc.

Project Budget: \$1,250,000.00

18. UM – IHL 207-413 – Greek Village Preliminary Lot Grading

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Precision Engineers Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, December 18, 2015

Approval Request #2: Waiver of Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Waiver of Design Development Documents as submitted by Precision Engineers Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, December 18, 2015

Project Initiation Date: December 17, 2015

Design Professional: Precision Engineers Corporation

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$1,933,650.00

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

19. UMMC– IHL 209-552 – School of Medicine Infrastructure – Contract II

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,296,225.00 to the apparent low bidder, Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, December 17, 2015

Project Initiation Date: March 19, 2015

Design Professional: Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons Architects & Engineers, P.A. + Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A. – A Joint Venture.

General Contractor: Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.

Project Budget: \$2,087,108.00

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

20. USM– GS 108-261 – School of Nursing

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Change Order #5

Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the amount of \$364,523.31 and sixty-one (61) additional days to the contract of Hanco Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 7, 2016

Change Order Description: Change Order #5 includes the following items: cut the concrete roof decking to create openings for roof hatches; install load bearing metal stud framing to support the remaining deck above a room; install twelve ACE backboxes for future A/V systems; add structural steel framing to support window types; add metal stud framing to support windows; add card readers, electrified door hardware and associated electrical infrastructure for modified building access control; add a code blue emergency call station at each of the elevator door openings; install five additional security camera rough-ins and associated electrical infrastructure; provide a solid bottom & sidewalls to the cable tray above gypsum board ceilings on the first floor; provide blocking to support furnished credenzas; provide three additional headwall units, associated power & communication wiring; add structural steel at the west entry to support the brick & precast concrete; add plumbing to connect the roof drain of the mechanical plant addition to the existing roof drain system; provide power conduit & wiring for the electric drinking fountain behind an elevator; provide power conduit, wiring & switches to operate lights in two rooms; delete five projection screens; electric and mortise lock changes; lecture hall changes; and sixty-one (61) additional days.

Change Order Justification: All items listed herein are due to errors and omissions, changes in requirements or recommendations, controls on materials specified, etc., Sixty-one (61) additional days due to weather related site conditions; and changes requested by USM. No fees are paid to design professional for correction of errors and omissions in the contract documents.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Five (5) change orders for a total credit amount of \$1,234,915.96.

Project Initiation Date: September 17, 2009

Design Professional: Studio South Architects, PLL and Eley Associates/Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Hanco Corporation

Project Budget: \$30,000,000.00

21. USM– GS 108-281 – Green and Chain Renovations

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Allred Architectural Group.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 12, 2016

Project Initiation Date: September 18, 2014

Design Professional: Allred Architectural Group

General Contractor: TBD

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Project Budget: \$7,000,000.00

22. USM– GS 114-022 – Business and Health Building

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by McCarty Architects, design professional.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 7, 2016

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 7, 2016

Project Initiation Date: March 19, 2015?

Design Professional: McCarty Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$7,000,000.00

23. USM– IHL 208-327 – Bolton Hall Renovation

Approval Request #1: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Albert and Associates.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, January 14, 2016

Project Initiation Date: February 18, 2015

Design Professional: Albert and Associates

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$40,000.00

24. USM– IHL 210-245 – Toxicology Building Replacement

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$4,196,000.00 to the apparent low bidder, Dan Hensarling, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, December 17, 2015

Project Initiation Date: August 21, 2008

Design Professional: Allred Architectural Group.

General Contractor: Dan Hensarling Inc.

Project Budget: \$4,900,000.00

EXHIBIT 4

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SYSTEM - REPORT OF PAYMENTS 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 Brunini, PLLC (statement dated 12/16/15) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$500.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 500.00
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler Snow (statement dated 12/7/15) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$5,982.85, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 5,982.85
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware Immigration (statements dated 1/4/15) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$24.73, \$2,500.00 and \$2,500.00, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certifications.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 9,024.73
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bradley Arant (statements dated 12/21/15) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$13,391.26 and \$6,759.00, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 20,150.26
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler Snow (statements dated 11/16/15, 11/18/15 and 11/24/15) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$8,921.79, \$11,659.00 and \$39,600.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 60,180.70
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins and Eager (statements dated 10/27/15) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$990.00 and \$1,551.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 2,541.00
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Whitfield Law Group (statement dated 12/21/15) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$561.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 561.00
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot, Franklin & White (statement dated 12/8/15) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$9,502.68, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 9,502.68
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette (statement dated 1/13/16) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$3,684.10, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 3,684.10
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Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to patent and other matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Larry Schemmel (statement dated 10/12/15) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent: “Engineering the Production of a Conformational Variant of Occidiofungin” - \$7,704.18.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 7,704.18
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Valauskas Corder (statement dated 12/16/15) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent: “Bio-Oil Pretreatment” - \$585.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 585.00
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Armstrong Teasdale (statements dated 12/11/15, 12/16/15 and 12/16/15) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: “Systems and Methods for Detecting Transient Acoustic Signals” - \$2,734.00; “Systems and Methods for Detecting Transient Acoustic Signals” - \$75.42 and “Systems and Methods for Preparing Solid Lipid Nanoparticles” - \$75.28, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 2,884.70
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler Snow (statements dated 12/17/15, 1/11/16 and 1/15/16) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: "Stuttering Inhibition Device" - \$503.38; "Wireless Encryption" - \$408.00 and "Stuttering Inhibition Device" - \$264.00, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 1,175.38
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hershkovitz & Associates (statements dated 7/16/15, 12/8/15 and 1/13/16) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: "Compositions for Prevention/Prophylactic Treatment of Poison Ivy" - \$334.26; "Compositions for Prevention/Prophylactic Treatment of Poison Ivy" - \$1,260.58 and "Highly Selective Ligands and Radioligands" - \$3,234.90, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 4,829.74
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statement dated 12/31/15) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent: "Gas Separating Membranes" - \$917.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 917.00
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated 11/18/15) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$106.00, \$1,529.00, \$331.50, \$66.50, \$682.50 and \$162.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 2,877.50
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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler Snow (statement dated 1/8/16) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent: "Trademark Application for the Centennial Anniversary" - \$880.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$ 880.00
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EXHIBIT 5

February 18, 2016

Proposed changes to the Institutional Real Property Policy for immediate implementation.

1105.01 INSTITUTIONAL REAL PROPERTY

All real property on the campus of any institution of higher learning (which includes the Education and Research Center housing the Board's Executive Offices, Mississippi Public Broadcasting and the Universities Center, as well as our eight state universities), including without limitation all campus grounds, buildings, facilities, stadiums or other improvements, that is owned, leased, used, or otherwise controlled by an institution ("Institutional Property"), is dedicated for the specific purpose of furthering the educational, research, and/or service missions of the institution. Accordingly, access to Institutional Property is limited to those persons with the specific and exclusive purpose of furthering the institutions' missions. Many areas of Institutional Property ~~is~~ are not open for general public use. Institutional Property is routinely utilized for institutional activities and events which can present safety and security issues for the institution and the Board. Therefore, all persons on Institutional Property must abide by all applicable laws and regulations as well as policies of the institution and the Board in order to further the missions of the institution and for the protection of the students, employees and guests of the institution.

Thus, an institution may deny or condition entrance onto or into Institutional Property or remove from the same, any person whose presence interferes with or does not advance the institution's missions or any person who violates or refuses to comply with any Board or institutional policy or applicable law or regulation. Under no circumstances shall Institutional Property be utilized to carry out unlawful activity.

EXHIBIT 6

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Proposed changes to the Firearms Policy for immediate implementation.

1106 FIREARMS POLICY

The Board recognizes that the possession of pistols, firearms or other weapons on any of its institutional premises or at its institutions or student functions off-campus by persons other than duly authorized law enforcement officials, institutional security officials, other authorized persons and the institutional approved programs creates an unreasonable and unwarranted risk of injury or death to its institutions' employees, students, visitors and guests and further creates an unreasonable and unwarranted risk of damage to properties of the institutions, employees, students, visitors, guests and properties of others.

Because of such dangers, the Board hereby prohibits the possession of pistols, firearms or other weapons in any form by any person other than duly authorized law enforcement officials, institutional security officials and other authorized persons. ~~regardless of whether such person possesses a valid permit to carry such pistols, firearms or weapons.~~ “Authorized persons” includes those individuals authorized by applicable law and by the institutional executive officer or his/her designee. “Authorized persons” also includes those who have in their possession a valid, unexpired state firearms permit with the “Instructor Certified” (IC) sticker on the back, or the equivalent permit issued by a state with a reciprocity agreement with Mississippi. Even so, those possessing such permits are not permitted to possess firearms in any institutional facilities and/or areas that are deemed non-public. Students and employees are not authorized to possess firearms on institutional property or at institutional off-campus events regardless of possession of firearms permits.