

**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 22, 2023, to each and every member of said Board said date being at least five days prior to this June 20, 2024 meeting. At the above-named place the following members were present to wit: Mr. Don Clark, Jr., Dr. Ormella Cummings, Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Ms. Jeanne Carter Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Gregg Rader (via Zoom), and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Mr. Hal Parker was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bruce Martin, President, with Trustee Ogletree providing the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Martin welcomed Trustee Don Clark to his first IHL Board meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Martin also welcomed the following Student Government Association members: President Carson McFatrige from Mississippi State University; Director of Policy Hunter Yelverton from Mississippi State University; President Hannah Watts from the University of Mississippi; Vice President Jack Jones from the University of Mississippi; and Chief of Staff Walker Jacquelyn from the University of Mississippi.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on May 16, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDAS

Finance Consent Agenda item #4 lease agreement between Jackson State University and Ellucian, LP was moved to the Finance Regular Agenda for consideration. Item #5 agreement between the Mississippi University for Women and Mythics, LLC was removed from the agenda at the request of the institution. On motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agendas as revised.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the modification to existing academic units, as follows:
Delete
 - a. DSU - Unit: College of Arts and Sciences
Effective date: July 2024
 - b. DSU - Unit: Graduate and Honors Studies
Effective date: July 2024
 - c. USM - Unit: School of Coastal Resilience
Effective date: August 2024
2. **DSU** – Approved the modification of existing academic degree programs, as follows:
Delete
 - a. Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Art
CIP code, sequence: 50.0101, 5106
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - b. Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English
CIP code, sequence: 23.0101, 5078
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - c. Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History
CIP code, sequence: 54.0101, 5100
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - d. Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Music
CIP code, sequence: 50.0901, 5113
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - e. Program title: Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Finance
CIP code, sequence: 52.0801, 5047
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - f. Program title: Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Art
CIP code, sequence: 50.0101, 5107
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - g. Program title: Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Digital Media Arts
CIP code, sequence: 50.0102, 5839
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - h. Program title: Bachelor of Music (BM) in Music
CIP code, sequence: 50.0901, 5741
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024

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- i. Program title: Bachelor of Music Education (BMed) in Music Education
CIP code, sequence: 13.1312, 5063
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
- j. Program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Chemistry
CIP code, sequence: 40.0501, 5092
Total credit hours: 121
Effective date: July 2024
- k. Program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Mathematics
CIP code, sequence: 27.0101, 5088
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
- l. Program title: Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) in English Education
CIP code, sequence: 13.1305, 5079
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
- m. Program title: Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) in Health, Physical
Education and Recreation
CIP code, sequence: 13.1314, 5888
Total credit hours: 121
Effective date: July 2024
- n. Program title: Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) in Mathematics Education
CIP code, sequence: 13.1311, 5061
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
- o. Program title: Bachelor of Science in Education (BSE) in Social Studies Education
CIP code, sequence: 13.1318, 5097
Total credit hours: 121
Effective date: July 2024
- p. Program title: Master of Education (MEd) in Secondary Education
CIP code, sequence: 13.1205, 4511
Total credit hours: 33
Effective date: July 2024
- q. Program title: Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Studio Art
CIP code, sequence: 50.0706, 4599
Total credit hours: 60
Effective date: July 2024
- r. Program title: Master of Public Accountancy (MPAC)
CIP code, sequence: 52.0301, 4437
Total credit hours: 30
Effective date: July 2024
- s. Program title: Master of Science in Natural Sciences (MSNS)
CIP code, sequence: 30.0101, 4018
Total credit hours: 33

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- Effective date: July 2024
- t. Program title: Educational Specialist (EdS) in Counseling
CIP code, sequence: 13.1101, 3079
Total credit hours: 60
Effective date: July 2024
 - u. Program title: Educational Specialist (EdS) in Elementary Education
CIP code, sequence: 13.1202, 3003
Total credit hours:30
Effective date: July 2024
3. **USM** – Approved the modification to existing academic degree programs, as follows:
- Rename
- a. Current program title: Master of Science (MS) in Speech and Hearing Sciences
Proposed program title: Master of Science (MS) in Speech-Language Pathology
Current CIP code, sequence: 51.0204, 4356
New CIP code, sequence: 51.0203, 4356
Total credit hours: 60
Effective date: August 2024
- Delete
- b. Program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Polymer Science
CIP code, sequence: 40.0599, 5624
Total credit hours: 124
Effective date: January 2024

FINANCE

4. **JSU** – Request to enter into a Subscription Agreement with Ellucian, L.P (Ellucian) aimed at upgrading the University’s current Banner ERP solution to the Banner SaaS platform. The existing Cloud Hosting Agreement with Ellucian, expiring in 2025, will seamlessly transition into the new Banner SaaS platform via subscription agreements with Ellucian, encompassing the Banner SaaS, CRM Advance, and Campus Logic Suite modules. The term of the Subscription Agreements shall be one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The amount of the contract is \$2,685,862. The contract will be funded by Title III Federal funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office. **(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO FINANCE REGULAR AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION.)**
5. **MUW** – Request to enter a contract with Mythics, LLC to migrate Ellucian’s Banner and Degree Works from an on premise server environment to a cloud hosted Oracle environment, thus providing a cost savings to the university in hardware and licensing fees. The term of the four-year contract is July 1, 2024 through April 30, 2028. The total contract cost is \$436,966.44. A breakdown of costs is included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*. The contract will be funded by existing E&G budget funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. **(THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF THE INSTITUTION.)**

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6. **UMMC** – Approved the request to amend its Locally Negotiated Agreement with Covidien Sales LLC (Covidien) to extend the term and reduce the purchase commitment. The first amendment was to extend the term. This second amendment to the agreement is for the purchase of endomechanical and trocar products. These products include staplers, reloads, trocars, access devices, laparoscopic accessories, and closure devices used to provide an access port during surgery and closure devices to seal incisions post-surgery. The Board also approved the request to add or remove products under the amended agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available. The term of the amended agreement is four (4) years and nine (9) months from July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2025. The term of the original agreement was three (3) years, from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023. The first amendment extended the term by twelve (12) months. The total estimated cost of the amended agreement is \$8,325,000 over the four (4) year and nine (9) month term. The original cost of the agreement was \$7,825,000.00. The second amendment adds \$500,000 to the total cost. The contract will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
7. **UM** – Approved the request to lease three aviation refueler trucks to transport fuel from the fuel holding tanks to the planes that request refueling at the University-Oxford Airport. The University utilizes various sizes due to demand, volume, size of plane and fuel type. The refueler trucks are: 3000-gallon jet refueler, a 1000-gallon Avgas refueler, and a 5000-gallon jet refueler. The term of the lease is 28 months through October 2026. The lease agreement may be terminated for default. There are no renewal notices in this lease agreement. The lease amount is \$4,100 per month for 28 months for a total of \$114,800. A sole source is also requested and has been approved by the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, 371 certified. DFA P1 8800009354. The agreement will be funded by Self-generated airport revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

REAL ESTATE

8. **DSU** – Approved the initiation of GS 102-291, JOC General R&R, Broom Hall Windows and Doors, and the appointment of Burris/Wagnon Architects as the design professional. This project will replace the deteriorating windows and doors to prevent moisture penetrating the building. The estimated project budget is \$1,409,800. Funds are available from HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$1,409,800.00).
9. **DSU** – Approved the initiation of GS 102-292, Hail Damage Repairs, and the appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner PLLC as the design professional. Emergency repairs were conducted on the buildings most impacted by a hailstorm. Approximately 30 buildings still require remediation from the damage. The design professional will assess the damage that has been reported by the insurance company and identify a contractor to complete the repairs. The estimated project budget is \$2.8 million. Funds are available from Insurance Proceeds and HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$2,800,000.00).

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10. **MUW** – Approved the initiation of GS 104-218, MSMS Bathroom Renovations, JOC, and the appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner PLLC as the design professional. The project will renovate the bathrooms for the following buildings that serve the Mississippi School for Math and Sciences: Goen, Frazer, and Kincannon Halls. The project will include the encapsulation of tub/shower, new shower fixtures, new curtain rods, new corner shelves, toilet repairs/replacements, and painting of the bathrooms. The estimated project budget is \$1,625,639. Funds are available from HB 603, Laws of 2023; HB 1823, Laws of 2024, and Auxiliary Funds (\$1,625,639).
11. **UMMC** – Approved the appointment of Burriss Wagnon Architects, P.A., as the design professional for IHL 209-585, Batson 3rd Floor Finish Update. The project will renovate the finishes of the 3rd floor of the existing Batson Tower which includes 25 patient rooms. The estimated project budget is \$1,850,000. Funds are available from UMMC Patient Generated Funds (\$750,000) and Children’s of MS Philanthropy (\$1,750,000.00).
12. **UMMC** – Approved the appointment of SmithGroup as the design professional for IHL 209-586, New Burn Unit, and the request to change the funding source for IHL 209-586, New Burn Unit, to include a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant and state appropriations through the Mississippi Department of Health. This project will renovate the first floor of Batson Tower into a new Burn Unit which will include ICU beds, Med Surg rooms, and will reuse existing core spaces when possible. The estimated project budget is \$6,300,000. Funds are available from HRSA Grant (\$4,300,000) and Appropriations through MSDH (\$2,000,000.00).
13. **UMMC** – Approved the initiation of IHL 409-007, Fire Protection Central Core, and the appointment of Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC as the design professional. There is a requirement from CMS effective in 2028 that any health care facility taller than 75 feet are required to install automatic sprinkler systems. This project will consist of installing a fire sprinkler system in existing high-rise hospital buildings that are not currently fully protected. The estimated project budget is \$8 million. Funds are available from HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$6,250,000) and HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$1,750,000.00).
14. **JSU** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 103-319, Residence Hall Renovations (McAllister Whiteside) from \$250,000 to \$20,089,500 for an increase of \$19,839,500. The Board also approved the request to change the funding source reflecting the reallocation of funds from HB 603 Laws of 2022 to HB 1816, Laws of 2024 (\$8,013,000) and new funding from SB 2468 Laws of 2024 (\$11,839,500.00) and to modify the project scope which will be implemented in phases, as Job Order Contracting projects. Funds are available from SB2971 Laws of 2021 (\$250,000.00); HB 1816 Laws of 2024 (\$8,013,000.00); and SB 2468 Laws of 2024 (\$11,839,500.00).
15. **JSU** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 103-331, University Place Improvements, EEF, from \$3,500,000 to \$5,179,837 for an increase of \$1,679,837. The funding source for the project will not change. This project will modify and improve the residential space of this mixed-use facility with the goal of offering additional student housing options by Fall 2024. Funds are available from SB 3000 – EEF, Laws of 2023 (\$5,179,837.00).

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16. **MVSU** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 106-258, Academic Skills Phase III, from \$7,497,828 to \$8,939,632.82 for an increase of \$1,441,805.82 and to add SB 3000, Laws of 2023 as a funding source to allow for this increase. This project includes conversion of an existing two-story, 42,904 square feet building into offices, classrooms, and support spaces. This project will involve MEP/Life Safety/Conveying Systems commissioning. Funds are available from SB 2906, Laws of 2015 (\$3,797,243.50); HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$3,700,584.50); and SB 3000, Laws of 2023 (\$1,441,804.82).
17. **USM** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 108-302, Science Research Facility, from \$750,000 to \$51,412,500 for an increase in the amount of \$50,662,500. The Board also approved the request to add HB 1353, Laws of 2022, HB 603, Laws of 2022; HB 1983, Laws of 2024; and SB 2864, Laws of 2024 as funding sources to allow for the increase and to modify the project scope. One of the Science Research Facility (GS 108-302A) projects will fall under the umbrella of 108-302 – Science Research Facility. Phase One will construct a new Central Mechanical Plant (approximately 6,700 square feet) with a cooling capacity of around 5,850 tons when fully completed. This first phase will benefit 20% of the Hattiesburg campus with chilled water cooling and eliminate the need to replace aging HVAC infrastructure in over a dozen buildings. Funds are available from SB 2971, Laws of 2021 (\$750,000); HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$11,000,000); HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$17,162,500); SB 2468, Laws of 2024 (\$18,627,686); and HB 1983, Laws of 2024 (\$10,500,000 – transferred from GS 108-300 Hickman Hall).
18. **UMMC** – Approved the request to Sole Source the HVAC Controls portion of IHL 209-580, Renovation of Adolescent Psych. This project is to renovate the 2nd floor of the Circle Tower to provide 10 patient rooms for Adolescent Psych. According to IHL and the Bureau of Building EMCS procurement protocol for existing systems, the EMCS can and should be procured by single source procurement since the portion of the new controls is less than 25% of the existing controls system as long as approval is obtained prior to bidding. The estimated project budget is \$8,500,000. Funds are available from Grant HRSA 23-117 (\$2,000,000); HB 1722, Laws of 2023 (\$6,000,000); and Children’s of MS Philanthropy (\$500,000). The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.
19. **UMMC** – Approved the request to Sole Source the HVAC Controls portion of IHL 409-002, New Boiler Room. This project will serve to supplement the heating hot water capacity on campus by the installation of a series of boilers decentralized from the main plant. According to IHL and Bureau of Building EMCS procurement protocol for existing systems, the EMCS can and should be procured by single source procurement since the portion of the new controls is less than 25% of the existing controls system as long as approval is obtained prior to bidding. The estimated project budget is \$6,407,376. Funds are available from HB 1730, Laws of 2020 (\$3,857,376); SB 2971, Laws of 2021 (\$800,000); and HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$1,750,000). The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

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20. **USM** – Approved the exterior design of IHL 208-301, Reed Green Coliseum Renovation. The project scope includes approximately 33,000 square feet of building additions, comprising of a New Coliseum Entrance at Fourth Street (approximately 10,000 sq.ft), New Training Facility (approximately 20,000 sq. ft), restroom renovations, loading dock expansion, arena improvements, and facility improvements, and site improvements. A copy of the rendering is included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.
21. **IHL SYSTEM OFFICE** – Approved the request to allow Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center to procure and administer state funded construction and maintenance projects for FY 2025 as set forth in Senate Bill #475, Laws of 2022. The IHL Staff verified that all three institutions meet the Minimum Criteria to self-administer state funded construction, renovation, and maintenance projects. The funds that will be self-administered are authorized in SB 2468, Laws of 2024 and SB 3006, Laws of 2024.

LEGAL

22. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter into a contract with the law firm of Jones Walker, LLP to perform services necessary in assisting and advising the University on legal issues concerning the review of strategic financing options, tax-exempt bond arbitrage, and rebate compliance, the use of bond-financed building, and other matters relating to bond issues. The contract term is two years beginning August 25, 2024 through August 24, 2026. The rate is \$1.15 for every \$1,000 of bonds issued by the EBC, for those that bear interest at both fixed and variable rates, plus out-of-pocket expenses, not to exceed \$4,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$50 million per claim and an annual aggregate of \$100 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
23. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a contract with the law firm of Stites & Harbison, PLLC to perform services necessary for obtaining patents for designs, processes, products and other patentable materials developed in connection with the University. The contract term is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates for specific staff are as follows: Richard Myers, Jr., partner, \$360; Mandy Decker, partner, \$320; Jeff Haeberlin, partner, \$320; Terry Wright, partner, \$320; James Hayne, attorney, \$230; Sam Raque, attorney, \$250; Mari-Elise Paul, attorney, \$260; and \$95 for paralegal services. To help manage per-project costs, the University may also be charged on a flat-rate basis for preparing and filing patent applications. Flat-rate filings for provisional applications will not exceed \$5,000 per filing, and non-provisional applications will not exceed \$15,000 per filing. Rates will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and the most cost-efficient rate basis will be determined and agreed upon. The maximum amount payable under the two-year term of the contract is \$200,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$10 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$20 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
24. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC for the provision of legal advice and counsel on general construction matters, including but not limited to legal and regulatory

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issues related to construction management advisor and construction manager at risk project delivery methods, contract preparation, negotiations, litigation, internal reviews, bid protests, dispute resolution, claim preparation/evaluation, and other construction matters as assigned. The contract term is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The hourly rates are \$350 for partners, \$275 for associate attorneys, and \$125 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement shall not exceed \$75,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$15 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$30 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

25. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim as outside counsel to provide services as needed regarding athletics related matters and other matters as assigned. The term of the agreement is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The hourly rates will be \$425 for partners and \$295 for associate attorneys and professionals. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement shall not exceed \$50,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$4 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$4 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
26. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Lightfoot, Franklin & White, LLC as outside counsel for the provision of legal services in the practice areas of athletics related matters and other legal matters as assigned. The contract term is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The hourly rates are \$515 for a senior partner, \$465 for a junior partner, \$255 for an NCAA specialist, and \$250 for technical support. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement shall not exceed \$100,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$15 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$30 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
27. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Mayo Mallette PLLC as outside counsel to assist the University on real estate, compliance, internal investigations, employment, and other legal matters as assigned. The contract term is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The hourly rates are \$250 for partners, \$200 for associates and \$100 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under this agreement shall not exceed \$100,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$2 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$2 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
28. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Thomas|Horstemeyer LLP (T|H) for the provision of legal advice and counsel on intellectual property matters, including patent prosecution, trademarks, IP related litigation, IP licensing, copyrights, transactions, and applications, filings, and submissions specified in Appendix A attached to the contract. The contract term is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The hourly rates range from \$275 to \$446 for attorneys, \$210 to \$365 for patent agents, and \$115 to \$225 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement shall not exceed \$250,000.

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T|H will also handle certain transactional IP matters for a flat fee based on category of services, at additional savings to the University. The fee schedule is set out below and attached to the contract as Appendix A. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$5 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$5 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

Appendix A – Rates for Preparation, Filing, and Prosecution of U.S. Patent Applications

Provisional Applications

Cover Sheet Provisional Application \$500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers • review of application text provided to the Firm • filing of application • include 1 or 2 broad claims to broaden the scope of the disclosure
Category 1 \$1500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure • paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application • one revision by the inventor • informal figures • filing of application
Category 2 \$3000	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure • paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application • one revision by the inventor • informal figures • filing of application • one or more revisions by the inventor • in addition to the substantive information, the application has the look and feel of a non-provisional application so it can be used for marketing purposes filing of application • the figures may not be formal
Category 3 \$5000	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure • paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application • one revision by the inventor • informal figures • filing of application • one or more revisions by the inventor • more complete claim set <p>In addition to the substantive information, the application has the look and feel of a non-provisional application so it can be used for marketing purposes filing of application.</p>
Category 4 \$7500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application • one revision by the inventor • informal figures • filing of application • one or more revisions by the inventor • the figures may not be formal • more complete claim set • full claims sets • multiple revisions by the inventor <p>Category 4 applications may be filed as a non-provisional application with limited effort if the invention is not changed. In addition to the substantive information, the application has the look and feel of a non-provisional application so it can be used for marketing purposes filing of application.</p>
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U.S. Utility or PCT Patent Application

Category 1 \$1000	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conversion of provisional application limited to formal issues • review by the inventor • simple inventorship determination • preparation of transmittal papers • filing of applications
Category 2 \$3500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional emphasis on claims and other formal issues • review by the inventor • simple inventorship determination • preparation of transmittal papers • filing of applications
Category 3 \$5500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional emphasis on claims and other formal issues • review by the inventor • simple inventorship determination • preparation of transmittal papers • filing of application • additional detail and claims • one or more revisions by the inventor • inventor interview • more complete claim set
Category 4 \$8000	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional emphasis on claims and other formal issues • review by the inventor • simple inventorship determination • preparation of transmittal papers • filing of application • additional detail and claims • one or more revisions by the inventor • inventor interview • more complete claim set • full claim sets towards multiple embodiments • multiple revisions by the inventor • longer applications • numerous figures

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Category 5 \$10,000	<p>Including, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional emphasis on claims and other formal issues • review by the inventor • simple inventorship determination • preparation of transmittal papers • filing of application • additional detail and claims • one or more revisions by the inventor • inventor interview • more complete claim set • full claim sets towards multiple embodiments • multiple revisions by the inventor • longer applications • numerous figures • exceptionally complex technology • long cases (greater than 75 pages) • the inventor is difficult to interact with or provides little input • various other documented complexities
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**Patent Prosecution
Response to Restriction Requirement**

Category 1 \$300	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparing, filing and reporting response to simple restriction requirement indicating election without traversal
Category 2 \$700	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparing, filing and reporting response to restriction requirement with group election and simple traversal • preparing, filing and reporting response to election of species with indication of applicable claims
Category 3 \$1500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparing, filing and reporting response to restriction requirement with group election and detailed traversal

Response to Office Action/Appeal Brief

The Parties will mutually agree upon the billing category of a response to office action or appeal brief before work on response or brief is authorized.

Category 1 \$1500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of less complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief
Category 2 \$2500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of more complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief
Category 3 \$3500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of most complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief
Category 4 \$4500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of most complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing strategy for evidentiary declaration under 131 or 132 • consultation with declarant • gathering evidence; preparing declaration • sending declaration out for signature by declarant • filing and reporting declaration
Filing Notice of Appeal \$100	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparing, filing and reporting notice of appeal • review and analysis of office action and cited publications

Additional Filings or Reports

Continuation or Divisional Patent Application \$1000	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application including priority claim • filing of and reporting filed application • preliminary amendment with new or restricted claims
National Phase Patent Application (simple/complex) \$400 or \$1000	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application including priority claim • filing of and reporting filed application • filing with existing claims (simple) • preliminary amendment with amended or added claims (complex)
Continuation-in-part Patent Application <i>See Categories for U.S. Utility or PCT Patent Application</i>	Category of continuation-in-part application will be agreed at the time the application is authorized based on the goals for the application. The scope and quality of the application are the primary factors distinguishing the categories.
Request for Continued Examination \$150	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation, filing and reporting request for continued examination
Patent Assignment Preparation and Recording \$250	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of assignment and recordation cover sheet • filing assignment for recordation • reporting filing and recordation
Information Disclosure Statement (simple/complex) \$250-\$600	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of list of publications and applications to be cited from relevant sources • preparation of transmittal papers • filing and reporting filed statement
Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Payment \$500	Includes where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and reporting of notice of allowance • attention to extensive allowance checklist, including, for example, identifying need to file a continuation or divisional • monitoring of issue fee payment due date • preparation and filing of issue fee transmittal • review of patent application for errors
Report office Action/other Reporting letters/Formality Response \$150	Includes, where applicable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reporting office action by email and monitoring of due date • preliminary review and analysis of office action • telephone conference with the University regarding preliminary analysis • other reporting letters for assignments, publications, etc.

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Report/Payment of Maintenance Fee/Annuity Fee \$100	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reporting of maintenance fee due date to client • confirmation of maintenance fee instructions • instruction/confirmation of maintenance fee payment
Review/Correction of Patent Term Adjustment \$150	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preliminary review and analysis of patent term calculation • telephone conference with the University regarding patent time

Additional Attorney Analysis

Detailed inventorship analysis Not to exceed \$2500	The Parties will mutually agree upon the cost of inventorship analysis before authorization to begin work based on the information for the application. The scope and quality of the analysis are the primary factors distinguishing the cost.
Assignee analysis Not to exceed \$2000	The Parties will mutually agree upon the cost of assignee analysis before authorization to begin work based on the information for the application. The scope and quality of the analysis are the primary factors distinguishing the cost.
Prior art search or patentability analysis Not to exceed \$2500	The Parties will mutually agree upon the cost of search or patentability analysis before authorization to begin work based on the goals for the application. The scope and quality of the search and/or analysis are the primary factors distinguishing the cost. Fees for a third-party search firm, if applicable, will be mutually agreed upon before authorization to begin the search.

29. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with Sun Sovereign, LLC d/b/a Ware | Immigration as outside counsel to provide services as needed regarding immigration matters, including but not limited to the preparation of labor certification applications on behalf of the University for its employees who seek permanent residence status. The contract term is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The Schedule of Legal Fees is set out below with a maximum amount payable of \$100,000 over the term of the agreement. All services not included in the fee schedule will be provided at the following hourly rates: Of Counsel, \$450; partners, \$350; associate attorneys, \$250; and paralegal services, \$150. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$3 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$3 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

Schedule of Legal Fees for Academia

Nonimmigrant Petitions and Processes

H-1B petition	\$2500*
H-1B extension or amendment petitions (firm handled original petition)	\$2500*
H-1B withdrawal	\$ 200
H-4 EAD	\$ 750
*additional legal fee of up to \$2,500 may apply for substantive requests for evidence	
TN petition or border/consulate processing	\$2500
TN extension petition (firm handled original)	\$2500
E-3 petition or consular processing	\$2500
E-3 extension petition (firm handled original)	\$2500
O-1 petition	\$8000
O-1 extension or amendment petition (firm handled original)	\$4000

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O-1 additional rush fee if case needs to be filed within 60 days	\$2000
J-1 waiver (IGA or hardship)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (Conrad)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (no objection)	\$2000
I-539 Fee for Dependents	\$1000
 <u>Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Faculty</u>	
Special Handling labor certification	\$3000
(If position must be readvertised)	\$2500
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-2500
Immigrant petition (I-140)	\$2500
 <u>Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty</u>	
Labor certification	\$6000
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-2500
Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment	\$3000
Immigrant petition	\$2500
 <u>Permanent Residence Process: Extraordinary Ability/Outstanding Professors and Researchers and National Interest Waiver</u>	
Immigrant petition	\$8000
EA, OP/OR, or NIW RFE or NOID: case by case determination up to	\$2500
 <u>Adjustment of Status (any Employment-Based Permanent Residence Matter)</u>	
Adjustment of status (AOS) and related applications (I-765, I-131, etc.), principal	\$2500
“Standalone” AOS and related applications, principal	\$3000
Adjustment of status and related applications, spouse, if together with principal application and I-140	\$1500
Adjustment of status of each child, concurrent with I-140	\$1000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, spouse (not concurrent with I-140)	\$2000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, child	\$2000
I-485 J (standalone cases)	\$1500
 <u>Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal</u>	
Employment Authorization Renewal per individual	\$ 750
Advance Parole Renewal per individual	\$ 750
 <u>Marriage Based Permanent Residence</u>	
Principal Applicant	\$4000
Each child, if any	\$2500
 <u>Other Services</u>	
AR-11 Change of Address	\$ 150
Interview rescheduling	\$ 150
Biometrics rescheduling per person	\$ 150
Advisory Opinion	\$ 500
Expedite requests	\$ 500-750
Auto Revalidation Letter	\$ 200
Administrative Fee (Copies, Postage, FedEx, etc.)	\$ 150
 <u>General Legal Advice and Unusual Matters Which Fall Outside This Fee Schedule</u>	
Such matters will be billed at our hourly rate:	

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Of Counsel Rate:	per hour billed	\$ 450
Partners	per hour billed	\$ 350
Associate Attorneys	per hour billed	\$ 250
Paralegals	per hour billed	\$ 150

30. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with the law firm of Caves & Caves, PLLC as outside counsel to perform services as necessary in the practice areas of general legal advice, commercial and regulatory matters, investigations in matters involving various legal issues, litigation, and acting as a hearing officer for Title IX proceedings at the University, and any and all services arising out of or related to the hearing officer role. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates are \$195 for attorneys and \$90 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$40,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$1 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
31. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with the law firm of Mendelsohn Dunleavy, PC, as outside counsel to perform services as necessary in the practice area of intellectual property law. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates are as follows: Kevin J. Dunleavy, \$350; Steve Mendelsohn, \$350; Garth Dahlen, \$350; Tu Phan-Kerr, \$350; Kristina Sanchez (patent agent), \$250; Brandon Robilotti, \$225; and \$110 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$100,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million with an annual aggregate of \$3 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
32. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with the law firm of Colette A. Oldmixon, P.A. as outside counsel to perform services as necessary in acting as a hearing officer for Title IX proceedings at the University and any and all services arising out of or related to the hearing officer role. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates are \$195 for attorneys and \$90 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$40,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million with an annual aggregate of \$2 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
33. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a with the law firm of Scott J. Schwartz, P.A. as outside counsel to perform services in the areas of or otherwise related to providing general legal advice, commercial and regulatory matters, investigations in matters involving various legal issues, and litigation. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates are \$195 for attorneys and \$90 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$15,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million with an annual aggregate of \$2 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
34. **USM** – Approved the request to amend the current contract with the law firm of Sun Sovereign, LLC d/b/a WareImmigration as outside counsel for the provision of services as necessary in preparing labor certification applications and permanent residence process

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on behalf of the University for its professors, researchers, and employees who seek permanent residence status and to further provide other related services relating to immigration and naturalization at the University’s request. The IHL Board approved this contract at its April 2023 regular meeting for a term of April 21, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with a maximum amount payable of \$50,000 during the term of the agreement. The University has experienced an unanticipated increase in the number of employees who require the services of this firm and, as such, requests approval to increase the maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement to \$111,000. All other terms of the current contract remain unchanged. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

35. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with the law firm of Sun Sovereign, LLC d/b/a Ware|Immigration as outside counsel to perform services as necessary in preparing labor certification applications and permanent residence process on behalf of the University for its professors, researchers, and employees who seek permanent residence status and to further provide other related services relating to immigration and naturalization at the University’s request. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The rates are set out in the fee schedule below. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$75,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$3 million with an annual aggregate of \$3 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

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The firm charges an administrative fee of \$150 at the beginning of each case matter to cover copies, postage, and FedEx fees incurred during the Firm’s representation.

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H-1B extension or amendment petitions (firm handled original petition)	\$2500*
H-1B withdrawal	\$ 200
H-4 EAD	\$ 750
*additional legal fee of up to \$2,500 may apply for substantive requests for evidence	
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J-1 waiver (no objection)	\$2000
I-539 Fee for Dependents	\$1000

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Special Handling labor certification	\$3000
(If position must be readvertised)	\$2500
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-2500
Immigrant petition (I-140)	\$2500

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<u>Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty</u>		
Labor certification		\$6000
Additional fee if audited		\$1500-2500
Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment		\$3000
Immigrant petition		\$2500
 <u>Permanent Residence Process: Extraordinary Ability/Outstanding Professors and Researchers and National Interest Waiver</u>		
Immigrant petition		\$8000
EA, OP/OR, or NIW RFE or NOID: case by case determination up to		\$2500
 <u>Adjustment of Status (any Employment-Based Permanent Residence Matter)</u>		
Adjustment of status (AOS) and related applications (I-765, I-131, etc.), principal		\$2500
“Standalone” AOS and related applications, principal		\$3000
Adjustment of status and related applications, spouse, if together with principal application and I-140		\$1500
Adjustment of status of each child, concurrent with I-140		\$1000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, spouse (not concurrent with I-140)		\$2000
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I-485 J (standalone cases)		\$1500
 <u>Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal</u>		
Employment Authorization Renewal per individual		\$ 750
Advance Parole Renewal per individual		\$ 750
 <u>Marriage Based Permanent Residence</u>		
Principal Applicant		\$4000
Each child, if any		\$2500
 <u>Other Services</u>		
AR-11 Change of Address		\$ 150
Interview rescheduling		\$ 150
Biometrics rescheduling per person		\$ 150
Advisory Opinion		\$ 500
Expedite requests		\$ 500-750
Auto Revalidation Letter		\$ 200
 <u>General Legal Advice Outside of Fee Schedule</u>		
Partners	per hour billed	\$350
Associate Attorneys	per hour billed	\$250
Paralegals	per hour billed	\$150
Of Counsel Rate	per hour billed	\$450

36. **USM** – Approved the proposed First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Affiliation Agreement between the University and The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association. The Alumni Association serves the University by, among other activities, attracting, organizing, and encouraging graduates, former students, and friends to advance the University’s mission and by fostering, encouraging, establishing, and maintaining affinity, loyalty, community, and relationships among the University, its alumni, former students, and its friends. IHL Board Policy 301.0806 prescribes the material terms for all agreements between institutions and foundations/affiliated entities. The proposed amendment and the underlying agreement comply with IHL Board Policy 301.0806. The

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proposed amendment extends the term of the existing agreement until December 31, 2024, with all other provisions of that agreement remaining unchanged and in full force and effect. The agreement may be terminated by the University President, with the prior approval of the IHL Board, for specified material non-compliance with or breach of the agreement or applicable policies of the University or IHL upon the expiration of a ninety (90) day period to cure any breach. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy.

37. **USM** – Approved the proposed First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Affiliation Agreement between the University and The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation. The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation's primary purpose is to support the University by including but not limited to researching, raising, receiving, acknowledging, investing, accounting for and administering funds for the University to use for its educational, research, and service missions. IHL Board Policy 301.0806 prescribes the material terms for all agreements between institutions and foundations/affiliated entities. The proposed amendment and the underlying agreement comply with IHL Board Policy 301.0806. The proposed amendment extends the term of the existing agreement until December 31, 2024, with all other provisions of that agreement remaining unchanged and in full force and effect. The agreement may be terminated by the University President, with the prior approval of the IHL Board, for specified material non-compliance with or breach of the agreement or applicable policies of the University or IHL upon the expiration of a ninety (90) day period to cure any breach. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy.
38. **JSU** – Approved the request to enter an agreement with Worth Thomas d/b/a W.T. Consultants, LLC, to provide a full scope of legislative lobbying services within the State of Mississippi. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The contract amount is \$90,000 to be paid in quarterly installments of \$22,500 each. This fee will be paid with self-generated funds of the JSU Development Foundation allocated for JSU Program Support. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.
39. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter an agreement between the University and Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc., for assistance in the University's pursuit of its in-state government affairs and business objectives, including monitoring and lobbying of legislation of interest to MSU during the regular session of the Legislature and other services throughout the year. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The contract amount is \$50,000 and will be paid with self-generated funds. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.
40. **MUW** – Approved the request to enter an agreement between the University and Thompson & Associates to provide in-state lobbying and government relations consulting services. The term of the agreement is one year from August 1, 2024 through July 31,

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2025. The contract amount is \$60,000 payable in monthly installments of \$5,000.00 each and will be paid with private funds of the MUW Foundation. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.

41. **USM** – Approved the request to continue the agreement with Capitol Resources LLC, in Jackson, MS, to provide in-state lobbying and government relations and consulting services in Mississippi. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The contract amount is \$48,000 annually, which is payable in monthly installments of \$4,000 each and will be funded by self-generated funds. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.
42. **MSU** – Approved the request for Federal Solutions, LLC, to continue to lobby on behalf of the university outside the State of Mississippi in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
43. **UM** – Approved the request for BGR Governmental Affairs, LLC, a Washington, D.C. based firm, to continue to assist in managing its federal governmental affairs and to represent its interests before federal executive branch agencies and congressional offices and committees in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
44. **USM** – Approved the request to continue the agreement with Cassidy & Associates, Inc., in Washington, DC, to provide government relations services outside the State of Mississippi during the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
45. **ASU** – Approved Dr. Marcus D. Ward as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
46. **JSU** – Approved Jacqueline Anderson-Woods as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
47. **MSU** – Approved Lee Weiskopf as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
48. **MUW** – Approved Karen Clay as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
49. **UM** – Approved Perry Sansing as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
50. **UMMC** – Approved Kristy Simms as one of the institution's legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
51. **UMMC** – Approved Anna Moak Sparks as one of the institution's legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
52. **USM** – Approved Chad Driskell as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
53. **SYSTEM** – Approved Laura Hipp-Mayer as one of the IHL Executive Office's legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

54. **Employment**

Delta State University

- Elizabeth Belenchia; *part-time, rehired retiree*; Instructor in Teacher Education, Leadership, and Research; salary \$40,000 per annum, pro rata; Fund 10 funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Diana Ezell; *part-time, rehired retiree*; Instructor in Teacher Education, Leadership and Research and Coordinator of Educational Administration Programs; salary \$45,000 per annum, pro rata; Fund 10 funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Beverly Johnston; *rehired retiree*; Adjunct Instructor in Teacher Education, Leadership, and Research; salary \$65,000 per annum, pro rata; Fund 10 and grant funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Maud Kuykendall; *rehired retiree*; Adjunct Instructor in Teacher Education, Leadership, and Research; salary \$30,000 per annum, pro rata; Fund 10 funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Kathleen Lott; *rehired retiree*; Advisor of Educational Administration and Supervision and part-time Instructor in Teacher Education, Leadership, and Research; salary \$29,000 per annum, pro rata; Fund 10 funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Suzette Matthews; Vice President for University Advancement; salary \$172,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds and University Foundation Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Kent Wyatt; *rehired retiree*; President Emeritus; salary \$59,000 per annum; Fund 10 funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024

Jackson State University

- Denise Gregory; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; salary \$300,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; effective July 1, 2024
- Jonas Vanderbilt; Vice President of Student Affairs; salary \$175,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; effective July 1, 2024

Mississippi University for Women

- Kelly Collins Woodford; Dean, College of Business and Professional Studies and Professor of Legal Studies; salary \$128,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G funds; 12-month contract; effective August 1, 2024
- Matthew Miles; Dean of Students; salary \$80,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G funds; no contract, effective July 15, 2024

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55. *Change of Status*

Delta State University

- Ellen Green; *from* Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; salary \$144,749 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; termination effective June 30, 2024
- Leslie Griffin; *from* Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Elementary Education; salary \$185,007, per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Elementary Education; salary \$196,000, per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024

Jackson State University

- Alisa Mosley; *from* Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; salary of \$227,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Senior Director for AI Initiatives in Supply Chain Management/Tactical Autonomy; salary of \$177,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Mitchell Shears; *from* Associate Vice President for Student Success/Executive Director of Title III; \$136,500 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds & Title III funds; *to* Interim Vice President of Student Affairs & Associate Vice President for Student Success/Executive Director of Title III; salary \$178,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; effective June 4, 2024
- Mitchell Shears; *from* Interim Vice President of Student Affairs & Associate Vice President for Student Success/Executive Director of Title III; salary \$178,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *to* Associate Vice President for Student Success/Executive Director of Title III; \$136,500 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds & Title III Funds; effective July 1, 2024

Mississippi University for Women

Carla Lowery; *from* Interim Vice President for Operations and Chief Financial Officer; salary \$165,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Vice President for Operations and Chief Financial Officer; salary \$165,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective June 3, 2024.

University of Southern Mississippi

Kathryn Anthony; *from* Interim Dean of the Graduate School; salary \$153,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Dean of the Graduate School; salary \$165,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024

56. *Sabbatical*

Jackson State University

- Qilin Dai; Associate Professor of Chemistry and Physics; salary \$64,529.85 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 13, 2025 to May 12, 2025; professional development

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- Carmen Wright; Associate Professor of Mathematics and Statistical Sciences; salary \$69,344.04 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 13, 2025 to May 12, 2025; professional development
- Brian Phillips; Associate Professor of Spanish; *from* salary \$60,056.78 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$30,028.39 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 7, 2024 to May 12, 2025; professional development
- Kamal Ali; Professor of Technology; *from* salary \$115,104.50 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$57,552.25 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 7, 2024 to May 12, 2025; professional development
- Mark Bernhardt; Professor of History and Philosophy; salary \$63,587.87 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 7, 2024 to December 6, 2024; professional development

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

57. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to close the IHL Executive Office and the public university offices on July 5th in addition to July 4, 2024, in celebration of Independence Day, and in accordance with the Governor’s Proclamation authorizing state offices to be closed on these dates.
58. **DSU** – Approved the new mission statement as follows:
The mission of Delta State University is to offer exceptional programs and opportunities that are current, innovative, and responsive to the diverse needs of those it serves. The University provides experiences that cultivate intellectual growth and individual enrichment to develop productive members of local, regional, and global communities.
59. **MUW** – Approved the request to bestow one honorary degree at its Summer 2024 commencement ceremony. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.
60. **USM** – Approved the request to bestow one honorary degree at its Fall 2024 commencement ceremony. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.

REGULAR AGENDAS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Trustee Jeanne Luckey, Chair

On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Heidelberg, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Academic Affairs Agenda. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3.

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1. **USM** – Approved the request to add the following new academic degree programs:
 - a. Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Allied Health
CIP code: 51.0000
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: August 2024
 - b. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Computer Science
CIP code: 11.0701
Total credit hours: 84
Effective date: August 2024
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to add the following centers:
 - a. **UM** - Center Title: Center for STEM Learning
Center Location: Jim and Thomas Duff Center for Science and Technology Innovation
Scope: Extensive Scope and Outreach
Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research) and Type 2 (Student, Faculty, or Community Service)
Effective Date: April 2024
 - b. **USM** - Center Title: Gulf South Center for Community Engaged Health Research and Innovation
Center Location: Hattiesburg (main) and Gulf Park campuses
Scope: Limited Scope and Outreach
Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)
Effective Date: August 2024
 - c. **USM** – Center Title: The Center for Community Engagement (CCE)
Center Location: Office of the Provost
Scope: Limited Scope and Outreach
Type: Type 2 (Student, Faculty, or Community Service)
Effective Date: November 2023
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy Section 600 Student Affairs and Admissions for final reading. **(See Exhibit 1.)**

FINANCE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Hal Parker, Chair

Item #1 was moved from the Finance Consent Agenda for consideration. On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2 as submitted on the Finance Regular Agenda. On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. On motion by

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Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4. Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on items #5 - #8 on the Finance Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. After Trustee Ogletree left the room, on motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Ogletree and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #5 - #7. Trustee Martin recused himself from discussing or voting on item #8 on the Finance Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. After Trustee Martin left the room, on motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Martin, Ogletree and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #8. Trustee Martin returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #8 on the Finance Regular Agenda. Trustee Ogletree remained outside of the room.

1. **JSU** – Approved the request to enter into a Subscription Agreement with Ellucian, L.P (Ellucian) aimed at upgrading the University’s current Banner ERP solution to the Banner SaaS platform. The existing Cloud Hosting Agreement with Ellucian, expiring in 2025, will seamlessly transition into the new Banner SaaS platform via subscription agreements with Ellucian, encompassing the Banner SaaS, CRM Advance, and Campus Logic Suite modules. The term of the Subscription Agreements shall be one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The amount of the contract is \$2,685,862. The contract will be funded by Title III Federal funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office. **(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED FROM THE FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA.)**
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the fiscal year ending 2025 Operating Budgets for the system. Included as supplemental information, as required by the *Ayers* Settlement Agreement, Board Policy 704.02 Athletic Budget Approval and Reporting, and Policy 703.04 Policy Guidelines Subsection E., are: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 *Ayers* Budgets, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Athletic Budgets, and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 E&G Scholarships, Fellowships & Tuition Waivers. **(See Composite Exhibit 2.)**
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the FY 2026 proposed funding priorities as required for the 2026 Legislative Budget Request. **(See Exhibit 3.)**
4. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter Amendment No. 36 to the License and Support Agreement with Epic Systems Corporation (Epic) to extend the term for an additional five (5) years. The extension will include software licenses and subscriptions; software maintenance and support; and professional Boost services for UMMC’s Electronic Medical Records System (EMR). The Board also approved the request to execute future Service or Implementation Requests on an as-needed basis so long as the cost of each Service or Implementation Request is less than \$3,500,000.00. The term of the amended agreement is nineteen (19) years from August 23, 2010, through August 22, 2029. The term of Amendment No. 36 will begin August 23, 2024, and continue for a period of five (5) years, expiring August 22, 2029. The amended cost of the agreement over the nineteen (19) year

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term is estimated to be \$163,309,378.00. The current approved amount of the agreement is \$119,761,924.99. The estimated total cost for Amendment 36 is \$58,292,645.00. This agreement is funded by general funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

5. **IHL EXECUTIVE OFFICE** – Approved the request to enter the Regional Contract Program (RCP) with Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to reserve seats at out-of-state schools of Optometry to ensure opportunities for Mississippi students without the necessity of creating a new program in Mississippi. This agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 and shall renew automatically each year for three additional one (1) year terms through June 30, 2028, unless either party gives the other at least nine months' prior written notice of its intention to terminate the agreement at the end of the then-current term. The approved contract fees for AY2024-25 are \$20,369 per slot for Optometry. A total of twenty-eight (28) seats at the Southern College of Optometry and seven (7) seats at the University of Alabama, Birmingham are expected to be filled for AY2024-25, for a total of \$712,915. The total estimated cost for the four-year term is expected not to exceed \$3,140,791. Pursuant to IHL policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services, the Board also approved the request to prepay for services in advance. Funds are available from general funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
6. **DSU** – Approved the request to enter an agreement with Ruffalo Noel Levitz, LLC., to provide consulting services to the University for an enrollment plan, financial aid awarding strategies, and recruitment strategies for potential new students. The term of the contract is one (1) year from July 1, 2024, through June 20, 2025. Upon written notice, Delta State University may elect to extend the contract for two one-year periods. The total projected cost of the contract is \$618,976.00, distributed as follows: Year 1: \$239,222.18; Year 2: \$187,070.84; and Year 3: \$192,682.98. This contract will be funded by the revenue from education and general funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
7. **DSU** – Approved the request to enter an agreement with BSN Sports, LLC (BSN) for the exclusive supplier agreement for the procurement of Under Armour athletic apparel, footwear, and uniforms for use by the school and its athletic programs. The term of the contract is five (5) years from July 1, 2024, through June 20, 2029. The agreement may be renewed by the parties for successive three-year terms. The total projected cost of the contract is \$750,000 with Year 1: \$150,000; Year 2: \$150,000; Year 3: \$150,000; Year 4: \$150,000; and Year 5: \$150,000. The total projected Annual Rebate is \$150,000 with Year 1: \$30,000; Year 2: \$30,000; Year 3: \$30,000; Year 4: \$30,000; and Year 5: \$30,000. The total marketing package is \$5,000 for year one only. The retention bonus is \$10,000 for year one only. This contract will be funded by revenue from general funds and designated funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

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8. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to renew its excess auto liability insurance coverage with Genesis, a Berkshire Hathaway company. The policy term will be July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025. The premium for the excess insurance is approximately \$305,743 for the 2024-2025 policy. The final premium amounts may fluctuate based upon the number of owned vehicles in university fleets. The universities are billed directly for their share of the premium. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

REAL ESTATE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Jeanne Luckey

Trustee Ogletree remained outside of the room to recuse himself from discussing or voting on items #1 - #3 on the Real Estate Regular Agenda. With Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Ogletree and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Real Estate Agenda. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustees Ogletree and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #2 and #3. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #1 - #3 on the Real Estate Regular Agenda.

1. **UM** – Approved the request to increase the budget for IHL 207-473, Ole Miss Softball Complex Addition & Renovation, from \$32,000,000 to \$33,250,000 for an increase of \$1,250,000 and to modify the funding source to include UM EBC Funds. The project will construct a new softball stadium, complete with associated amenities (dugouts, seating, press box, restrooms, etc.) and renovate the existing indoor team facility, playing field, and concessions/restrooms building as budget permits. Stadium design will include coaches' offices, training/treatment space, team lounge, and locker rooms. Funds are available from Self-Generated Athletic Revenues (\$750,000.00) - UM Athletics / OMAF Foundation; and UMEBC Financing (\$32,500,000.00).
2. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with Innovative Construction Management, LLC as Construction Manager Adviser (CMA) services related to the New Parking Structure(s) IHL# 207-502. The term of the contract is June 20, 2024, through twelve (12) months after Substantial Completion of the New Parking Structure construction contract. Based on the current design timeline and construction timeline estimate, the projected contract value is \$4,402,721.35. This will fluctuate with actual construction contract values and any time extensions granted during construction. The funding source for this contract is internal R&R funds and bond proceeds from our planned bond issuance through the University of Mississippi Educational Building Corporation. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

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3. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a contract with Innovative Construction Management, LLC. (ICM) for Construction Manager Adviser (CMa) services related to the renovation of the School of Dentistry Building on UMMC’s campus, IHL Project 409-006. The Board also approved the request to negotiate and incorporate supplemental and additional services that become necessary during the project and to make required project modifications to the contract as long as the changes do not exceed the approved expenditure level. The term of the contract begins with the effective date through twelve (12) months after Substantial Completion of the construction contract. Contract value is based on a 3.15% fee of the construction contract values. Total contract amount is estimated to fall between \$3.5M and \$4M. The funding source for this contract is HB 603, Laws of 2023. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Gee Ogletree, Chair

Trustee Clark recused himself from discussing or voting on items #1 - #3 on the Legal Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. After Trustee Clark left the room, on motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustees Clark and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #1 - #3 as submitted on the Legal Agenda. Trustee Clark returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #1 - #3 as submitted on the Legal Regular Agenda. Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on item #4 on the Legal Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. After Trustee Ogletree left the room, on motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Ogletree and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4 as submitted on the Legal Regular Agenda. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #4 on the Legal Regular Agenda.

1. **UM** – Approved the request to renew its contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Butler Snow, LLP as outside counsel for the provision of legal services in the practice areas of intellectual property (including patent prosecution), commercialization, construction, business, taxation, regulatory matters, and other legal matters as assigned. The contract term is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The blended hourly rate will be \$345 for all attorneys (including patent work), \$250 for the trademark advisor, and \$135 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement shall not exceed \$250,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$50 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$100 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
2. **USM** – Approved the request to contract with the law firm of Butler Snow, LLP as outside counsel to perform services as necessary in the practice areas of taxation, intellectual property, commercial matters, intellectual property (including trademark, copyright and

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patent matters), regulatory matters, litigation, human resources and employment matters, education matters (including issues associated with faculty, students, and research programs), general administrative matters, general legal advice, and investigations at the request of the University in matters involving various legal issues. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates are \$345 for attorneys and \$135 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$250,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$20 million with an annual aggregate of \$40 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

3. **UMMC** – Approved the agreement with Butler Snow, LLP, to provide in-state lobbying and government relations consulting services. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The contract amount is \$65,000 payable in monthly installments of \$5,416.66 each and will be paid with self-generated funds. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm’s client list and proposed agreement are included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.
4. **USM** – Approved the proposed First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Affiliation Agreement between the University and The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association. The Athletic Foundation will support the University by, among other acts, soliciting and developing private and corporate support for the University and its athletic programs to promote affinity and support for the University and its athletic programs. IHL Board Policy 301.0806 prescribes the material terms for all agreements between institutions and foundations/affiliated entities. The proposed amendment and the underlying agreement comply with IHL Board Policy 301.0806. The proposed amendment extends the term of the existing agreement until December 31, 2024, with all other provisions of that agreement remaining unchanged and in full force and effect, with the exception that the amendment deletes and replaces in full Section 4.1 Compliance to change any reference to “Conference USA (C-USA)” to “Sun Belt Conference (“Sun Belt”)). The agreement may be terminated by the University President, with the prior approval of the IHL Board, for specified material non-compliance with or breach of the Agreement or applicable policies of the University or IHL upon the expiration of a ninety (90) day period to cure any breach. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy.

INFORMATION AGENDAS

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **SYSTEM** – Intent to offer or delete the following certificate programs.
Offer
 - a. **UM** - Certificate program title: Dietary Supplements
Responsible academic unit: Department of Biomolecular Sciences

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Level: post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 12

CIP code: 51.2005

Effective date: August 2025

- b. **USM** - Certificate program title: Professional Accountancy

Responsible academic unit: School of Accountancy

Level: post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 24

CIP code: 52.0301

Effective date: August 2024

- c. **USM** - Certificate program title: Performance

Responsible academic unit: School of Music

Level: pre-baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 16

CIP code: 50.0903

Effective date: August 2024

- d. **USM** - Certificate program title: Marketing Analytics

Responsible academic unit: School of Marketing

Level: pre-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 12

CIP code: 52.1401

Effective date: August 2024

- e. **USM** - Certificate program title: Southern Miss Gulf Scholars Program

Level: pre-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 12

CIP code: 05.0122

Effective date: August 2024

- f. **USM** - Certificate program title: Cybersecurity Management

Responsible academic unit: School of Computing Sciences and Computer Engineering

Level: post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 12

CIP code: 43.0404

Effective date: August 2024

Delete

- g. **USM** - Certificate program title: Business Foundation

Responsible academic unit: School of Management

Level: post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 14

CIP code: 52.0201, 8066

Effective date: August 2024

2. **SYSTEM** – Intent to offer an existing degree program by distance learning as follows:

- a. **UM** - Degree program title: Doctor of Education (EdD) in Education

Total credit hours: 48

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- CIP Code, Sequence: 13.0101, 1033
Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0
Effective date: August 2024
- b. **USM** - Degree program title: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Education (Research, Evaluation, Statistics, & Assessment)
Total credit hours: 66
CIP Code, Sequence: 13.0101, 1066
Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0
Effective date: August 2024
- c. **USM** - Degree program title: Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science
Total credit hours: 30
CIP Code, Sequence: 45.1001, 4396
Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0
Effective date: August 2024

REAL ESTATE

3. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the May 16, 2024 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. **(See Exhibit 4.)**

LEGAL

4. **SYSTEM** – The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. **(See Exhibit 5.)**

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

5. **SYSTEM** – The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for review at the Board Office.
- a. **MSU** – On May 14, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Hudspeth Properties II, LLC for approximately 2,300 square feet of space located at 3214 North Church Avenue in Louisville, MS to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded by Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026, at a total cost of \$68,500.00 payable in monthly installments of \$2,750.00 each, due on the first of each month, plus a one-time renovation fee of \$2,500.00 payable with the first months rent. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- b. **MSU** – On May 20, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Hinds Community College for approximately 786 square feet of space on the Utica Campus to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with

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the terms of a grant awarded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective June 15, 2024 through June 14, 2026, at a total cost of \$52,992.00 payable in monthly installments of \$2,208.00 each, due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- c. **MSU** – On June 4, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University (lessor) and the East Mississippi Center for Educational Development (EMCED) (lessee) for approximately 300 square feet of office space at the MSU – Meridian College Park Campus. The term of the lease is for one year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 with an option to renew for up to four additional one-year terms by written agreement of all parties. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- d. **UM** – On May 2, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Easements between the University of Mississippi, (grantor) and PHB Equipment, LLC (grantee), to allow PHB to install grading and drainage of stormwater, as well as construct sidewalks for access to UM's walking trail. They will construct (1) a trail entrance along Molly Barr Road; (2) a public parking area at the entrance of the Trailhead development; and (3) three separate sidewalks accessing the UM walking trail from the newly constructed parking area, from the new Trailhead development, and from the existing Oxford Housing Authority Development to the west of the proposed Trailhead development. The term of these easements is 30 years effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2054. PHB will be responsible for construction of all noted improvements, as well as maintenance and repairs in the easement areas after completion of construction. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

**HEALTH AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Steven Cunningham at approximately 3:00 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. The Committee discussed the monthly financial summary. **No action was taken.**

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2. Executive Session

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, Parker, and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Luckey, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, Parker, and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of one University of Mississippi Medical Center item regarding the transaction of business and discussion regarding prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed:

The Committee discussed one University of Mississippi Medical Center item regarding the transaction of business and discussion regarding prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, Parker, and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to open session.

3. On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, Parker, and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Dr. Steven Cunningham (Chair) (via Zoom), Mr. Don Clark, Jr., Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Ms. Jeanne Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Gee Ogletree, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Dr. Ormella Cummings, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Mr. Hal Parker, and Mr. Gregg Rader were absent.

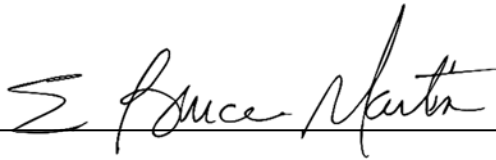
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trustee Ogletree announced that Rachel Welborn, Associate Director of the Southern Rural Federal Center at Mississippi State University is retiring. I appreciate the good work that she has done for the University and the state of Mississippi.
- Trustee Cunningham recognized Dr. Alisa Mosley, Provost at Jackson State University. This is her last Board meeting as provost before she transitions into the role of Senior Director of AI Initiatives and Supply Chain Management Tactical Autonomy at JSU. Dr. Cunningham thanked Dr. Mosley for her work as provost and congratulated her on her new role.
- Trustee Luckey provided an update on the ADA/Accessibility Services Task Force activities.
- President Martin announced the Board does not plan to meet in July. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2024.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Heidelberg, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, 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

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| Exhibit 1 | Proposed amendments to Board Policy Section 600 Student Affairs and Admissions for final reading. |
| Composite
Exhibit 2 | Fiscal year ending 2025 Operating Budgets for the system. |
| Exhibit 3 | FY 2026 proposed funding priorities for the 2025 Legislative Budget Request. |
| Exhibit 4 | Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the May 16, 2024 Board meeting. |
| Exhibit 5 | Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. |

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SYSTEM – APPROVAL FOR FIRST READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICY SECTION 600

Board approval for final reading is requested for proposed amendments to Board Policy Section 600. The proposed amendments, if approved by the Board of Trustees, will be effective for spring 2025 applications received after July 1, 2024, and future term applications.

SECTION 600 - STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ADMISSIONS

601 *ADMISSION STANDARDS*

The Board shall have the authority to establish minimum standards of achievement as a prerequisite for entrance into any of the institutions under its jurisdiction, which standards need not be uniform between the various institutions, and which may be based upon such criteria as the Board may establish. ~~The manual (*Admission Standards, Developmental Education Curriculum and Core Undergraduate Requirements for University System Institutions*), designed to assist the institutions in proper implementation of *Board Policy* and to assure compliance with the requirements set forth by the Board, is given to university personnel and a copy is on file at the Office of the Commissioner.~~

Admission policies are to be included in materials disseminated to the high schools and in university catalogs. IHL and university websites are to relate the means by which admission policies may be readily obtained.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-101-15, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 9/93; 1/98; 1/2003; 2/2009; X/2024)

602 *FRESHMAN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS*

The high school course requirements set forth below are applicable to students graduating from high school and entering a public institution of higher learning.

- A. HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS ~~BEGINNING WITH STUDENTS ENTERING IN FALL 2022~~
(College Preparatory Curriculum)

<u>Subject Area</u>		<u>Required¹ Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>		<u>Recommended² Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>
English	4	Units must require substantial communications skills (i.e. reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and	4	Units must require substantial communication skills (i.e. reading writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and

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<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Required¹ Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>		<u>Recommended² Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>	
		<i>Compensatory Writing may not be included.</i>		<i>Compensatory Writing may not be included.</i>
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPC approved math (1 unit) • Algebra I or its equivalent • Math higher than Algebra I (2 units) • <u>Additional math higher or lower than Algebra I (1 unit)</u> 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I or its equivalent • Math higher than Algebra I (3 units)
Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology I or its equivalent • Science higher than Biology I (2 units) 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology I or its equivalent • Science higher than Biology I (3 units)
Social Studies	3	<i>Units must include integrated courses of social sciences and humanities promoting civic competence</i>	4	<i>Units must include integrated courses of social sciences and humanities promoting civic competence</i>
Arts	1	<i>Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two ½ units) of visual and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation.</i>	1	<i>Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two ½ units) of visual and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation.</i>
Advanced Electives	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II • Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3 • Option 3: (1) Any combination of advanced electives above the required Carnegie units in: (a) as noted in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs CPC Manual and/or (b) any Advanced Placement (AP), Academic or Career and Technical Dual Credit (DC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course. (2) Completion of any two-year Career and Technical course may count as one unit. Example: completion of both Health Sciences I & II will count as an advanced elective. 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II • Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3 • Option 3: (1) Any combination of advanced electives above the required Carnegie units in: (a) as noted in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs CPC Manual and/or (b) any Advanced Placement (AP), Academic or Career and Technical Dual Credit (DC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course. (2) Completion of any two-year Career and Technical course may count as one unit. Example: completion of both Health Sciences I & II will count as an advanced elective.
Technology or Computer Science	1	<i>A technology course emphasizes the use of technology as a productivity tool. Instruction should include utilizing various forms of technology to create, collaborate, organize, and publish information. The application of technology as a productivity tool,</i>	1	<i>A technology course emphasizes the use of technology as a productivity tool. Instruction should include utilizing various forms of technology to create, collaborate, organize, and publish information. The application of technology as a productivity tool, rather</i>

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	<p><i>rather than specific hardware and/or software packages should be the focus of the course.</i></p> <p><i>A computer science course emphasizes computational thinking to solve problems. Courses will involve the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their applications, and their impact on society and should include focus on one or more of the following core concepts: computing systems, networks and the internet, data and analysis, algorithms and programming, and impacts of computing. Course equivalent or additional advanced elective may be acceptable for non-Mississippi residents.</i></p>	<p><i>than specific hardware and/or software packages should be the focus of the course.</i></p> <p><i>A computer science course emphasizes computational thinking to solve problems. Courses will involve the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their applications, and their impact on society and should include focus on one or more of the following core concepts: computing systems, networks and the internet, data and analysis, algorithms and programming, and impacts of computing. Course equivalent or additional advanced elective may be acceptable for non-Mississippi residents.</i></p>
Pre-High School Units	<p><i>Courses taken prior to high school will be accepted for admission provided the course earns Carnegie credit and the content is the same as the high school course.</i></p>	
Substitutions	<p><i>Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Academic or Career Technical Dual Credit (DC), and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses may be substituted for each requirement in the College Preparatory Curriculum.</i></p>	
Course Acceptance	<p><i>A course may not be used to satisfy more than one requirement.</i></p>	
Total Carnegie Units	18	20

¹High school Carnegie units **required for regular admission** to an IHL institution

²Recommended high school Carnegie units to enhance preparedness for college-level work

Students seeking admission to four-year degree programs must earn credit for the course requirements listed above or equivalent preparation from another state as determined by the admitting institution. The Required and Recommended College Preparatory Curricula (CPC) are approved by the IHL Board of Trustees and maintained in the IHL Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

(BT Minutes, 5/92; 9/93; 9/94; 3/95; 10/95; 9/96; 1/98; 2/2005; 5/2005; 9/2005; 8/2006; 2/2007; 2/2009; 3/2010; 11/2010; 5/2015; 6/2018; 2/2021; 4/2022; X/2024)

B. FULL ADMISSION FOR FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATES

The College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) grade point average (GPA) is calculated on a 4.0 scale using the course requirements listed on 602 A. High School Course Requirements.

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A first-time undergraduate applicant is one who is a recent high school graduate who enrolls in the first fall term after graduation regardless of their summer school academic activity between graduation and their first fall term of enrollment. A December graduate who attends any postsecondary institution before enrollment would be considered a first-time transfer. Dual enrollment courses taken while in high school are not considered previous enrollment. The following criteria are established for both traditional and non-traditional first-time undergraduates. Traditional undergraduate students are defined as those who are under 25 years of age; non-traditional students are defined as individuals 25 years of age and older.

Full admission will be granted to all students who meet the following criteria:

- (1) All students completing the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum of a 3.20 high school GPA on the CPC; Have completed high school graduation requirements and the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) or have completed equivalent requirements as determined by admitting IHL institution; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.20 on a 4.0 grading scale as reported by the high school or as calculated by the admitting institution using an IHL-approved unweighted cumulative GPA calculator; and no ACT or SAT score is required; or
- (2) All students completing the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with (a) a minimum of a 2.50 high school GPA on the CPC or a class rank in the top 50%, and (b) a score of 16 or higher on the ACT; Have completed high school graduation requirements and the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) or have completed equivalent requirements as determined by admitting IHL institution; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 as reported by the high school or as calculated by the admitting institution using an IHL-approved unweighted cumulative GPA calculator or a class rank in the top 50%; and have an ACT composite score of 16 or higher; or
- (3) All students completing the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with (a) a minimum of a 2.00 high school GPA on the CPC and (b) a score of 18 or higher on the ACT; or Have completed high school graduation requirements and the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) or have completed equivalent requirements as determined by admitting IHL institution; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 as reported by the high school or as calculated by the admitting institution using an IHL-approved unweighted cumulative GPA calculator; and have an ACT Composite score of 18 or higher.
- (4) All students satisfying the NCAA Division I standards for student athletes who are “full qualifiers” or “academic redshirts”.

Any student who does not meet the above requirements may be granted full admission by satisfying the NCAA Division I standards for student athletes who are “full qualifiers” or “academic redshirts”.

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In lieu of ACT scores, students may submit equivalent SAT scores. ~~Students scoring below 16 on the ACT or the equivalent SAT are encouraged to participate in the Year Long Academic Support Program during their freshman year.~~

Beginning fall 2021, institutions will use the highest ACT or SAT subject test scores from the same test type when scores from more than one test date are submitted. This process is known as superscoring. A combination of ACT and SAT subtest scores cannot be combined to calculate a superscore.

In addition to their use for admissions, institutions may require ACT/SAT scores, ACCUPLACER, or other assessments for placement purposes prior to registration.

Students must submit a final, official transcript with a graduation date prior to the second term of enrollment.

Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

(BT Minutes, 9/93; 1/98; 3/2019; 4/2020; X/2024)

C. ACADEMIC PLACEMENT RESULTING FROM VARIOUS DEFICIENCIES

~~Those Mississippi residents who applied and failed to meet Full Admission Standards along with any Mississippi high school graduate regardless of academic performance may, as a result of review, be admitted to the summer or fall semester. The ACT is not a requirement in this category.~~

Mississippi residents and graduates of any Mississippi high school who applied and failed to meet Full Admission Standards as a first-time undergraduate may, as a result of review, be admitted. The review shall involve a consideration of high school performance, ACT or SAT scores (if available), placement testing, special interests, and skills as well as other non-cognitive factors. The review shall result in full admission and placement in one of the following categories:

1. Full Admission

~~As a result of the review, students in this category may be placed as if admitted under Section B. In addition, students may be required to enroll in selected college-level courses in science and social science equivalent to high school courses in which their background is inadequate. These courses will yield institutional credit.* Other students in this category may be required to participate in the Year Long Academic Support Program.~~

As a result of a review, students may be fully admitted. In addition, students may be required to enroll in selected college-level courses equivalent to high school courses in which their background is inadequate. These courses will yield institutional credit.* Other students in this category may be required to participate in a year-long academic support program.

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2. Full Admission with Academic Deficiencies

Students who have not demonstrated adequate readiness in English or Reading or Mathematics as determined by the admitting institution in compliance with Policy 608 will be granted Full Admission with Academic Deficiencies to ~~the Summer Developmental Program~~ a developmental program. ~~This is an intensive program that concentrates~~ These programs concentrate on high school subject areas (English, Reading, and Mathematics) that are applicable to success in first-year college courses. These courses carry institutional credit.* Students who successfully complete ~~the summer program, by passing the developmental courses that they are determined to be deficient and the Learning Skills Laboratory courses, will receive admission to the fall term with mandatory participation in the Year Long Academic Support Program or some other IHL recognized intervention strategy to promote success in the courses in which they are not fully prepared, according to their highest ACT or SAT subtest scores.~~ a developmental program will receive full admission to the institution. The institution may require mandatory participation in intervention strategies to promote success in the courses in which they are not fully prepared, according to their highest ACT or SAT subtest scores or other placement assessments. Students who fail to successfully complete ~~the Summer Developmental Program~~ a developmental program are not eligible for enrollment in the regular academic year and will be counseled to explore other post-secondary opportunities, including those offered by community colleges.

*Institutional credit courses do not count toward graduation but carry all other academic requirements.

(BT Minutes, 5/92; 9/93; 9/94; 3/95; 10/95; 9/96; 1/98; 2/2005; 8/2006; 2/2009; 3/2010; 05/2015; 05/2016; 4/2020; X/2024)

~~D. YEAR LONG ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM~~

~~This program is designed to assist those students admitted with academic deficiencies, as well as other volunteer students, with their freshman courses. The Year Long Academic Support Program will consist of classroom, individual, and computer-assisted instruction along with career counseling in a laboratory setting. The Program carries institutional credit.*~~

~~***Institutional credit courses do not count toward graduation but carry all other academic requirements.**~~

~~(BT Minutes, 5/92; 9/93; 9/94; 3/95; 10/95; 9/96; 1/98; 2/2005; 8/2006; 2/2009; 3/2010)~~

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E.D. General Transfer Admission for Students Who Were Not Eligible for Regular Admission ADMISSION AS A U.S. CITIZEN TRANSFER STUDENT FROM A DOMESTIC INSTITUTION

Any student who was not eligible for regular admission and who has not successfully completed the Summer Developmental Program must attend an accredited institution of higher education other than those under the governance of the Board of Trustees and must attain a "C" average (2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, as calculated by the admitting IHL institution) in the following 30 transferable semester credit hours to be eligible to transfer to an IHL institution:

6 semester hours	English Composition
3 semester hours	College Algebra, Quantitative Reasoning, or higher level mathematics
6 semester hours	Natural Science
9 semester hours	Humanities and Fine Arts
6 semester hours	Social or Behavioral Sciences

All other transfer admissions students are subject to the requirements outlined in Policy 602 Freshman Admission Requirements for University System Institutions (sections A and B). Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

Any student entering the admitting institution for the first time who previously attended another postsecondary institution, excluding summer school academic activity between graduation and their first full fall term of enrollment, must apply for admission as a transfer student. Such students will not be considered first-time undergraduates for the purposes of admission, even if no credits were earned at the previous institution(s), and they must meet the requirements for first-time undergraduate admissions outlined in Policy 602 (A and B).

All other transfer students must meet the following requirements:

1. Full admission will be granted to all transfer students who have completed 30 or more transferrable hours at their previous institutions and have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on college-level coursework as determined by the admitting institution.
2. Full admission will be granted to all transfer students who have completed less than 30 transferrable hours at their previous institutions and meet the following criteria:
 - a) Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on college-level coursework as determined by the admitting institution; and
 - b) Meet the requirements for first-time undergraduate admissions outlined in Policy 602 (sections A and B).

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Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements for transfer students.

(BT Minutes, 5/92; 9/93; 9/94; 3/95; 10/95; 9/96; 1/98; 2/2005; 8/2006; 2/2009; 3/2010; 4/2013; X/2024)

E. ~~Nonresident Admissions~~ ADMISSIONS FOR NONRESIDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI

Any student identified as a nonresident of Mississippi will be qualified for admission to a Mississippi institution of higher learning based on ~~equivalent preparation~~ the same qualifications as set forth above as determined by the admitting institution.

If, however, an admitting institution determines that anticipated enrollment will exceed the institution's capacity to adequately serve all prospective students who are otherwise qualified for admission, then the institution may make appropriate admissions decisions from among the pool of otherwise qualified non-resident applicants in light of institutional capacity and consistent with constitutional and other legal requirements, as well as in light of the IHL and the admitting institution's values, mission, and goals.

(BT Minutes, 2/2009; 3/2011; X/2024)

F. OTHER FACTORS

In determining whether to admit a student to an institution of higher education under the governance of the Board, institutions may also consider other relevant criteria, such as an applicant's criminal conviction history or student conduct history at their high school or another institution of higher learning. This would include consideration of pending matters or pending conduct cases.

(BT Minutes, X/2024)

603 APPLICANTS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER

An applicant who is at least twenty-one (21) years old and does not meet the regular ~~freshman~~ undergraduate admission requirements or the transfer admission requirements set forth in Policy 602 may apply for admission as a non-degree seeking student.

Non-degree seeking students may enroll in a maximum of twelve (12) semester hours during a regular term, six (6) semester hours during a five-week summer term, or equivalent hours for alternate terms as determined by the admitting institution. To transition from non-degree-seeking to degree-seeking status, students must satisfactorily complete twelve (12) hours with a "C" or better average in the general education core. Once admitted to a degree program, a maximum of eighteen (18) semester hours credit

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earned as a non-degree-seeking student may be applied toward a baccalaureate degree if approved by the dean of the college or school from which the degree is sought.

Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

(BT Minutes, 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

604 ~~APPLICANTS WITHOUT A DIPLOMA FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL; HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS; INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS~~ OTHER APPLICANTS

A. APPLICANTS WITHOUT A DIPLOMA FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL; HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS

The following are documentation requirements for specific groups of applicants:

1. Applicants who have completed high school from a school that does not hold regional accreditation must submit the following:
 - a. Transcripts reflecting academic performance or a secondary school leaving form; and
 - b. ACT or SAT scores and GPA according to Policy 602.B.
2. Home-schooled applicants must submit the following:
 - a. Home-school transcripts or portfolio summarizing home school education; and
 - b. ACT or SAT scores and GPA according to Policy 602.B.
- ~~3. Domestic applicants who have not completed high school must submit the following:
 - a. Qualifying scores on a state approved high school equivalency examination
 - b. Transcripts reflecting academic performance or a secondary school leaving form
 - c. ACT or SAT scores~~
- ~~4. International applicants who have completed an international or foreign high school may be admitted in another admissions category or must submit one of the following:
 - a. Transcripts reflecting academic performance or a secondary school leaving form
 - or
 - b. ACT or SAT scores~~

All applicants described in this section are subject to the requirements outlined in Policy 602 ~~Freshman Admission Requirements for University System Institutions (sections 602.A and 602.B)~~. Applicants in this section may validate the College Preparatory Curriculum in an alternate way. Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

All applicants described in this section may be required, at the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, to appear for an on-campus interview.

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B. APPLICANTS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY; ~~INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS~~ ADMISSION OF STUDENTS FROM A NON-DOMESTIC INSTITUTION

The following are documentation requirements for specific groups of applicants:

1. ~~Domestic A~~ Applicants who have not completed high school must submit the following:
 - a. Passing scores on a state approved high school equivalency examination; and
 - b. ACT or SAT scores.

2. ~~International A~~ Applicants who have completed an ~~international non-domestic~~ high school or attended an ~~international non-domestic~~ institution of higher learning (including those not accredited by or in candidate status with an accreditation body recognized by an appropriate U.S. Federal Agency) may be admitted in another admissions category or on the basis of the following:
 - a. Transcripts reflecting academic performance or a secondary school leaving form or
 - b. ACT or SAT scores.

All applicants described in this section are subject to the requirements outlined in Policy 602. Applicants in this section may validate the College Preparatory Curriculum in an alternate way. Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

All applicants described in this section may be required, at the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, to appear for an on-campus interview.

(BT Minutes, 2/2009; 3/2010; 4/2013, 5/2015; X/2024)

608 INTERMEDIATE COURSES

- A. All entering students admitted under Board Policy 602 enrolled at an IHL university with an ACT Mathematics subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate Mathematics during their first year of enrollment. At the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, students whose Mathematics subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 may be required to take Intermediate Mathematics. Students with a minimum ACT Mathematics subtest score of 15 who have completed the Mississippi Department of Education approved mathematics transitional course with a grade of “80” or higher will not be required to take Intermediate Mathematics and should be enrolled in a college-level mathematics course during their first year of enrollment. Institutions may require ACT/SAT scores, ACCUPLACER, and/or other assessments for placement purposes prior to registration.

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- B. All entering students admitted under Board Policy 602 enrolled at an IHL university with an ACT English subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate English during their first year of enrollment. At the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, students whose English subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 may be required to take Intermediate English. Students with a minimum ACT English subtest score of 15 who have completed the Mississippi Department of Education approved literacy transitional course with a grade of “80” or higher will not be required to take Intermediate English and should be enrolled in a college-level English course during their first year of enrollment. Institutions may require ACT/SAT scores, ACCUPLACER, and/or other assessments for placement purposes prior to registration.
- C. All entering students admitted under Board Policy 602 enrolled at an IHL university with an ACT Reading subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate Reading during their first year of enrollment. At the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, students whose Reading subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 may be required to take Intermediate Reading. Students taking Intermediate Reading should not be permitted to take reading-intensive courses, such as History. Students with a minimum ACT Reading subtest score of 15 who have completed the Mississippi Department of Education approved literacy transitional course with a grade of “80” or higher will not be required to take Intermediate Reading. Institutions may require ACT/SAT scores, ACCUPLACER, and/or other assessments for placement purposes prior to registration.
- D. Students taking two or more intermediate courses must enroll in ~~the~~ a year-long ~~Academic Support Program or some other IHL-recognized intervention strategy~~ to promote success in the courses in which they are not fully prepared, according to ACT subtest scores and will not be permitted to take more than 17 semester hours.
- E. Intermediate courses may be delivered through a corequisite model coupled with a credit bearing gateway course.
- F. Regarding course placement using an ACT subtest score, exemptions to this policy based on prior high school course performance, postsecondary course performance, or other academic experiences must be approved by the institution’s Chief Academic Officer or designee.

(BT Minutes, 2/2000; 2/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; 1/2016; 2/2018; 5/2023; X/2024)

610 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

D.A. RESIDENCE REQUIRED

~~No student may be admitted to any community/junior college or institution of higher learning as a resident of Mississippi unless his/her residence has been in the State of Mississippi preceding his/her admission. Residence shall~~

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~~be as defined in Sections 37-103-7 and 37-103-13 unless excepted in Miss. Code Ann., §§ 37-103-1 through 37-103-29.~~

No student may be admitted to any institution of higher learning as a resident of Mississippi unless their bona fide residence has been in the State of Mississippi preceding their admission.

A person who has entered the State of Mississippi from another state and enters an educational institution is considered a non-resident, unless they can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that they have become a bona fide resident of Mississippi. A student is only considered a bona fide resident of the State of Mississippi if it is the place where they (or their parent(s) or guardian for a minor) actually physically reside with the intention of remaining indefinitely or of returning permanently when temporarily absent.

Each institution shall establish a process by which admitted non-resident students can petition the institution for a change of residency and to present evidence for consideration. Each case shall be determined based on the totality of the circumstances, with no one factor being determinative. The standard for granting residency is whether the student (or their parent(s) or guardian for a minor) has presented clear and convincing evidence that Mississippi is the place they actually physically reside with the intention of remaining indefinitely or of returning permanently when temporarily absent.

Miss. Code Ann., §§37-103-3 and 37-103-5, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

B. RESIDENCE OF AN ADULT EVIDENCE OF RESIDENCY

Evidence the admitted non-resident student rented or purchased property in the state, worked in the state, paid taxes in the state, registered to vote in the state, and/or obtained a driver's license in the state shall not necessarily be indicia that the student intends to remain in the state after graduation if they are of the nature that could similarly be done by students who have no intention of remaining in the state after graduation. Any initial determination denying a change of residency shall be appealable to a residency appeals panel established by each institution. The decision of the residency appeals panel shall be final.

Miss. Code Ann., §§37-103-3 and 37-103-5, as amended.
(BT Minutes, X/2024)

A.C. RESIDENCE OF A MINOR

~~For purposes of determining of whether a minor pays out of state or in state tuition for attendance at universities and community and junior colleges, the residence of a person less than 21 years of age is that of the father, the mother or a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court in Mississippi. If a court has granted custody of the minor to one parent, the residence of the minor is that of the parent who was granted~~

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~~custody by the court. If both parents are dead, the residence of the minor is that of the last surviving parent at the time of that parent's death, unless the minor lives with a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court of Mississippi, in which case his/her residence becomes that of the guardian. A minor student who, upon registration at a Mississippi institution of higher learning or community college, presents a transcript demonstrating graduation from a Mississippi secondary school and who has been a secondary school student in Mississippi for not less than the final four years of secondary school attendance shall not be required to pay out-of-state tuition. This policy shall not apply to the residence of a person as it relates to residency for voter registration or voting.~~

For purposes of determining residency of a minor student for attendance and tuition at any institution of higher learning, the residence of a student less than 21 years of age is that of the father, the mother, or a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court in Mississippi. If a court has granted custody of the minor to one parent, the residence of the minor is that of the parent who was granted physical custody by the court and is where the student resides. If both parents are dead, the residence of the minor is that of the last surviving parent at the time of that parent's death, unless the minor lives with a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court of Mississippi, in which case his/her residence becomes that of the guardian provided the guardianship was not established for the purpose of obtaining in-state tuition. A minor student who has been emancipated, shall be considered an adult for the purpose of determining residency. A minor student who, upon registration at a Mississippi institution of higher learning, presents a transcript demonstrating graduation from a Mississippi secondary school and who has been a secondary school student in Mississippi for not less than the final four years of secondary school attendance shall not be required to pay out-of-state tuition.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-7, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

B.D. RESIDENCE OF AN ADULT

The residence of an adult is that place where he/she is domiciled, that is, the place where he/she actually physically resides with the intention of remaining there indefinitely or of returning there permanently when temporarily absent.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-13, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 2/2009; 3/2010)

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C.E. REMOVAL OF PARENTS FROM MISSISSIPPI EFFECTS OF MOVING OUT OF MISSISSIPPI

If the ~~parents~~ parent(s)/guardian of a minor who is enrolled as a student, ~~or an adult student in a community/junior college~~ or in an institution of higher learning moves their legal residence from the State of Mississippi, the ~~minor~~ student shall be immediately classified as a nonresident student; such a change in classification shall not affect the tuition to be charged upon completion of the semester in which the move takes place.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-11, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

E. RESIDENCY PETITIONS

~~Nonresidents may petition the institutions for a change of residency classification. A person who enters the state of Mississippi from another state and enters a system institution is considered a nonresident, unless the person meets the residency requirements set out in subsections A or B above. Provided, however, that any person who has attained 21 years of age and has thereafter actually established residency as defined within subsection A above and resided within the state of Mississippi for 12 consecutive months after attaining 21 years of age upon sworn affidavit and other representation, may petition the particular institution for a change in residency classification for the purposes of fees and tuition assessment. The institution may make reasonable inquiry into the validity of the petitioner's claim. Such petition for change of residency must be made on or before the last day a student may register at the particular institution without penalty.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 2/2009; 3/2010; 1/2016)~~

F. LEGAL RESIDENCE OF A MARRIED PERSON

A married person may claim the residence status of his or her spouse, or he or she may claim independent residence status ~~under the same regulations set forth in Section 37-103-13~~ as any other adult.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-15, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

G. CHILDREN OF FACULTY OR STAFF EMPLOYEES

Children of parents who are ~~members of the faculty or staff employees~~ of any institution under the jurisdiction of the ~~board of trustees of any community/junior college in this state~~ or the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning may be classified as residents for the purpose of attendance at the institution where their parents are ~~faculty or staff members~~ employees.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-9, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

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612 AUTHORITY TO SET TUITION AND WAIVER OF OUT-OF-STATE TUITION FOR NONRESIDENTS WHO WERE BORN IN MISSISSIPPI AND ARE VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning ~~and the boards of trustees of the community/junior colleges are authorized~~ is authorized to prescribe the amount of tuition and fees to be paid by students attending the several state-supported institutions of higher learning ~~and community/junior colleges of the State of Mississippi.~~

~~Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the total tuition to be paid by residents of other states shall not be less than the average cost per student from appropriated funds. However, the tuition to be paid by a resident of another state shall be equal to the tuition amount established in the above paragraph if:~~

- ~~1. The nonresident student was born in the State of Mississippi but subsequently relocated and resided outside the state as a minor under the care of the minor's father or mother, or both;~~
- ~~2. The nonresident student is a veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States;~~
- ~~3. The nonresident student is domiciled in Mississippi no later than six months after the nonresident student's separation from service, as evidenced by a Report of Separation from Military Service or other military discharge document, for the purpose of enrolling in a state institution of higher learning or a community/junior college.~~

(BT Minutes, 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

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Total Operating Budget FY 2025

	Appropriation	Self Generated	Budget	Percent Appropriation
Education & General	\$457,634,208	\$1,048,509,333	\$1,506,143,541	30.38%
Capital Funds	187,822,322	-	187,822,322	100.00%
Total E&G (1)	645,456,530	1,048,509,333	1,693,965,863	38.10%
UMMC	205,880,870	1,708,755,976	1,914,636,846	10.75%
UMMC ARPA	56,875,386	-	56,875,386	100.00%
Total UMMC (1)	262,756,256	1,708,755,976	1,971,512,232	13.33%
Agricultural	115,824,689	55,303,486	171,128,175	67.68%
Student Financial Aid (1)(2)	62,335,222	2,350,000	64,685,222	96.37%
Subsidiary	41,304,259	52,920,509	94,224,768	43.84%
Restricted	-	1,243,450,003	1,243,450,003	0.00%
Ayers	-	4,599,884	4,599,884	0.00%
Auxiliary	-	557,549,113	557,549,113	0.00%
Total Budget	\$1,127,676,956	\$4,673,438,304	\$5,801,115,260	19.44%

(1) Includes reappropriated funds.

(2) Non-IHL budget.



COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 2

Total Operating Budget Original FY 2024 Compared to FY 2025

Budget	FY 2024	FY 2025	Change	Percent Change
Education & General	\$1,409,811,685	\$1,506,143,541	\$96,331,856	6.83%
Capital Funds	328,230,000	187,822,322	(140,407,678)	-42.78%
Total E&G	1,738,041,685	1,693,965,863	(44,075,822)	-2.54%
UMMC	1,886,000,073	1,914,636,846	28,636,773	1.52%
UMMC ARPA	61,000,000	56,875,386	(4,124,614)	-6.76%
Total UMMC	1,947,000,073	1,971,512,232	24,512,159	1.26%
Agricultural	147,195,273	171,128,175	23,932,902	16.26%
Student Financial Aid	73,312,256	64,685,222	(8,627,034)	-11.77%
Subsidiary	91,349,901	94,224,768	2,874,867	3.15%
Restricted	1,218,029,647	1,243,450,003	25,420,356	2.09%
Ayers	4,921,056	4,599,884	(321,172)	-6.53%
Auxiliary	516,374,650	557,549,113	41,174,463	7.97%
Total Budget	\$5,736,224,541	\$5,801,115,260	\$64,890,719	1.13%



COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 2

Education & General Operating Budget (Excludes Ayers Funds) FY 2024 and FY 2025

Institution	FY 2024	FY 2025	Change	Percent Change
ASU	\$60,087,244	\$60,734,516	\$647,272	1.08%
DSU	47,190,219	48,492,420	1,302,201	2.76%
JSU	102,820,230	108,547,442	5,727,212	5.57%
MSU	434,185,304	464,987,102	30,801,798	7.09%
MUW	41,740,443	43,886,288	2,145,845	5.14%
MVSU	36,280,203	40,743,725	4,463,522	12.30%
UM	465,624,194	508,959,376	43,335,182	9.31%
USM	221,883,848	231,292,672	9,408,824	4.24%
Total	\$1,409,811,685	\$1,507,643,541	\$97,831,856	6.94%

Note: Excludes Capital Expense Funds and ARPA Act Funds.

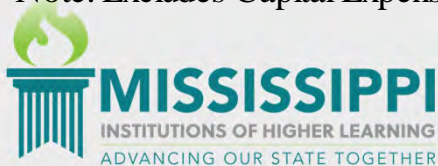


COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 2

Education and General Functional Budget Change in FY 2024 Original Budget to FY 2025

Functional Area	FY 2024	FY 2025	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Instruction	\$515,311,685	\$545,131,291	\$29,819,606	5.79%
Research	68,961,966	71,972,748	3,010,782	4.37%
Public Service	8,116,095	8,547,894	431,799	5.32%
Academic Support	134,845,222	145,548,270	10,703,048	7.94%
Student Services	92,185,009	97,107,414	4,922,405	5.34%
Institutional Support	160,774,160	174,003,111	13,228,951	8.23%
Operations & Maintenance	144,609,799	152,274,594	7,664,795	5.30%
Scholarships	281,070,678	305,338,499	24,267,821	8.63%
Transfers	3,937,071	7,719,720	3,782,649	96.08%
Total	\$1,409,811,685	\$1,507,643,541	\$97,831,856	6.94%

Note: Excludes Capital Expense Funds and ARPA Act Funds.



COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 2

Education and General Major Object Category Budget Change in FY 2024 Original Budget to FY 2025

Category	FY 2024	FY 2025	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Personnel	\$917,173,569	\$970,295,940	53,122,371	5.79%
Travel	9,756,426	11,098,043	1,341,617	13.75%
Contractual	422,208,720	457,789,445	35,580,725	8.43%
Commodities	20,673,458	20,916,470	243,012	1.18%
Capital	17,665,528	18,863,506	1,197,978	6.78%
Other	22,333,984	28,680,137	6,346,153	28.41%
Total	\$1,409,811,685	\$1,507,643,541	\$97,831,856	6.94%

Note: Excludes Capital Expense Funds and ARPA Act Funds.



COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 2

University of Mississippi Medical Center Operating Budget FY 2024 Compared to FY 2025

Budget	FY 2024	FY 2025	Dollar Change	Percent Change
School of Dentistry	\$24,574,684	\$23,283,111	(\$1,291,573)	-5.26%
School of Health Related Professions	13,949,435	14,149,160	199,725	1.43%
School of Medicine	224,487,216	223,771,060	(716,156)	-0.32%
School of Population Health	7,132,752	7,912,785	780,033	10.94%
School of Nursing	20,517,304	20,660,317	143,013	0.70%
Service Area	66,817,151	77,532,977	10,715,826	16.04%
University Hospital	1,528,521,531	1,547,327,436	18,805,905	1.23%
ARPA Funds	61,000,000	56,875,386	(4,124,614)	-6.76%
Total Budget	\$1,947,000,073	\$1,971,512,232	\$24,512,159	1.26%



Note: Auxiliary budget and restricted budget aggregated in the system presentation.

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Subsidiary Units (includes Executive Office, University Press & Student Financial Aid) Change in Total Operating Budget FY 2024 to FY 2025

Budget	FY 2024	FY 2025	Change	Percent Change	Appropriation
Urban Research Center	\$531,744	\$546,028	\$14,284	2.69%	100.00%
Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems	\$4,846,578	\$4,939,876	\$93,298	1.93%	100.00%
State Chemical Laboratory	\$3,748,250	\$2,401,216	(\$1,347,034)	-35.94%	86.69%
Water Resources Research Institute	\$351,676	\$353,177	\$1,501	0.43%	100.00%
Stennis Institute	\$770,935	\$790,415	\$19,480	2.53%	100.00%
Alcohol Safety Education Program (Special Funds)	\$1,884,965	\$1,917,645	\$32,680	1.73%	0.00%
Law Research Institute	\$2,864,369	\$2,905,621	\$41,252	1.44%	30.50%
Mineral Resources Institute	\$1,215,849	\$1,053,171	(\$162,678)	-13.38%	29.44%
Sciences	\$18,106,641	\$21,258,256	\$3,151,615	17.41%	21.26%
Supercomputer	\$649,817	\$659,556	\$9,739	1.50%	100.00%
Small Business Center	\$3,523,755	\$3,600,719	\$76,964	2.18%	8.99%
Center for Manufacturing Excellence	\$3,212,363	\$3,260,458	\$48,095	1.50%	100.00%
State Court Education Program	\$2,050,389	\$2,072,909	\$22,520	1.10%	100.00%
Mississippi Polymer Institute	\$913,091	\$918,408	\$5,317	0.58%	100.00%
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	\$10,255,901	\$10,580,266	\$324,365	3.16%	83.17%
Stennis Center	\$357,377	\$363,616	\$6,239	1.75%	100.00%
Executive Office	\$35,894,119	\$29,867,123	(\$6,026,996)	-16.79%	37.20%
Student Financial Aid	\$73,312,256	\$64,685,222	(\$8,627,034)	-11.77%	97.63%
University Press	\$3,373,669	\$3,328,785	(\$44,884)	-1.33%	0.00%



EXHIBIT 2

FY 2026 Legislative Funding Priorities Request Based on 5th Year of 6-Year Plan to Reach SREB Median Salaries

Budget	FY 2025	FY 2026	Requested Increase	Percent Increase
Campuses	\$456,509,208	\$456,509,208	\$0	0.00%
SREB Salary Increase	\$0	\$64,055,883	64,055,883	100.00%
PERS Increase	\$0	\$4,575,420	4,575,420	100.00%
Insurance Deductible Cost	\$0	\$16,000,000	16,000,000	100.00%
Operational Inflation Increase	\$0	\$39,411,049	39,411,049	100.00%
Facility Management Program	0	2,352,685	2,352,685	100.00%
Capital Funds	20,500,000	80,000,000	59,500,000	290.24%
Total E&G Request	477,009,208	662,904,245	185,895,037	38.97%
UMMC	203,488,031	208,768,445	5,280,414	2.59%
UMMC Capital Funds	100,000	20,450,000	20,350,000	20350.00%
Total UMMC	203,588,031	229,218,445	25,630,414	12.59%
Subsidiaries	41,304,259	45,268,632	3,964,373	9.60%
Agriculture (3)	97,824,689	108,983,699	11,159,010	11.41%
Total Request (2)	\$819,726,187	\$1,046,375,021	\$226,648,834	27.65%
SFA (1)	54,952,895	54,952,895	0	0.00%

(1) This appropriation request is approved by the Postsecondary Board. This Board has not yet acted on an appropriation request for FY 2026.

(2) Does not include \$111,500,000 appropriated for capital projects in FY2025. These funds will be requested under the bond bill in the fall.

(2) Does not include \$18,000,000 appropriated for MSU Veterinary School Fund for Wise Center.



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SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE MAY 16, 2024, 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.

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

1. **JSU-GS 103-326 – ARPA WATER STORAGE**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Pickering Firm, Inc. Architects

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 23, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 23, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Pickering Firm, Inc. Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$15,725,000.00

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

2. **MSU-IHL 205-283 ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS TO HUMPHREY COLISEUM PH 1**

Approval Request #1: Change Order #11

Board staff approved Change Order #11 in the amount of \$7,688.07 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 28, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #11 installed flip-up receptacles in the seating counter at the Sideline Club seating; installed exterior insulation & heat trace on the exposed fire main piping entering the south side of Long Tall Storage (LTS) Building; credit for reduction of labor related to structural steel component installation, mechanical systems work & roofing related work related to the reduction of the number of exhaust fans

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that were to be installed on the Arena roof & the utilization of existing curbs for the new exhaust fan replacements, in lieu of new penetration; and contingency reconciliation.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Eleven (11) change orders for a total amount of \$2,195,366.20.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: Dale Partners

General Contractor: Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$50,000,000.00

3. **MSU-IHL 205-326 – ROSENBAUM HEALTH SCIENCES RENOVATION-3RD FLOOR SIMULATION LABORATORY**

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the credit amount of \$32,111.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Mid State Construction of MS LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 31, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: HVAC allowance less Johnson Controls quote.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$194,215.00.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: LPK Architects

General Contractor: Mid State Construction of MS LLC.

Total Project Budget: \$4,250,000.00

4. **MSU- IHL 205-336 – SOUTH CAMPUS MECHANICAL PLANT**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 10, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 10, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$35,000,000.00

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5. **MSU-IHL 205-342– ARAMARK PERRY CAFETERIA ADDITION AND RENOVATION**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents, Energy Model and MDAH as submitted by Tipton Associates.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 31, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 20, 2022

Design Professional: Tipton Associates

General Contractor: Rycon

Total Project Budget: N/A privately funded

6. **MSU-IHL 405-002 – JIM AND THOMAS DUFF CENTER**

Approval Request #1: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$36,436.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of AnderCorp, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 23, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: omitted three (3) light fixtures at the northeast side of the Quad; installed pvc metal liner at all gutters; reconciliation of Safety Padding Allowance; installed additional block filling of all concrete masonry unit cavities in lieu of only the cavities with reinforcement at the window locations; added additional tapered roof insulation & higher curbs for roof top equipment at Mod-Bit roof; shifted underground electrical vault #2 and added an additional 35' of 4x6 duct bank to the north end and an additional 15' of 2x6 duct bank to the south end; re-routed the underground communications, tying into the Data Room at Dorman Hall and waterproofed all core drilled penetrations to make the tie-in.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$254,956.70.

Project Initiation Date: March 1, 2019

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: AnderCorp, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$65,000,000.00

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7. **UM- IHL 207-497 – NEW STUDENT HOUSING**

Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by McCarty Architects PA

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 21, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 21, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023

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Design Professional: McCarty Architects
General Contractor: Skanska USA Building, Inc. (CMA)
Phased Project Budget: \$162,895,251.32
Total Project Budget: \$165,000,000.00

8. **UM- IHL 207-501 GS 107-329 – ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE – WATER SOURCE**
Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,899,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Mid South Water, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 14, 2024

Project Initiation Date: February 16, 2023

Design Professional: W.L. Burle Engineers

General Contractor: Mid South Water, LLC

Project Budget: \$2,350,000.00

9. **UM- IHL 207-502 – NEW PARKING STRUCTURE**

Approval Request #1: Design Development Documents

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 14, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 31, 2023

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$50,000,000.00

10. **UM- IHL 207-510 – SOC FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT**

Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Corbett Legge & Associates, PLLC

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 3, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 3, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023

Design Professional: Corbett Legge & Associates, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,600,000.00

11. **UM- IHL 207-511 – BROWN HALL HVAC RENOVATION**

Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Corbett Legge & Associates, PLLC

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 8, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

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Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 8, 2024
Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022
Design Professional: Corbett Legge & Associates LLC
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: \$1,042,690.72

12. UM- IHL 407-008.1 – NWMP (ELECT. PH II) – 13 kV ELECT. DIST. IMP. PART

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Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Atwell and Gent, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 29, 2024

Approval request #2: Waiver of Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Waiver of Design Development Documents

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 29, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023

Design Professional: Atwell and Gent, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$1,650,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$25,200,000.00

13. UM- IHL 407-011 – UM EARLY LEARNING AND EVALUATION CENTER

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Development Documents

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 5, 2024

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

Design Professional: McCarty Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$32,775,000.00

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14. UMMC - 209-578 GROSS ANATOMY PHASE III

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$29,738.31 and ninety-one (91) additional days to the contract of Sunbelt General Contractors.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 20, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: disconnected an exhaust fan & installed a new one; installed a curb adapter; removed an old fan from the roof; insulated 2" and 4" cast iron pipe; insulated one pipe in the west corridor (Women's restroom) and one pipe (Dr. Oheda's office); and ninety-one (91) days to the contract.

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Order Justification: This change was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; latent job site conditions; user/owner requested modifications; and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$38,727.19.

Project Initiation Date: December 9, 2021

Design Professional: Dean & Dean Architects

General Contractor: Sunbelt General Contractors

Total Project Budget: \$1,700,000.00

15. UMMC - IHL 209-579 B.1 – UMMC COLONY PARKSITE GRADING AND UTILITIES

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$34,640.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Hemphill Construction Company, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 29, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: installed two (2) 8” water meters.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to changes in requirements or recommendations by governmental agencies.

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$68,914.47 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Hemphill Construction Company, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 29, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: replaced unsuitable soils discovered in the proposed building area.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to changes in requirements or recommendations by governmental agencies.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$94,330.38.

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

Design Professional: Cook Douglass Farr Lemons Architects + Engineers P.A.

General Contractor: Hemphill Construction Company, LLC

Phased Project Budget: 3,175,087.81

Total Project Budget: \$5,897,737.00

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16. USM – GS 108-296 – KINESIOLOGY BUILDING RENOVATION

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$28,815.72 and eleven (11) additional days to the contract of Hanco Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 20, 2024

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Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: changed size of 20 gauge hat channel; framed and installed gypsum board ceiling above an instrument lab; changed wall stud sizes in various locations; revised the electrical scope, applied demo credit for forty (40) floor boxes, demo remobilization cost; purchased additional steel for installation of new floor box openings; and eleven (11) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to changes in requirements or recommendations by governmental agencies; latent job site conditions; and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$151,406.76.

Project Initiation Date: March 19, 2020

Design Professional: Albert & Robinson Architects

General Contractor: Hanco Corporation

Total Project Budget: \$16,600,000.00

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1. 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 Ware|Immigration (statements dated 5/1/24, 5/1/24 and 5/1/24) from the funds of Alcorn State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,610.00, \$2,650.00 and \$960.00, represent services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,220.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statement dated 5/17/24) from the funds of Jackson State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$3,460.00, represents services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,460.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, PLLC (statement dated 5/21/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$87.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 87.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 1/3/24, 5/8/24 and 5/10/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,048.00, \$160.00 and \$160.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,368.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 5/1/24, 5/20/24 and 5/24/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$531.00, \$350.00 and \$715.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,596.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Barnes & Thornburg, LLP (statement dated 5/15/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,415.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,415.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 5/22/24, 5/22/24 and 5/22/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$14,848.00, \$5,696.00 and \$12,130.00, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 32,674.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statement dated 5/14/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$34,860.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 34,860.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 5/1/24, 5/1/24, 5/1/24, 5/1/24 and 5/1/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$549.00, \$3,000.00, \$4,000.00, \$2,000.00 and \$2,500.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 12,049.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 4/17/24 and 5/23/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$256.00 and \$2,622.53, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,878.53

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 5/2/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,211.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,211.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by McDonald Hopkins, LLC (statements dated 4/2/24 and 5/31/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$10,000.00 and \$334.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,334.50

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 4/24/24, 5/1/24, 5/1/24, 5/1/24, 5/1/24, 5/1/24 and 5/1/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$200.00, \$6,415.00, \$8,670.00, \$3,610.00, \$5,150.00, \$39.07 and \$541.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 24,625.07

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Zachary & Leggett, PLLC (statement dated 2/13/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,389.80, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,389.80

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose (statements dated 5/6/24 and 5/6/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Plug & Play Mount US Design Patent Application” - \$586.00; and “MSU File 2023.1215” - \$10,728.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 11,314.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy (statements dated 4/12/24, 4/12/24, 4/12/24, 5/23/24 and 5/23/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Drugs Conjugated with Hexose Phosphate and Methods of Making and Using Same” - \$90.00; “Vaccine Composition Comprising Recombinant Protein of Staphylococcus Aureus Attenuated Enterotoxin and Cytotoxin” - \$355.50; “Engineering of the Production of a Conformational Variant of Occidiofungin that has Enhanced Inhibitory Activity Against Fungal Species” - \$529.00; “Vaccine Composition Comprising Recombinant Protein of Staphylococcus Aureus Attenuated Enterotoxin and Cytotoxin” – \$2,242.32; and “Rapid Assay Methods and Kits for Detecting Neutralizing Antibody for Sars-Cov-2 Using Lateral Flow Assay and Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay” - \$300.00, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,516.82

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated 4/26/24, 4/26/24, 4/26/24, 4/26/24, 4/26/24, 5/20/24, 5/20/24, 5/20/24 and 5/20/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Unsymmetric CCC-HNC Pincer Metal Complexes and Methods of Use Thereof” - \$589.00; “Processing Conventional Papers and Pulps into Hydrophobic and Water-Resistant Packaging Materials and Tableware” -

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\$234.00; “Unsymmetric CCC-HNC Pincer” - \$1,914.00; “Unsymmetric CCC-HNC Pincer” - \$649.00; “Methods for Improving Rice Nutrition” - \$3,424.50; “Methods of Improving Rice Nutrition” - \$1,032.00; “Cottonseed Oil Polymer” - \$1,249.50; “Polymeric-Coated Electrodes for Sensing of Oil and Other Analytes in Liquid and Methods of Making” - \$3,123.50; and “Processing Conventional Papers and Pulps into Hydrophobic and Water-Resistant Packaging Materials and Tableware” - \$38.00, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 12,253.50