

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

July 23, 2013

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in an emergency teleconference meeting held at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 2:00 p.m. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee (by phone), Mrs. Karen L. Cummins (by phone), Mr. Shane Hooper (by phone), Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Hal Parker (by phone), Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson (by phone), Mr. Alan Perry (by phone), Ms. Robin J. Robinson (by phone), Dr. Douglas Rouse (by phone), and Mr. C.D. Smith (by phone). Dr. Ford Dye and Ms. Christine Pickering were absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bob Owens, President.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-1, as amended, all votes taken during this teleconference meeting were recorded by name in a roll-call. The teleconference meeting was held to discuss a Mississippi State University finance issue, a University of Mississippi tuition issue and a University of Southern Mississippi finance issue.

On motion by Trustee Hooper, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, with Trustees Dye and Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following three items:

1. **MSU** - Approved the request to purchase a Student Health Insurance Program for the 2013-2014 year from United Healthcare Insurance Company (United HC). The purpose is to provide group health insurance coverage which complies with the federal Affordable Care Act to students who are employed as graduate assistants and to international students. Both categories of students are required by MSU to have health insurance – the graduate assistants because of their status as part-time employees and the international students because of federal immigration law requirements. The proposed coverage is optional and students may opt out of the program by showing evidence of other health insurance. The length of the contract is one (1) year - August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014. The total estimated premiums paid for the one (1) year period is \$700,000. This amount is based on enrolling an estimated 630 student in the program for the 2013-2014 policy year at an annual premium of \$1,259 per student. MSU anticipates approximately \$190,000 of the total premiums with E&G funds in return for the graduate assistants' service. The insurance program will be funded by several sources – institutional funds, direct billing of student accounts, and funds received on behalf of students from externally funded grants and contracts. This item has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office.
2. **UM** - Approved the request to waive Board Policy 702.04 Approval Process (for tuition, fees and other student charges) subsection (C) Consideration of Requests which requires a thirty day wait for final adoption of tuition and room and board charges and to establish a program specific tuition rate for the recently approved Masters of Laws degree program (Space Law) for immediate implementation. This is a 26-hour degree program that was approved by the IHL Board in February 2013 with an intended start date of Fall 2013. The annual rate will be \$22,490 or \$865 per credit hour. This rate would apply to all students enrolled within this program regardless of residency status. The university projects an initial enrollment of 5 students in the first year, but anticipates the program will grow to ultimately enroll up to 25 students annually. The university projects a cumulative enrollment of 153 in the programs first six years with a 90-100% placement rate. The university is the only state-supported institution to offer this program. The University of Mississippi is the only law school in the country to have a focus on Air and Space Law. The university expects the program to be essentially financially self-sufficient with the implementation of this specific tuition rate.
3. **USM** - Approved the purchase of a Student Health Insurance Program for policy year 2013-2014 from United Healthcare Insurance Company, an operating division of UnitedHealth Group. The purpose is to provide group health insurance coverage that complies with the federal Affordable Care Act and immigration law to students who are employed as graduate assistants and to

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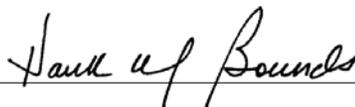
international students. Both categories of students are required by USM to have health insurance – the graduate assistants because of their status as part-time employees and the international students because of federal immigration law requirements. The proposed coverage is optional and students may opt out of the program by showing evidence of other health insurance. The length of the contract is one (1) year - August 15, 2013 through August 14, 2014. USM calculated a cost estimate based on prior participation rates and projected FY2014 enrollment in the program. It is estimated that the total cost for the one (1) year period will be approximately \$918,000 based on an enrollment of 680 students at a premium rate of \$1,350 per student. USM anticipates paying approximately \$390,000 toward the estimated total cost. The insurance program will be funded by several sources – institutional funds, direct billing of student accounts, and funds received on behalf of students from externally funded grants and contracts. Graduate assistant premiums are funded from a combination of all of the available sources while premiums for international students are completely covered. This item has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Perry, with Trustees Dye and Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning