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Final Board Book
March 18-19, 2009

AGENDA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER
UNIVERSITIES CENTER
3825 RIDGEWOOD ROAD
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
March 18-19, 2009

Wednesday, March 18, 2009
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

- A. Committee Meetings:**
- 1:30 p.m. - Educational Policies and Programs
 - 2:30 p.m. - Budget, Finance, and Audit
 - 3:00 p.m. - Real Estate and Facilities
 - 3:30 p.m. - Governance/Legal

Times are approximate but all Committees will be adjourned by 5:00 p.m. Committees will begin following the conclusion of the previous committee meeting.

Thursday, March 19, 2009

- A. 8:30 a.m. – Call to Order**
- B. Prayer – Ms. Robin Robinson**
- C. Approval of Minutes**
 - ♦ February 18-19, 2009 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
- D. Consent Agenda – Ms. Amy Whitten**
- E. Efficiencies Report – Mr. Ed Blakeslee**
- F. Educational Policies & Programs – Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely**
- G. Budget, Finance, & Audit – Mr. Aubrey Patterson**
- H. Real Estate & Facilities – Mr. Scott Ross**
- I. Governance/Legal – Mr. Bob Owens**
- J. Commissioner’s Search Update – Mr. Ed Blakeslee**
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

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BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session at the Student Center on the Jackson State University campus in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 21, 2008, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this February 18-19, 2009 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering, Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith and Ms. Amy Whitten. Ms. Robin J. Robinson was absent. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Amy Whitten, President, and opened with prayer by Mr. Alan Perry.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Whitten welcomed everyone to the campus of Jackson State University. She commended the host of students and staff who formed the team who prepared for the Board's meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on January 14-15, 2009, stand approved.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Ronald Mason, President of Jackson State University, gave a presentation about the university's *Path to Greatness*.

2009 BLACK HISTORY MONTH RECOGNITION

Dr. Stacy Davidson, Chair of the Black History Month Committee, noted that each year the Board recognizes one individual from each public institution of higher learning who has contributed significantly to the positive advancement of diversity on his/her campus and in the community.

Dr. Davidson thanked the members of the committee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Smith, Dr. Rouse and Ms. Pearl Pennington, who is the IHL Director of Student Affairs, for their time and effort. He gave special thanks to Ms. Clotee Lewis, IHL Coordinator of Public Affairs, who has coordinated the efforts of this committee for the past nine years.

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

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Dr. Rudolph E. Waters, Sr.	Alcorn State University
Dr. Leslie Fadiga-Stewart	Delta State University
Dr. Joseph Martin Stevenson	Jackson State University
Dr. Tommy Stevenson	Mississippi State University
Ms. Grenell Rogers	Mississippi State University, Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Homer Wesley	Mississippi University for Women
Dr. Kathie Stromile-Golden	Mississippi Valley State University
Ms. Valeria Beasley-Ross	University of Mississippi
Ms. Zelma Cason	University of Mississippi Medical Center

Dr. Davidson announced Dr. Eddie A. Holloway, Dean of Students and Assistant Professor of Psychology, at The University of Southern Mississippi, as the Black History Month Educator of the Year. Honorable Charles L. Young, Sr., Mississippi House of Representatives, Universities and Colleges Chairman, was recognized as the special community honoree. Dr. Holloway and the Honorable Charles Young were each presented with a resolution and plaque commemorating this award. **(See Exhibits 1 and 2.)**

PRESENTATION

Mr. Owens presented a resolution to Grammy Award Winner Cassandra Wilson, Jackson State University Alumni. **(See Exhibit 3.)**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT

1. **UM** -Approved the request to enter into a two-year service agreement with PCS Link, Inc., d/b/a Greenwood and Hall. The purpose of the agreement is to provide inbound call center services for the Bursar and Financial Aid Offices. The period of the agreement is April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011. The agreement may be extended for up to four additional one-year terms upon the consent of both parties. The monthly service fee is \$28,016.67. Based on an estimated 82,000 calls, the total cost for the contract period is \$672,400. The agreement will be funded via general funds. This agreement which was been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *February 18-19, 2009 Board Working File*.
2. **UMMC** – Approved the 37th amendment to its lease agreement with the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation. The purpose of the amendment is to lease an additional 2,522 square feet for the UMMC Training Center. The space will be used to conduct basic and advanced life support courses for medical students, staff, faculty and the community. The term of the amendment is March 1, 2009 to February 28, 2015. The agreement provides for an option to renew for two additional five-year periods. The cost per square foot is \$24.39 and includes the cost of construction for needed

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renovations, house-keeping and common area maintenance. The annual cost is \$61,512 or \$369,072 for the entire lease period. The agreement will be funded via general funds. This agreement which was been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *February 18-19, 2009 Board Working File*.

3. **UMMC** - Approved the request to enter into a parking lease agreement with the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration. The purpose of the agreement is to lease parking spaces at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium. The agreement period is February 23, 2009 to December 31, 2013. The agreement provides for an option to renew for two additional five-year periods. The annual rental payment is \$464,000 for a total contract cost of \$2,320,000. The agreement will be funded via interest income. This agreement which was been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *February 18-19, 2009 Board Working File*.
4. **UMMC** - Approved the request to enter into a collection services agreement with Smith, Rouchon and Associates, Inc. The purpose of the agreement is for first placement of unpaid balances for services rendered by UMMC. The agreement period is February 23, 2009 to February 22, 2010. The collection fee is 25% for both regular and legal accounts with the total commission not to exceed \$250,000 during the contract period. The agreement will be funded via patient revenue. This agreement which was been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *February 18-19, 2009 Board Working File*.
5. **UMMC** - Approved the request to enter into a collection services agreement with Smith, Rouchon and Associates, Inc. The purpose of the agreement is for second placement of unpaid balances for services rendered by UMMC. The agreement period is February 23, 2009 to February 22, 2010. The collection fee is 36% for both regular and legal accounts and 16.2% for insurance payments with the total commission not to exceed \$1,500,000 during the contract period. The agreement will be funded via patient revenue. This agreement which was been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is included in the *February 18-19, 2009 Board Working File*.

6. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

CHANGE OF STATUS

Alcorn State University
McAfee, Dalton

University of Mississippi - Athletics
Richard K. Austin; Assistant Football Coach; Athletics; *from* contract period of January 18, 2008 to December 31, 2009; \$290,000 annual salary; Auxiliary Funds; *to* effective January 01, 2009 a one-year extension to December 31, 2010; \$300,000 per annum; Auxiliary Funds

Michael J. Markuson; Assistant Football Coach; Athletics; *from* contract period of January 08, 2008 to December 31, 2010; \$300,000 annual salary; Auxiliary Funds; *to* effective January 01, 2009 a one-year extension to December 31, 2011; \$305,000 per annum; Auxiliary Funds

Tyrone Nix; Assistant Football Coach; Athletics; *from* contract period of January 01, 2008 to December 31, 2010; \$350,000 annual salary; Auxiliary Funds; *to* effective January 01, 2009 a one-year extension to December 31, 2011; \$355,000 per annum; Auxiliary Funds

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University of Mississippi
Cyree, Kendall B.

EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

Alcorn State University
Bequette, Barry

Mississippi Valley State University
Stevenson, Joseph

SABBATICAL LEAVE

University of Mississippi
Barnard, Robert
Barnes, Richard L.
Bullard, Mercer
Christoff, Karen
Cleary, John D.
Cooper, Alice
Davis, Walter D.
Dor, George
Easson, Gregory L.
Erdim, Esim

Field, Lester
Fisher-Wirth, Ann
Gilliland, Kristy L.
Guo, Gang
Harker, Jaime
Heyworth, Gregory
Kishk, Ahmed A.
Lake, Elise
Lee, Kai Fong
Levitt, Theresa
Marshall, Tom
Ochs, Cliff
O'Sullivan, Dan
Percy, E. Farish
Reed, David
Ross, Charles
Roy, Lisa Shaw
Tschumper, Gregory
Vorhies, Douglas W.
Watson III, Judson (Jay)
Wicker, Nancy
Williamson, John S.
Young-Minor, Ethel

**EDUCATIONAL POLICIES &
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, February 18, 2009**

The Committee was brought to order at approximately 3:15 p.m. by Chairman Bettye Neely. The following items were discussed/voted upon:

1. The Committee received a presentation about GearUp Mississippi from Director Nira Coleman Johnson.
2. On motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Smith, with Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve agenda item #1.
3. Dr. Lynn House thanked her colleagues at Alcorn State University for providing an area for the Chief Academic Officers to meet.

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

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Presented by Dr. Bettye Neely, Chair
Thursday, February 19, 2009

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

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Educational Policies & Programs Agenda.

1. **System Administration** – Approved the proposed amendments and additions to Board Policy 600 Student Affairs and Admissions for final approval. (See Exhibit 4.)

**BUDGET, FINANCE & AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

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

1. The Committee received a presentation concerning a Property Insurance Evaluation conducted by the Willis HRH firm. Mr. Cliff Tucker, IHL Director of Insurance and Risk Management, introduced the presenters Mr. Mike Honeycutt, Vice President in the Public Entity Group of Willis, and Mr. Mark Good, Senior Vice President and Regional Director in the Public Entity Group of Willis. On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Pickering, and unanimously passed by the those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve agenda item #1 with the amendment that the entire Budget, Finance & Audit Committee would approve the Board staff's recommendation not just the Chair.
2. Mr. Patterson invited Dr. Lucas and the Institutional Executive Officers to briefly discuss the impact of the budget reductions on their institutions.

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

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Presented by Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Chair
Thursday, February 19, 2009

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

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #2 as submitted on the Budget, Finance & Audit Agenda.

1. **System Administration** – Mr. Patterson reported that yesterday the Committee heard from the institutions about the impact of the current year and projected budget reductions that have been

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taken. He thanked Dr. Lucas and the Institutional Executive Officers for their presentations which were thoughtful and proactive.

2. **System Administration** - Authorized the Office of Risk Management, with the assistance of Willis HRH, to proceed in obtaining quotes to purchase the multi-peril property coverage on university properties. Prior to completing the purchase, the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee will be contacted for approval. An information item will be presented to the Board in May regarding resolution of the matter. The Board office, through the Office of Risk Management, engaged Willis HRH to conduct a study of the current property insurance coverage for all universities in response to Senate Bill No. 3118. The study was also to explore the most cost efficient way to provide the appropriate property coverage, including but not limited to, boiler and machinery. The finding was that overall the coverage of buildings or contents in the system are not adequate. It was also determined that it would be more cost efficient and provide more comprehensive coverage for all universities and entities to place all property coverage through a system property program.

**REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES
COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, February 18, 2009**

The Committee was brought to order at approximately 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Scott Ross. The following items were discussed/voted upon:

1. The Committee received a presentation about the development of the Cotton Mills Market Place at Mississippi State University from Mr. Mark Nicholas of Nicholas Properties, LLC and Mr. Brooks Holstein of COMVEST Properties, LLC.
2. Dr. George Ross gave the Committee a brief update on the privatized student housing project. ASU is working with seven banks to secure a letter of credit. Two local banks have expressed interest. There is still a need for a national bank to take the lead. The project completion date has been pushed back to Fall 2010. In the meantime the other project teams continue to work. All of the schematic drawings are finished. Next are the construction documents. Last Friday, ASU personnel interviewed 4 short list general contractors. One will be chosen by the end of this week. This project will generate between 350 and 400 jobs. Each of the four contractors assured Dr. Ross that the majority of those jobs will be Mississippians. Two of those contractors have already contacted subcontractors in Mississippi.
3. The Committee received a presentation from IHL Assistant Commissioner for Real Estate & Facilities Mr. Harry Sims regarding the *Sprinkler Systems for Residence Halls, Fraternities and Sororities*.
4. On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended the Board approve agenda items #1 - #6.
5. On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Dr. Rouse, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended the Board approve agenda items #7 - #8.

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

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Presented by Mr. Scott Ross, Chair

Thursday, February 19, 2009

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

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda items #1 - #8 as submitted on the following Real Estate & Facilities Agenda.

1. **DSU** - Approved the initiation of **IHL 202-138, Statesman Park Project**, to construct a new boulevard from Highway 8 to the athletic fields and the request to begin the professional selection process. The university has been awarded this project from the Delta Region Transportation Development Program. The total project budget is \$1,837,500. Funds are available from a grant of the Delta Region Transportation Development Program in the amount of \$1,470,000 and the City of Cleveland in the amount of \$367,500. Professional Services Contract: N/A
2. **MVSU** - Approved the initiation of **GS 106-215, Campus Lighting Improvements**, and the appointment of The Power Source Company as the project professionals. The total project budget is \$200,000. Funds are available from IHL Discretionary Funds HB 246, Laws of 2007, as previously approved by the Board. Professional Services Contract: The Power Source Company
3. **UM** - Approved the initiation of **IHL 207-319, Palmer-Salloum Tennis Facility**, for the pre-planning of a tennis facility and the appointment of Eley Guild Hardy as the project professionals. The pre-planning budget is \$200,000. Funds are available from private donations. Professional Services Contract: Eley Guild Hardy
4. **UM** - Approved the initiation of **IHL 207-320, Mississippi Small Business Development Center**, and the request to begin the professional selection process for the design of a new 5,000 square foot building to house the Mississippi Small Business Development Center. The total project budget is \$2,000,000. Funds are available from a United States Congress grant. Professional Services Contract: N/A
5. **USM** - Approved the initiation of **GS 108-258, Paving Repairs**, and the appointment of Andrews-Ford Engineering Services of Hattiesburg, MS as project professionals. The project is for paving maintenance and repairs to campus streets and parking lots. The total project budget is \$650,000. Funds are available from HB 246, Laws of 2007. Professional Services Contract: Andrews-Ford Engineering Services
6. **USM** - Approved the initiation of **IHL 208-288, Post Office Build-Out, Cochran Center**, and the appointment of Albert & Associates as project professionals. This project consists of a "shelled-out" area that will be built-out to accommodate the post office, copy center and photo services in the Cochran Center. The total project budget is \$1,500,000. Funds are available from the Post Office Reserve Fund (\$840,000) and Vending Service Revenue (\$660,000). Professional Services Contract: Albert & Associates

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7. **DSU** - Approved the request to issue a "Request for Proposal" for qualified bidders for **IHL 202-133, New Residence Hall**, for the construction of a new residence hall and a faculty/staff apartment unit. Delta State University will use the private financing delivery method. This item has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office.
8. **USM** - Project **IHL 208-286, Parking Structure**, was approved for initiation in April of 2008. The project will be a parking structure with a capacity of 900 to 1200 spaces, be privately funded for design/construction, and be leased back to the university for a period not to exceed 31 years. The revenue stream to cover the lease payments would be generated by increasing parking permit fees, ticket surcharges on athletic and performing arts events on campus and by instituting a visitor parking fee. After discussions among university personnel, designers and contractors, this appears to be a project well suited for execution under the authority granted in *Miss Code Ann.*, 37-101-41, as amended, for the alternative dual phase design-build process for constructing auxiliary facilities with private funding.

Approved the following requests:

- A. the request to pursue the dual phase design-build process for construction of a parking structure on the University of Southern Mississippi campus;
 - B. the request approval of the site. The proposed project site location is in accordance with the campus master plan approved by the Board in 2008;
 - C. the request to use the advertisement requirements set forth in *Miss Code Ann.*, 31-7-13.1(3), as amended, in advertising for the Dual-Phase Design-Build process; and
 - D. the request to use specific evaluation criteria in selecting the short list of development teams to participate in phase 2 of the selection process. A copy of the criteria is included in the bound *Februaruy 18-19, 2009 Board Working File*. No more than 3 development teams will be recommended to the IHL Board using this process.
9. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received the Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the January 14-15, 2009 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. **(See Exhibit 5.)**

GOVERNANCE/LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Bob Owens, Chair
Thursday, February 19, 2009

1. **System Administration (Information item.)** - The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. **(See Exhibit 6.)**

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**COMMISSIONER AND CHANCELLOR
SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Thursday, February 19, 2009

- ▶ At the University of Mississippi campus this past Tuesday, February 17, 2009, many Board members attended listening sessions. The sessions gave the Board the opportunity to meet with various university constituency groups to hear what they would like in their next chancellor. This information will be used to draft the position description and job announcement, which will be completed in the next few weeks, as soon as the search consultant and search advisory committees are named.
- ▶ Dr. Aubrey Lucas, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education, has received nominations from the various Ole Miss constituency groups—students, faculty, staff, athletics, foundation, alumni, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, etc.—for people to serve on the Search Advisory Committee. The Board Search Committee is in the process of making sure that the Search Advisory Committee will be reflective of the entire Ole Miss community, and will then extend invitations for those individuals to serve. That committee should be finalized and the names released in the next few weeks. It will be the responsibility of the search advisory committee to review the applications and nominations, and forward no less than five names to the Board for consideration.
- ▶ Also in the next few weeks, the Board will announce whom it will use as its search consultant. When the RFP for consultants was issued, the Board asked for a firm that would be able to handle both searches.
- ▶ With regard to the Commissioner search which is chaired by Trustee Ed Blakeslee, tomorrow, members of the Board will meet with the Mississippi Board of Education and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges to hear what these groups would like to see in the next Commissioner of Higher Education. The Board will also meet with other key constituency groups, including the community and junior college presidents, System faculty and staff, and members of the legislative and business communities. As soon as the logistics are finalized these meeting dates will be announced.
- ▶ Although official invitations have not been extended yet, the Board plans to ask the Institutional Executive Officers, members of the Executive Office cabinet, and some “at large” staff members to serve on the Commissioner Search Advisory Committee.
- ▶ Finally, an aggressive timeframe with both searches has been drafted with both the Chancellor and the Commissioner named by the end of May. With that in mind, the Board is in the process of developing a “master calendar” of dates that plot the searches from start to finish. That master calendar will be completed soon and issued as tentative dates in the form of a news release.
- ▶ Also, as both search committees make progress, information is posted to both search sites, located on the IHL website, at www.mississippi.edu/ihl. The webcasts from the Ole Miss listening sessions are accessible there now. As always, as the information is formalized, the updates will be issued to the Ole Miss community and the media on a regular basis.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Presented by Dr. Aubrey Lucas, Interim Commissioner

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

- ▶ Finally, I am pleased to present to you today the institutional **Best Practices winners for 2008**. Best Practices draws on the talents and knowledge of all institutional personnel to identify current successful practices, evaluate their effectiveness and explore options for improvement, which are then documented, shared, and adapted for use by others. The efforts being made to effectively utilize every dollar while promoting accountability, efficiency, productivity and effective utilization of technology must be applauded. All of us should be very proud of our campuses.
- ▶ This is the fourth year you have conducted the Best Practices competition, which is designed to highlight efforts that create efficient and effective practices initiated at our institutions in the areas of Academics; Finance, Business and Administration; Student Services; and Technology. Entries are judged and winners awarded by university peer groups—for example, the institutional chief academic officers judged the academic affairs entries and determined the winners in that category. Institutions winning first place will receive \$10,000 and institutions winning second place will receive \$5,000. These awards are funded by your incentive pool. Certain key personnel responsible for the winning entries may be with us today. Any available personnel involved with the second-place winning entries will stand and be recognized, and I will call on the institutional executive officers of the first place winners to give brief comments.
- ▶ I would like to thank Deputy Commissioner of Finance and Administration Dr. Linda McFall for again facilitating this competition.
- ▶ Today I'm just giving you a preview. More specific information will be included on our website, www.mississippi.edu/ihl. In addition, the institutional Best Practices will be developed into a brochure for nationwide media distribution and will again be shared with your campuses. We hope that these best practices are being used on each university campus to promote accountability and efficiency.
- ▶ At this time, it is an honor for me to announce the winners of the 2008 Best Practices.
 - ▶ Second place in the Academic Affairs category goes to **Mississippi University for Women** for their program "Improving Student Success Through Mentorship." MUW's College Success Mentorship program promotes the academic success of incoming first-year and transfer students by providing them with the personalized attention that they need to be successful in a new and often alien environment. The program identifies ten mentors from the Columbus community and assigns them 50 first-time students each. After initial training, the mentors contact their students, ideally once a week via e-mail or phone. In their conversations, mentors assist students with their adjustment to college life, direct students to campus resources, and remind them about important academic policies and deadlines. The success of the program is evidenced by MUW working with IHL's strategic initiative to increase the number and quality of baccalaureate degrees in the state by providing greater access, supporting student success and increasing retention and enrollment rates of students. The mentorship program is helping promote these goals. Congratulations, Dr. Limbert!
 - ▶ First place in the Academic Affairs category goes to the **University of Mississippi** for their "Contractual Readmission Program." The University of Mississippi's Contractual Readmission Program is an effective, low-cost service provided to undergraduates returning from academic suspension and dismissal. The program is administered by the Center for

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Excellence in Teaching and Learning in close cooperation with the Department of Leadership and Counselor Education. Benefits of the program are realized at three levels: (1) undergraduates are the primary recipients of academic counseling and consulting services, (2) counselors-in-training receive clinical supervision and on-site training, and (3) doctoral level Counselor Educators gain valuable administrative and supervisory experiences. Congratulations on a wonderful program!

- ▶ Next we have the Student Services category. Winning second place is the **University of Mississippi** for its initiative “Luckyday Success Program.” The Luckyday Success Program, established in 2003 at the University of Mississippi, provides high school to college adjustment training to approximately 130 incoming freshmen each year who are recipients of the Luckyday Scholarship. Student success at the university is the primary benefit of the Luckyday Program. In a span of five years, retention of freshmen from the first year to the second year has increased. For the 2007-2008 Luckyday Scholars Cohort, the retention rate from first year to second year was 88.5% compared to an institutional rate of 78.3%. Dr. Khayat, this is a great initiative for providing the financial and academic training components most needed by students for successful transition to college.
- ▶ Winning first place in the Student Services category is the **University of Southern Mississippi**’s “Southern Miss CARE Program.” The University of Southern Mississippi is committed to creating a culture of academic success for its students through The CARE System (Campus Action Referral and Evaluation System). The strategic focus of the CARE System is to promote the culture of healthy minds as it creates a safe and secure campus environment. The program was established in response to the recognized need for collaborative services to manage students with mental health issues and behaviors that interrupt the learning environment. The CARE System has become a sustainable cost-effective best practice intervention that is a benefit to both our campus and the surrounding Hattiesburg community. Congratulations, Dr. Saunders.
- ▶ Next, taking second place in the Technology category is the “Sustainable Data Center,” implemented by the **University of Southern Mississippi**. As of August, 2007, the Southern Miss Data Center hardware and human resources areas were functioning at maximum capacity. The Information Technology Department needed to have a hardware and software solution that would provide a way to expand servers, while being mindful of resource constraints, for the next five years. One of the benefits of the data center is that with virtualization, USM can reduce the number of servers and related IT hardware in the Data Center. This leads to reductions in real estate, power and cooling requirements, resulting in significantly lower IT costs. Congratulations again, Dr. Saunders.
- ▶ Taking first place in the Information Technology category is the **University of Mississippi** with “An Automated Solution for Processing Transfer Work.” Prior to the implementation of Equivalency Determination and Transfer Articulation, paper copies of transcripts were circulated to dean's offices. This was a slow process, and one never knew if the transcript on file was the most recent version. Finally, this transfer work can be recognized and acted on in the subsequent automated processing of academic rules. This best practice is a great example of how a university can transition its academic processes from paper-based and manual to fully-automated and streamlined, using state-of-the-art technology. What an awesome best practice.

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- ▶ Our last category is Finance, Business, and Administration. Taking second place in this category is the **University of Mississippi's** "Interactive Employee Appraisal System." Over the past three years, the University of Mississippi has designed, developed and deployed an online, interactive employee appraisal process for university faculty and staff. This development was the result of a collaborative effort between the offices of the Provost, Human Resources and Information Technology to deliver more streamlined, efficient, and robust 'self service' applications to the university community. Built-in reporting tools allow the Office of Human Resources to monitor the progress of appraisals to assure that departments meet stated deadlines for submission, which results in an overall higher number of completed appraisals by the published deadlines. The electronic storage of this information will greatly reduce the need for paper files for each employee. Dr. Khayat, anytime you can reduce the need for paper, this is not only a great cost savings, but also a secure way to store information.
- ▶ Finally, taking first place in the Finance, Business, and Administration category is **Delta State University's** "Energy Conservation." Raising the energy conservation awareness of faculty and staff at Delta State University reduced energy consumption to historic lows in FY08. The university utility expenditures were reduced by 10.8%. The university spent \$321,747 fewer dollars on utilities than the previous year. In recognition of this best practice, the university received the Mississippi Development Authority's State Energy Management Program (SEMP) award for energy management. Dr. Hilpert, what a difference! With ongoing budget cuts and the recession, this is a great example of how we can all chip in and reduce our utility costs, resulting in cost savings to benefit our students. Dr. Hilpert, congratulations to your and your team.
- ▶ I congratulate the winners, and all the institutions who submitted entries for the 2008 Best Practices competition. You can read more online at www.mississippi.edu/ihl.
- ▶ Madame President, this brings me to the end of my report.

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Ms. Whitten congratulated Dr. Lucas and Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration Dr. Linda McFall for leading the efforts in efficiencies areas. Both are very involved in the efficiencies task force which is being led from the campuses. Trustee Blakeslee was asked to serve as a liaison to that effort to help facilitate the connections. Mr. Robert Bass, IHL Executive Project Manager for Gulf Coast Operations, is leading that effort for the Board staff. Ms. Whitten thanked everyone on the campuses who have participated in the efficiencies meetings.

**FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION
Thursday, February 19, 2009**

On motion by Dr. Neely, with Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. The Board members discussed whether a particular matter was appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Perry, with Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board returned to open session.

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ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA

Presented by Dr. Aubrey Lucas, Interim Commissioner
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1. **System Administration** - Election of Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the term beginning May 8, 2009 and ending May 7, 2010.

Ms. Whitten opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board. Dr. Davidson nominated Dr. Bettye Neely, the motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Ross, with Ms. Robinson absent and not voting. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. It was

RESOLVED, that Dr. Bettye Neely was elected as Vice President of the Board for a one year term, beginning May 8, 2009.

2. **System Administration (Information item.)** - In compliance with Board policy, the following items have been approved by the Interim Commissioner on behalf of the Board:
 - a. Annual Additional Compensation Report for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, as required by IHL Board Policy 401.0103, Salaries and Compensation.
 - b. Quarterly Employment Reports for the period of October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, as required by Board Policy 401.0102 Delegation of Authority and 801.08 Outside Employment.

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Ms. Whitten thanked Jackson State University President Ron Mason for the wonderful and ambitious set of goals for the university. She commended him and his staff for hosting the February Board meeting.

**SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION
Thursday, February 19, 2009**

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

Discussion of a litigation matter at the University of Southern Mississippi,
Discussion of a personnel matter at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and
Discussion of a personnel matter at the IHL Board Office.

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

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On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Ms. Pickering, with Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board denied Dr. John Kermode's request for Board review of the University of Mississippi Medical Center's recommendation to terminate him as a tenured professor. The Board approved the university's recommendation to terminate Dr. Kermode.

At this point, Mr. Alan Perry recused himself and left the room before the discussion and action on the USM litigation matter. On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Ms. Robinson and Mr. Perry absent and not voting, the Board approved the proposed settlement as presented by counsel of the case styled *USM v. Westchester*.

Mr. Alan Perry returned to the room.

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

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Interim Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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EXHIBITS

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| Exhibit 1 | Resolution honoring Dr. Eddie A. Holloway, Dean of Students and Assistant Professor of Psychology, at The University of Southern Mississippi, as the Black History Month Educator of the Year. |
| Exhibit 2 | Resolution honoring the Honorable Charles L. Young, Sr., Mississippi House of Representatives, Universities and Colleges Chairman, as the special community honoree. |
| Exhibit 3 | Resolution honoring Grammy Award Winner Cassandra Wilson who is a Jackson State University Alumni. |
| Exhibit 4 | Proposed amendments and additions to Board Policy 600 Student Affairs and Admissions for final approval. |
| Exhibit 5 | Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the January 14-15, 2009 Board meeting. |
| Exhibit 6 | Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. |

RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. EDDIE A. HOLLOWAY 2009 Black History Month Educator of the Year

*WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning pays tribute to and recognizes **Dr. Eddie A. Holloway**, dean of students and assistant professor of psychology at The University of Southern Mississippi, as the 2009 Black History Month Educator of the Year; and*

*WHEREAS, **Dr. Holloway** earned a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in personnel management; a master's degree in counseling administration and community health education; and a doctoral degree in educational administration from The University of Southern Mississippi; and*

*WHEREAS, for 40 years, **Dr. Holloway** has been either a student or a faithful employee and tireless supporter of Southern Miss; and*

*WHEREAS, as a teenager growing up in the Hattiesburg area, **Dr. Holloway** began working in 1968 at Southern Miss as a dishwasher in food services, before he began his collegiate career in 1970, and then became a residence hall manager in 1972; and*

*WHEREAS, by 1979, **Dr. Holloway** was named university counselor and instructor of counseling psychology, a title which he held for 15 years; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1994, while still teaching classes, **Dr. Holloway** was selected as assistant dean of students and four years later was named dean of students; and*

*WHEREAS, as an assistant professor of psychology, **Dr. Holloway** teaches a number of graduate classes, which gives him the opportunity to serve as an outstanding role model for future educators and professionals; and*

*WHEREAS, **Dr. Holloway's** contributions to diversity and to strong positive relationships among all constituents of the university and the broader community, crossing racial, gender, and economic boundaries, are numerous, varied, and highlighted by his leadership efforts; and*

*WHEREAS, **Dr. Holloway** exhibits a phenomenal understanding of the needs often found in college students today and has helped many of them adjust to life on campus as well as trained many professional educators to be more sensitive to diversity issues; and*

*WHEREAS, as result of **Dr. Holloway's** strong understanding of counseling a diverse population of students with varied needs, he has played an integral role in the development of the position of Assistant Dean of Students of Diversity and the university's Office of Minority Affairs; and*

*WHEREAS, **Dr. Holloway** has also been a dynamic leader off campus, where he served four terms as a city councilman in Hattiesburg; co-founded the Salvation Army's Boys and Girl's Club and serves on its Board of Directors; and helped develop the Area Development Partnerships' Leaders for a New Century program and the Evening Optimist Club of Hattiesburg, which promotes opportunities for African American youth in the community; and*

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WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway has received numerous honors and awards for his work as a community leader including the City of Petal Mississippi African American History Honoree; the Outstanding Mississippian Award, the Humanitarian Award, and the Drum Major Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holloway has been involved in many organizations, such as the Jaycees of Mississippi; the Hattiesburg Juneteenth Committee; and Greater Antioch Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and

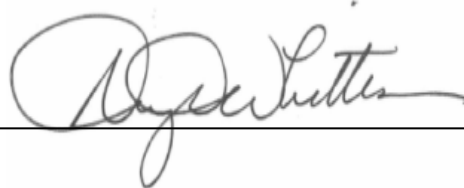
WHEREAS, Dr. Martha Saunders, President of The University of Southern Mississippi, summarizes **Dr. Holloway's** success with the following:

"Dr. Holloway has been a strong voice for diversity while demonstrating exemplary professionalism. He is not only a role model but also a superb mentor. His commitment to academic excellence makes him an extremely valuable resource at Southern Miss and an excellent choice for recognition by the Board's Black History Month Committee."

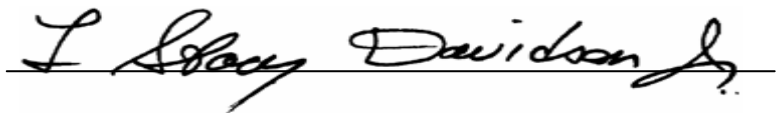
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning takes great pride in recognizing **Dr. Eddie A. Holloway** as "Educator of the Year" in observance of Black History Month for his tireless efforts in the pursuit of excellence in education and commitment to positive advancement of diversity at The University of Southern Mississippi and in the community, that have fostered a better understanding and appreciation of African American history and culture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be included in the minutes of the Board and a copy presented to **Dr. Holloway** to share with his family in recognition of his commitment to diversity in higher education.

DONE, this the 19th day of February, 2009.



Amy Whitten, President of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



Dr. L. Stacy Davidson, Jr., Chair of the Board of Trustees' Black History Month Committee



RESOLUTION

HONORING CHARLES LEMUEL YOUNG, SR.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning pays tribute to and recognizes **Charles Lemuel Young, Sr., chairman of the House Universities and Colleges Committee, Mississippi State House of Representatives**, in observance of Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** was born August 27, 1931, in Meridian, Mississippi, to Velma Beal Young and E. F. Young, Jr., attended the Meridian public schools, and went on to receive a bachelors of science degree in business administration from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** served in the United States Army and received the Bronze Star for duty in the Korean War, after which he was honorably discharged and returned home to assist in the family business; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, **Charles L. Young** married Doretha D. Conner, a former officer in the United States Army, and subsequently had four children, Charles, Jr., Deidre, Arthur, and Veldore; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** was extensively involved in the Civil Rights movement, becoming the first African-American to join the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, a position that enabled him to break many barriers of racial segregation in the community; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young's** political efforts led to his appointment by Governor Cliff Finch to serve on the first Board of Corrections in the state of Mississippi in 1976; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** was elected in 1979 to his first term in the Mississippi Legislature, taking office in January 1980, and later serving as chairman of the House Municipalities Committee, longtime chairman of the House Universities and Colleges Committee and member of the Ways and Means, Banking, Joint Reapportionment and Redistricting, and Transportation Committees; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** has served as chairman and is a member of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus and a 35-year member of the National Democratic Party, with the distinction of being the first African-American to address the National Democratic Party Convention during the 1960's; and

WHEREAS, as the influential chairman of the Universities and Colleges Committee, **Charles L. Young** has played a major role in the development of the state's system of higher education, both on budget and policy matters, as a result of which Mississippi's system of higher education has emerged, in recent years as one of the strongest systems in the Southeastern part of the United States; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** has served on several special task forces appointed by the Speaker of the House, including a panel to study the state's criminal justice system and another to study the state's system of property taxation; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** is founder of Headstart in Mississippi and a lifetime Board member, and founder of Mississippi Action for Progress; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** has also been active in the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), an organization of legislative leaders from 16 southern states, serving as chairman of its Economic and Cultural Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** has worked tirelessly to help Meridian Community College, East Mississippi State Hospital, the Riley Center, and Hope Village for Children; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** continues to open new doors for the betterment of children and his community as evidenced by his involvement with youth, including sponsoring a tennis camp for over 100 children each year; and

WHEREAS, **Charles L. Young** was one of the first African-American entrepreneurs to participate in the broadcast communications industry; and

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WHEREAS, Charles L. Young is a successful businessman, serving as president of E.F. Young Jr. Manufacturing Company located in Meridian, Mississippi and major stockholder in the ownership of several Mississippi television stations; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Young has received numerous community, state, and national awards for this excellence and outstanding service in business and politics, including being honored as Mississippi's Minority Business Person of the Year and being repeatedly recognized as one of Mississippi's and the South's most outstanding businessmen; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Young's affiliations include membership in Kappa Alpha Psi, the Prince Hall Mason's, the Elk's Lodge, and life membership in the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Young is a member of the Newel Chapel C.M.E. Church where he has been a Trustee and member of the Stewart Board for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Young is a true humanitarian who has established an admirable record of service to the state of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Young's uncommon fortitude and commitment to working to enhance the quality of life for African Americans and all the citizens of Mississippi have touched the lives of all who know him and earned him the respect and admiration of people in Mississippi and all over the world; and

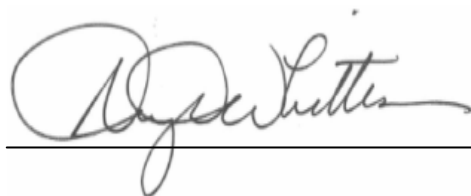
WHEREAS, Charles L. Young's service to the state and nation may best be summed up in the words of this quote [author unknown]: "The highest courage is to dare to be yourself in the face of adversity, choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience and truth over popularity . . . these are the choices that measure your life. Travel the path of integrity without looking back, for there is never a wrong time to do the right thing"; and

WHEREAS, Charles L. Young, Sr., is to be commended and accorded the Board's highest accolades for the distinction and honor he has brought to our state and the nation in furthering the cause of education and justice and equality for all citizens; and

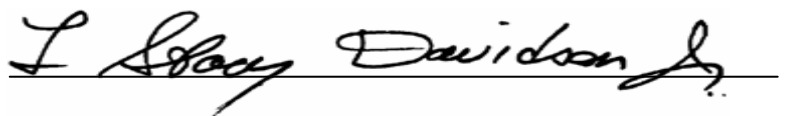
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning takes great pride in honoring **Charles Lemuel Young, Sr.,** for his untiring efforts and commitment to preserve the heritage of African-Americans and all citizens of the state of Mississippi, and wishes him God's richest blessings in his future successes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be included in the minutes of the Board and a copy presented to **Charles Lemuel Young, Sr.,** to share with his children in recognition of his lifelong work.

DONE, this the 19th day of February, 2009.



Amy Whitten, President of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



Dr. L. Stacy Davidson, Jr., Chair of the Board of Trustee's Black History Month Committee



EXHIBIT 3

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RESOLUTION**HONORING
CASSANDRA WILSON**

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson was born in 1955 in Jackson, Mississippi to a musician father and educator mother, who inspired in their youngest child an early love of music; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson studied the piano for 13 years, played the clarinet in school marching bands, and taught herself to play the guitar from her father's books; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson, while attending Jackson State University in the late 1970s, formed the band, Past, Present and Future, which included three other female musicians, two of whom she continues to work and collaborate with today, Rhonda Richmond and Nellie Mc-Ginnis; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson graduated Cum Laude from Jackson State University in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in mass communications, before moving to New Orleans, Louisiana, and then to New York City; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson became one of the founding members and lead vocalist of Steve Coleman's M-Base Collective, a group of musicians that re-imagined funk and soul within the context of traditional and avant-garde jazz; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson has had a prolific career, recording 19 solo albums since 1985, including *Point of View* (1985); *Days Aweigh* (1987); *Blue Skies* (1988); *Jumpworld* (1989); *She Who Weeps* (1990); *Live* (1991); *After the Beginning Again* (1991); *Dance to the Drums Again* (1992); *Blue Light 'Til Dawn* (1993); *New Moon Daughter* (1995); *Songbook* (1996); *Rendezvous* (with Jacky Terrasson) (1998); *Traveling Miles* (1999), a tribute to Miles Davis; *Belly of the Sun* (2002); *Sings Standards* (2002); *Glamoured* (2003); *Love Phases Dimensions: From the JMT Years* (2004); *Thunderbird* (2006); and *Loverly* (2008); and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson first achieved broad critical acclaim for her album of standards, *Blue Skies*, then popular acclaim when she began recording with Blue Note records; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson earned her first Grammy Award for Best Jazz Vocal Performance on *New Moon Daughter*, her 1996 album that features novel renditions of songs by U2, Hank Williams, and The Monkees; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson recorded and toured as a featured vocalist with Wynton Marsalis' Pulitzer Prize winning composition, *Blood on the Fields*; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson continued to "break the rules" by synthesizing blues, pop, jazz, rock, world music, and country on her 2003 album *Glamoured*, which features songs by Muddy Waters, Sting and Willie Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson once told National Public Radio's Ed Gordon, "I really love my home. I love Mississippi. I love the South. I love our way of life", words she lived up to when she chose to record her critically acclaimed album *Belly of the Sun* in an abandoned train station in Clarksdale, Mississippi, employing local musicians such as the late blues pianist Boogaloo Ames; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson established Ojah Media Group in Mississippi to document and market the unique musical sounds born in her home state and has since produced under the Ojah Media Group label two albums for her friend and former Past, Present, and Future band-mate singer/songwriter Rhonda Richmond; and

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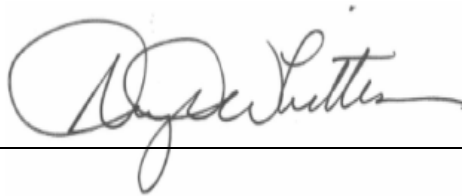
WHEREAS, Time magazine named Cassandra Wilson the “Best Singer in America” in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Wilson earned her second Grammy Award for Best Jazz Vocal Album for her 2008 album *Loverly*;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning takes great pride in honoring **Cassandra Wilson**, for her contributions to the American music repertoire and to the great musical heritage of Mississippi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be included in the minutes of the Board and copies presented to **Cassandra Wilson** and her alma mater Jackson State University.

DONE, this the 19th day of February, 2009.



Amy Whitten, President
Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



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SECTION 600 - STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ADMISSIONS

601 ADMISSION STANDARDS

~~601.01~~ GENERAL POLICY:

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. ~~A~~ 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.

~~Each institution shall be required to include their admission requirements in their respective catalogs.~~ 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)

Reason for Suggesting Change: The manual *Admission Standards, Developmental Education Curriculum and Core Undergraduate Requirements for University System Institutions* is modified as Board policy changes and distributed to university personnel. This language was extracted from Ayer's settlement documents and is more in sync with the technological era of present day.

~~601.02~~

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. ~~Institutions will develop equivalent standards for out-of-state applicants, earlier high school graduates and other applicants not covered by this policy.~~

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~~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 learning 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) in the following 24 transferable semester credit hours to be eligible to transfer to an IHL institution:~~

~~6 semester hours English Composition~~
~~3 semester hours College Algebra or above~~
~~6 semester hours Laboratory Science~~
~~9 semester hours Transferable Electives~~

~~All other transfer students are subject to the following requirements:~~

Reason for Suggested Change: The Chief Student Affairs Officers (CSAOs) recommended the creation of a new section E within this policy in order to address requirements for transfer students. The language in this section addresses requirements for high school graduates.

A. HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS
(College Preparatory Curriculum)

Subject	Carnegie Units	Contents and Remarks
English	4	All must require substantial communication skills components (i.e., reading, writing, listening, and speaking).
Mathematics	3	Includes Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. A fourth class in higher level mathematics is highly recommended.
Science	3	Choice of Biology, Advanced Biology, Chemistry, Advanced Chemistry, Physics, and Advanced Physics or any other science course with comparable rigor and content. One Carnegie unit from a Physical Science course with content at a level that may serve as an introduction to Physics and Chemistry may be used. Two of the courses chosen must be laboratory based.

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Social Studies	3	Courses should include United States History (1 unit), World History (1 unit with substantial geography component), Government (1/2 unit), and Economics (1/2 unit) or Geography (1/2 unit).
Advanced Electives	2	Requirements may be met by earning 2 Carnegie units from the following areas/courses, one of which must be in Foreign Language or World Geography: Foreign Language World Geography 4th year lab-based Science 4th year Mathematics
Computer Applications	1/2	Course should emphasize the computer as a productivity tool. Instruction should include the use of application packages, such as word processing and spreadsheets. The course should also include basic computer terminology and hardware operation.
Pre-High School Units		Algebra I, first year Foreign Language, or Mississippi Studies taken prior to high school will be accepted for admission provided the course content is the same as the high school course.

B. FULL ADMISSION

Full admission will be granted to the following:

- (1) All students completing the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum of a 3.20 high school grade point average (GPA) on the CPC; 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

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rank in the top 50%, and (b) a score of 16 or higher on the ACT (Composite); 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 (Composite); or
- (4) NCAA Division I standards for student athletes who are "full-qualifiers" are accepted as equivalent to the admission standards established by the Board.

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

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. The review shall involve a consideration of high school performance, ACT scores (if available), placement testing, special interests and skills as well as other non-cognitive factors. The review shall result in 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.

2. Full Admission with Academic Deficiencies

Students who have not demonstrated adequate readiness in English or Reading or Mathematics will be granted Full Admission with Academic Deficiencies to the Summer Developmental Program. This is an intensive program that concentrates on ~~these~~ 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,

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by passing developmental English, developmental Mathematics, developmental Reading and the Learning Skills Laboratory courses, will receive admission to the fall term with mandatory participation in the Year-Long Academic Support Program. Students who fail to successfully complete the Summer Developmental Program are not eligible for enrollment in the regular academic year and will be counseled to explore other postsecondary opportunities, including those offered by community colleges.

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. **

~~* Non-resident students who do not qualify for Full Admission may be considered for admission under this category through special requirements set by the Board of Trustees and available from each institution.~~

** 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)

E. TRANSFER ADMISSIONS

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 ~~learning~~ 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 24 transferable semester credit hours to be eligible to transfer to an IHL institution:

6 semester hours	English Composition
3 semester hours	College Algebra or above
6 semester hours	Laboratory Science
9 semester hours	Transferable Electives

F. NONRESIDENT ADMISSIONS

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Any student identified as a nonresident will be admitted to a Mississippi institution of higher learning based on equivalent preparation as determined by the admitting institution.

Reason for Suggesting Change: Institution of higher education is more global terminology. Provides a definitive policy for admitting students not identified as residents of Mississippi. CSAOs recommended the creation of a new section F in order to enhance retention at IHL institutions; the admitting institutions need the flexibility to determine equivalent preparation for nonresident students.

BEGINNING IN THE SUMMER OF 2012, THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM WILL APPLY.

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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 beginning in the summer of 2012. ~~Institutions will develop equivalent standards for out-of-state applicants, earlier high school graduates and other applicants not covered by this policy.~~

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 learning 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) in the following 24 transferable semester credit hours to be eligible to transfer to an IHL institution:

6 semester hours	English Composition
3 semester hours	College Algebra or above
6 semester hours	Laboratory Science
9 semester hours	Transferable Electives

All other transfer students are subject to the following requirements:

Reason for suggesting Change: Admission requirements are addressed in policy 602 Freshman Admission Requirements for University System Institutions (sections A-F). Nothing will change with the 2012 Freshman Admission Requirements except the

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College Preparatory Curriculum; therefore eliminate unnecessary duplicative language in the policy.

A. HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS
(College Preparatory Curriculum)

Subject	Carnegie Units	Contents and Remarks
English	4	Compensatory Reading and Compensatory Writing may not be included.
Mathematics	4	Includes Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and any one Carnegie Unit of comparable rigor and content. (e.g., Advanced Algebra, Trigonometry, Pre- Calculus, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Discrete Mathematics, Probability and Statistics, or AP Statistics.)
Science	4	Includes Biology I, Chemistry I, and any two Carnegie Units of comparable rigor and content. (e.g., Physics, Physical Science, Biology II, Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, Physics II, AP Physics B, AP Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C – Mechanics, Botany, Microbiology, or Human Anatomy and Physiology.)
Social Studies	4	Includes World History, U.S. History, Introduction to World Geography, U.S. Government, Economics, and Mississippi Studies. (Credit earned for a State/Local Government course in any other state may stand in lieu of Mississippi Studies.)
Arts	1	Includes any one Carnegie Unit of visual

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and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation.

Advanced Electives 2

Includes any two Carnegie Units of Foreign Language (I and II), Advanced World Geography, and a Foreign Language (I) or any combination of English, mathematics, or lab-based science courses of comparable rigor and content to those required above.

Computer Applications 1/2

Course should emphasize the computer as a productivity tool. Instruction should include the use of application packages, such as word processing and spreadsheets. The course should also include basic computer terminology and hardware operation.

Pre-High School Units

Algebra I, first year Foreign Language, and/or Mississippi Studies taken prior to high school will be accepted for admission provided the course content is the same as the high school course.

B. FULL ADMISSION

Full admission will be granted to the following:

- (1) All students completing the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum of a 3.20 high school grade point average (GPA) on the CPC; 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 (Composite); 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 (Composite); or*

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~~(4) NCAA Division I standards for student athletes who are "full-qualifiers" are accepted as equivalent to the admission standards established by the Board.~~

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

~~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. The review shall involve a consideration of high school performance, ACT scores (if available), placement testing, special interests and skills as well as other noncognitive factors. The review shall result in 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.~~

~~2. Full Admission with Academic Deficiencies~~

~~Students who have not demonstrated adequate readiness in English or Reading or Mathematics will be granted Full Admission with Academic Deficiencies to the Summer Developmental Program. This is an intensive program that concentrates on those 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 developmental English, developmental~~

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~~Mathematics, developmental Reading and the Learning Skills Laboratory courses, will receive admission to the fall term with mandatory participation in the Year Long Academic Support Program. Students who fail to successfully complete the Summer Developmental Program are not eligible for enrollment in the regular academic year and will be counseled to explore other postsecondary opportunities, including those offered by community colleges.~~

~~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.**~~

~~*Non-resident students who do not qualify for Full Admission may be considered for admission under this category through special requirements set by the Board of Trustees and available from each institution.~~

~~** 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; 5/2005; 9/2005; 8/2006; 2/2007)~~

Reason for suggesting Change: Freshman admission requirements are addressed in policy 602 (sections A-F). Nothing will change with the 2012 Freshman Admission Requirements except the College Preparatory Curriculum; therefore eliminate unnecessary duplicative language in the policy.

~~601.0201 INTERMEDIATE COURSES~~

~~A. All entering freshmen enrolled at an IHL university with an ACT Mathematics subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate Algebra during their first semester of enrollment. Students whose Mathematics subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 should be strongly encouraged to take Intermediate Algebra.~~

~~B. All entering freshmen enrolled at an IHL university with an ACT English subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate English~~

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~~during their first semester of enrollment. Students whose English subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 should be strongly encouraged to take Intermediate English.~~

~~C. All entering freshmen with an ACT Reading subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate Reading during their first semester of enrollment. Students whose Reading subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 should be strongly encouraged to take Intermediate Reading. Students taking Intermediate Reading should not be permitted to take reading-intensive courses, such as History.~~

~~D. Students taking two or more intermediate courses must enroll in the year-long Academic Support Program and will not be permitted to take more than 17 semester hours, including intermediate courses and the Academic Support Program.~~

~~These recommendations will take effect at the beginning of the 2005-2006 academic year.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 2/2000; 2/2005)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: The above policy 601.0201 *Intermediate Courses* is moved/incorporated into section 605; logical flow of information.

601.03 ~~STUDENTS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER~~

~~A student 21 years of age or over who does not meet admission requirements as set forth under Section 601 Admission Standards et seq. may apply for admission as a nondegree-seeking student. Admission may be granted for such programs or courses as he or she may be prepared to enter. Degree-seeking student status may be achieved by meeting admission standards as set forth under Section 601 Admission Standards et seq. or by completing a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours with a "C" average or over.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 5/99)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: The above policy 601.03 *Students Twenty One Years of Age or Over* is incorporated into policy 606; logical flow of information.

601.04 ~~APPLICANTS UNDER AGE 21 WITHOUT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA~~

~~Applicants under age 21 who have not graduated from a regionally accredited high school must submit qualifying scores on the General Education Development Test (GED)~~

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~~or be home schooled. Submission of scores on the ACT or SAT is strongly encouraged. Home schooled students must present portfolios which summarize their educational experiences and other applicants must submit transcripts reflecting academic performance in courses taken. All applicants must appear for an on-campus interview.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 1/2003)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: The above policy *601.04 Applicants Under Age 21 Without High School Diploma* is incorporated into policy 607; logical flow of information.

~~602 PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION~~

~~602.01 MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA~~

~~Proof of immunization for measles, mumps, and rubella is required of all students, unless exempt because of (a) actual, suspected, or planned pregnancy, (b) medical contraindication, (c) birth prior to 1957, or (d) graduation from a Mississippi public or private secondary school since 1993.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 1/93; 1/98; 2/2005)~~

~~602.02 HEPATITIS B~~

~~Proof of hepatitis B vaccination is required for students who are involved in health education programs that cause them to be potentially exposed to blood or body fluids.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 1/93; 1/98)~~

~~602.03 TUBERCULOSIS~~

~~Proof of test screening for tuberculosis by chest x ray is required for all foreign students.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 1/93; 1/98)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: The above policy *602 Proof of Immunization* is moved/incorporated into policy 608; logical flow of information.

~~603 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS~~

~~603.01 RESIDENCE OF A MINOR~~

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~~For purposes of determining of whether a minor pays out of state or in state tuition for attendance at universities, 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 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 section shall not apply to the residence of a person as it relates to residency for voter registration or voting.~~

~~Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-7, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)~~

603.02 ~~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)~~

603.03 ~~REMOVAL OF PARENTS FROM MISSISSIPPI~~

~~If the parents of a minor who is enrolled as a student in a junior college or in an institution of higher learning move their legal residence from the State of Mississippi, the minor shall be immediately classified as a nonresident student 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)~~

603.04 ~~RESIDENCE REQUIRED~~

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

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~~preceding his/her admission. Residence shall be as defined in Sections 37-103-7 and 37-103-13 unless excepted in this chapter.~~

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

603.05 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. Provided, however, that any person who has attained 21 years of age and has thereafter actually established residency and resided with 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)~~

603.06 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)~~

603.07 CHILDREN OF FACULTY OR STAFF

~~Children of parents who are members of the faculty or staff of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees of any 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.~~

~~Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-9, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: The above policy 603 Residency Requirements sections 603.01 through 603.07 were moved to policy 609 sections A through G; logical flow of information.

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603.08 ~~MILITARY PERSONNEL~~

603.0801 ~~ACTIVE DUTY STATION IN MISSISSIPPI~~

~~Members of the United States Armed Forces on extended active duty and stationed within the State of Mississippi and members of the Mississippi National Guard may be classified as residents, for the purpose of attendance at state supported institutions of higher learning and community and/or junior colleges of the State of Mississippi. Resident status of such military personnel who are not legal residents of Mississippi, as defined in Section 37-103-13, shall terminate upon their reassignment for duty in the continental United States outside the State of Mississippi.~~

~~Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-17, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)~~

603.0802 ~~SPOUSE OR CHILD OF MILITARY PERSONNEL~~

~~Resident status of a spouse or child of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on extended active duty shall be that of the military spouse or parent for the purpose of attending state supported institutions of higher learning and community/junior colleges of the State of Mississippi during the time that their military spouse or parent is stationed within the State of Mississippi and shall be continued through the time that the military spouse or parent is stationed in an overseas area with last duty assignment within the State of Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi. Resident status of a minor child terminates upon reassignment under Permanent Change of Station Orders of the military parent for duty in the continental United States outside the State of Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi, and except that children of members of the Armed Forces who attain Mississippi residency in accordance with the above provisions, who begin and complete their senior year of high school in Mississippi, and who enroll full time in a Mississippi institution of higher learning or community/junior college to begin studies in the fall after their graduation from high school, maintain their residency status so long as they remain enrolled as a student in good standing at a Mississippi institution of higher learning or community/junior college. Enrollment during summer school is not required to maintain such resident status.~~

~~The spouse or child of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies or is killed is entitled to pay the resident tuition fee if the spouse or child becomes a resident of Mississippi.~~

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~~If a member of the Armed Forces of the United States is stationed outside Mississippi and the member's spouse or child establishes residence in Mississippi and registers with the Mississippi institution of higher learning or community/junior college at which the spouse or child plans to attend, the institution of higher education or community/junior college shall permit the spouse or child to pay the tuition, fees and other charges provided for Mississippi residents without regard to length of time that the spouse or child has resided in Mississippi.~~

~~A member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the child or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for Mississippi residents under another provision of this section while enrolled in a degree or certificate program is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for Mississippi residents in any subsequent term or semester while the person is continuously enrolled in the same degree or certificate program. A student may withdraw or may choose not to reenroll for no more than one (1) semester or term while pursuing a degree or certificate without losing resident status only if that student provides sufficient documentation by a physician that the student has a medical condition that requires withdrawal or nonenrollment. For purposes of this subsection, a person is not required to enroll in a summer term to remain continuously enrolled in a degree or certificate program. The person's eligibility to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for Mississippi residents under this subsection does not terminate because the person is no longer a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the child or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.~~

~~Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-19, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)~~

603.0803 CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENCE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

~~A military person on active duty stationed in Mississippi who wishes to avail himself/herself or his/her dependents of the provisions of Section 37-103-17 must submit a certificate from his/her military organization showing the name of the military member; the name of the dependent, if for a dependent; the name of the organization of assignment and its address (may be in the letterhead); that the military member will be on active duty stationed in Mississippi on the date of registration at the state-supported institution of higher learning or junior college of the State of Mississippi; that the military member is not on transfer orders; and the signature of the commanding officer, the adjutant, or the personnel officer of the unit of assignment with signer's rank and title. A military certificate must be presented to the registrar of the state-supported institution of higher learning or junior college of the State of Mississippi each semester or tri-semester at (or~~

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~~within 10 days prior to) registration each semester for the provisions of said section to be effective.~~

~~Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-21, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: The above policy 603.08 sections 603.0801 through 603.0803 were moved to policy 610 sections A through C; logical flow of information.

~~603.0804 OUT-OF-STATE TUITION FOR NONRESIDENTS~~

~~The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community/junior colleges are 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; or~~
- ~~4. The nonresident student is an evacuee of an area affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita. This waiver shall be applicable to the 2005-2006 school year only.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 12/2005)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: The above policy 603.0804 *Out-of-State Tuition for Nonresidents* was moved to policy 611; logical flow of information.

603 CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION

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Each applicant to any university within the system must receive and have in his possession a letter or certificate of admission signed by the officer designated by the Institutional Executive Officer of the university before presenting him/herself for registration. No student shall be permitted to register or attend classes without such certificate. No officer shall issue a letter or certificate of admission to any student whose application has not been completed in accordance with the regulations of the Board.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98)

Reason for suggesting Change: The above policy *603 Certificate of Admission* was moved from policy 605; logical flow of information.

604 REJECTION OF APPLICATION

~~604.01~~

A. FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Applications containing false, contradictory, questionable, or uncertain data, or which fail to comply with the fundamental requirements or the policies of the institutions as established by the Board shall be rejected.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98)

~~604.02~~

B. FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS

Whoever, with intent to defraud the state or any department, agency, office, board, commission, county, municipality or other subdivision of state or local government, knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by trick, scheme or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

This section shall not prohibit the prosecution under any other criminal statute of the state.

Miss. Code Ann., §97-7-10, as amended.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)

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Reason for Suggesting Change: Numbering change for consistency.

605 CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION

~~Each applicant to any university within the system must receive and have in his possession a letter or certificate of admission signed by the officer designated by the Institutional Executive Officer of the university before presenting himself for registration. No student shall be permitted to register or attend classes without such certificate. No officer shall issue a letter or certificate of admission to any student whose application has not been completed in accordance with the regulations of the Board.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: The above policy 605 *Certificate of Admission* was moved to policy 603; logical flow of information.

605 INTERMEDIATE COURSES

A. All entering freshmen enrolled at an IHL university with an ACT Mathematics subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate Algebra during their first semester of enrollment. At the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, § students whose Mathematics subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 should be strongly encouraged to take Intermediate Algebra. ~~may be required to take Intermediate Algebra.~~

B. All entering freshmen 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 semester of enrollment. At the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, § students whose English subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 should be strongly encouraged to take Intermediate English. ~~may be required to take Intermediate English.~~

C. All entering freshmen 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 semester of enrollment. At the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, § students whose Reading subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 should be strongly encouraged to take Intermediate Reading. ~~may be required to take Intermediate Reading.~~ Students taking Intermediate Reading should not be permitted to take reading-intensive courses, such as History.

D. Students taking two or more intermediate courses must enroll in the Year-Long Academic Support Program and will not be permitted to take more than 17 semester hours, including intermediate courses and the Academic Support Program.

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~~These recommendations will take effect at the beginning of the 2005-2006 academic year.~~

(BT Minutes, 2/2000; 2/2005)

Reason for Suggesting Change: In order to enhance retention at IHL institutions, the admitting institutions need the flexibility to determine pre-requisite requirements in accordance with the demands of certain academic programs. Housekeeping procedure to remove unnecessary or outdated information; the identified dates have already passed. The above policy *605 Intermediate Courses* was incorporated from the previous policy 601.0201.

~~606 — ATHLETICS~~

~~606.01 — ATHLETIC RECRUITMENT~~

~~The Board endorses the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules and regulations for the recruitment of student athletes. The Board reserves the prerogative to adopt standards more restrictive than those which have been approved by NCAA but under no conditions shall the Board adopt less restrictive standards. All institutional standards and/or policies relating to institutional athletics will be on file with the Commissioner.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98)~~

~~606.02 — INTERCOLLEGIATE AND INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS~~

~~The programs of intercollegiate and intramural athletics of the state institutions shall be organized and developed as elements in the total educational programs of the institutions. Athletic programs shall be conducted so as to promote the total welfare of students, including physical and mental health and the development of capacities and talents, and so as to contribute to the morale of students, alumni and friends of the institutions. Programs of intercollegiate athletics shall be under the complete control of the Institutional Executive Officers, subject to the oversight of the Board. Funds used to support all athletic programs shall be fully controlled by the Institutional Executive Officer of the institution; however, no funds budgeted for instructional purposes may be diverted to athletics and no athletics funds may be diverted to other purposes without approval by the Board. Standards of the NCAA and appropriate regional conferences shall be the standards of the institution's athletic departments.~~

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606.03 — ATHLETIC TICKETS

Upon request, Institutional Executive Officers may furnish complimentary athletic tickets for Board members. The number of such tickets for any one event is not to exceed six.

Upon request to the institutions, former Board members may receive two complimentary tickets for athletic events.

The Board delegates to the respective Institutional Executive Officers the administrative responsibility of issuing complimentary athletic tickets to individuals other than those identified in the preceding paragraph. (Universities shall keep accurate records of complimentary tickets distributed by number of tickets and category of recipients and shall file an annual report with the Commissioner.)

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98)

Reason for Suggesting Change: The above policy 606 Athletics above was moved to policy 612; logical flow of information.

606 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 admission requirements 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 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.

(BT Minutes, 5/99)

Reason for Suggesting Change: Clarifying language that reflects institutional efforts to enhance students' academic success, retention, and progress toward graduation.

607 — PERSONAL PROPERTY

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~~607.01 GENERAL POLICY~~

~~A.——Lost or abandoned personal property shall be held by the institution for a period of at least three months.~~

~~Miss. Code Ann., §1-3-41, as amended.~~

~~B.——Designated officers of the institution shall upon the receipt or recovery of any lost, abandoned or misplaced personal property, cause to be posted in three public places at the institution, notice that such property has been received. Such notice shall contain an accurate and detailed description of such property and if the designated officers are advised as to who owns such property, a copy of such notice shall be mailed to such person or persons in addition to being posted. The owner of such property may recover the same upon a determination by the designated officers of the rightful owner and upon the owner paying to the institution its reasonable expenses for handling and storage.~~

~~C.——If not claimed and possession resumed by the rightful owner within three months from the date of notice provided for above, the designated officers may cause the same to be sold at public or private sale after first posting notice of such sale in three public places at the institution at least ten (10) days preceding the date of such sale.~~

~~D.——The property may be sold by the institution, forfeited for official use, given away for a charitable or needy purpose, or other proper disposition.~~

~~E.——The proceeds of institutional sale of said property shall be placed in such fund or funds as assigned by the Institutional Executive Officer.~~

~~F.——All policies regarding abandoned motor vehicles should be in compliance with Miss. Code Ann., §63-23-1, et seq., as amended.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: Policy 607 Personal Property was moved to policy 613; logical flow of information.

~~601.04 APPLICANTS UNDER AGE 21 WITHOUT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA~~

607 APPLICANTS WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

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Applicants who have not graduated from a regionally accredited high school and were not home-schooled must submit qualifying scores on the General Education Development Test (GED) and any transcripts reflecting academic performance in high school. Home-schooled students must present portfolios summarizing his or her home-school education. Submission of scores on the ACT or SAT is strongly encouraged. Applicants may be required, at the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, to appear for an on-campus interview.

(BT Minutes, 1/2003)

Reason for Suggesting Change: More specific, clarifying language that reflects admissions practices intended to enhance students' potential for academic success and retention. The above policy 607 *Applicants without a High School Diploma* incorporates language from policy 601.04.

~~608 — STUDENT APPEALS~~

~~608.01 — GENERAL POLICY~~

~~The Board delegates to the various Institutional Executive Officers full authority in all matters concerning student affairs. The decision of the Institutional Executive Officer shall be final so far as the institution is concerned. Upon rendering of a final decision, the aggrieved student will be notified. The Institutional Executive Officer may request the legal assistance of the Attorney General's office through the Commissioner.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 3/91; 1/98)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: Policy 608 *Student Appeals* was moved to policy 614; logical flow of information.

608 PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION

A. MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA

Proof of immunization of measles, mumps, and rubella is required (two doses of the MMR vaccine) of all students, unless exempt because of (a) actual or suspected pregnancy (measles or rubella vaccines are not required for females who are pregnant; if pregnancy is suspected, a valid certificate of medical exception from a health provider is required until pregnancy is resolved), (b) medical contraindication, or (c) birth prior to 1957.

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(BT Minutes, 1/93; 1/98; 2/2005)

B. HEPATITIS B

Proof of hepatitis B vaccination is required for students who are involved in health education programs that cause them to be potentially exposed to blood or other bodily fluids.

(BT Minutes, 1/93; 1/98)

C. TUBERCULOSIS

Proof of test screening for tuberculosis by chest x-ray is required for all ~~foreign~~ international students.

(BT Minutes, 1/93; 1/98)

Reason for Suggesting Change: In response to a request from the Mississippi Health Department, an additional requirement for mumps, measles, and rubella immunization is proposed. This terminology is more global with current classification of students from other countries. Policy 608 *Proof of Immunization* was moved/incorporated from policy 602.

~~609 — ALCOHOL ON CAMPUS~~

~~The universities are directed to follow all applicable local, state and federal laws as to the possession and consumption of alcohol, light wine and beer on their respective campuses. However, each university is authorized to create more restrictive policies, rules and regulations related to the possession and consumption of alcohol, light wine and beer on campus which do not violate applicable local, state and federal laws. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold or consumed at any public athletic event at any state university. Additionally, each university shall make educational programs on alcohol abuse available to its students.~~

~~(BT Minutes, 6/2007)~~

Reason for Suggesting Change: Policy 609 *Alcohol on Campus* was moved to section 615; logical flow of information.

609 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

A. RESIDENCE OF A MINOR

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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 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 ~~section~~ policy shall not apply to the residence of a person as it relates to residency for voter registration or voting.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-7, as amended.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)

B. 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)

C. REMOVAL OF PARENTS FROM MISSISSIPPI

If the parents of a minor who is enrolled as a student in a community/junior college or in an institution of higher learning move their legal residence from the State of Mississippi, the minor shall be immediately classified as a nonresident student; such a change in classification shall not affect the tuition to be charged until the 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)

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Reason for Suggesting Change: Consistency in the designation of the current 2-year entities in the state. Policy 609 *Residency Requirements* sections A, B and C were moved from policies 603.01 through 603.03.

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

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

Reason for Suggesting Change: Consistency in the designation of the current 2-year entities in the state. Policy 609 *Residency Requirements* (section D) was moved from the previous policy 603.04.

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 and B above. Provided, however, that any person who has attained 21 years of age and has thereafter actually established residency as defined within section 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)

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.

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

G. CHILDREN OF FACULTY OR STAFF

Children of parents who are members of the faculty or staff 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.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-9, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)

Reason for Suggesting Change: Consistency in the designation of the current 2-year entities in the state. Policy 609 *Residency Requirements* (sections E, F and G) were moved from policy 603.05 through 603.07.

610 MILITARY PERSONNEL

A. ACTIVE DUTY STATION IN MISSISSIPPI

Members of the United States Armed Forces on extended active duty and stationed within the State of Mississippi and members of the Mississippi National Guard may be classified as residents, for the purpose of attendance at state-supported institutions of higher learning and community and/or junior colleges of the State of Mississippi. Resident status of such military personnel, who are not legal residents of Mississippi, as defined in Section 37-103-13, shall terminate upon their reassignment for duty in the continental United States outside the State of Mississippi.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-17, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)

B. SPOUSE OR CHILD OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

Resident status of a spouse or child of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on extended active duty shall be that of the military spouse or parent for the purpose of attending state-supported institutions of higher learning and community/junior colleges of the State of Mississippi during the time that their military spouse or parent is stationed within the State of Mississippi and shall be continued through the time that the

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military spouse or parent is stationed in an overseas area with last duty assignment within the State of Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi. Resident status of a minor child terminates upon reassignment under Permanent Change of Station Orders of the military parent for duty in the continental United States outside the State of Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi, and except that children of members of the Armed Forces who attain Mississippi residency in accordance with the above provisions, who begin and complete their senior year of high school in Mississippi, and who enroll full time in a Mississippi institution of higher learning or community/junior college to begin studies in the fall after their graduation from high school, maintain their residency status so long as they remain enrolled as a student in good standing at a Mississippi institution of higher learning or community/junior college. Enrollment during summer school is not required to maintain such resident status.

The spouse or child of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies or is killed is entitled to pay the resident tuition fee if the spouse or child becomes a resident of Mississippi.

If a member of the Armed Forces of the United States is stationed outside Mississippi and the member's spouse or child establishes residence in Mississippi and registers with ~~the~~ a Mississippi institution of higher learning or community/junior college at which the spouse or child plans to attend, the institution of higher education or community/junior college shall permit the spouse or child to pay the tuition, fees and other charges provided for Mississippi residents without regard to length of time that the spouse or child has resided in Mississippi.

A member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the child or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for Mississippi residents under another provision of this section while enrolled in a degree or certificate program is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for Mississippi residents in any subsequent term or semester while the person is continuously enrolled in the same degree or certificate program. A student may withdraw or may choose not to reenroll for no more than one (1) semester or term while pursuing a degree or certificate without losing resident status only if that student provides sufficient documentation by a physician that the student has a medical condition that requires withdrawal or nonenrollment. For purposes of this subsection, a person is not required to enroll in a summer term to remain continuously enrolled in a degree or certificate program. The person's eligibility to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for Mississippi residents under this subsection does not terminate because the person is no longer a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the child or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-19, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)

C. CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENCE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

A military person on active duty stationed in Mississippi who wishes to avail himself/herself or his/her dependents of the provisions of Section 37-103-17 must submit a certificate from his/her military organization showing the name of the military member; the name of the dependent, if for a dependent; the name of the organization of assignment and its address (may be in the letterhead); that the military member will be on active duty stationed in Mississippi on the date of registration at the state-supported institution of higher learning or community/junior college of the State of Mississippi; that the military member is not on transfer orders; and the signature of the commanding officer, the adjutant, or the personnel officer of the unit of assignment with signer's rank and title. A military certificate must be presented to the registrar of the state-supported institution of higher learning or community/junior college of the State of Mississippi each semester or tri-semester at (or within 10 days prior to) registration each semester for the provisions of said section to be effective.

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-21, as amended.
(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005)

Reason for Suggesting Change: Consistency in the designation of the current 2-year entities in the state. Policy 610 *Military Personnel* was moved from policy sections 603.0801 through 603.0803 logical flow of information.

611 OUT-OF-STATE TUITION FOR NONRESIDENTS

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the boards of trustees of the community/junior colleges are 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:

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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)

Reason for Suggesting Change: Housekeeping procedure to remove unnecessary or outdated information; the identified dates have already passed. Policy *611 Out-of-State Tuition for Nonresidents* incorporates policy 603.0804; logical flow of information.

612 ATHLETICS

A. ATHLETIC RECRUITMENT

The Board endorses the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules and regulations for the recruitment of student athletes. The Board reserves the prerogative to adopt standards more restrictive than those which have been approved by the NCAA but under no conditions shall the Board adopt less restrictive standards. All institutional standards and/or policies relating to institutional athletics will be on file ~~with the Commissioner~~ in the Board Office.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98)

B. INTERCOLLEGIATE AND INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS

The programs of intercollegiate and intramural athletics of the state institutions shall be organized and developed as elements in the total educational programs of the institutions. Athletic programs shall be conducted so as to promote the total welfare of students, including physical and mental health and the development of capacities and talents, and so as to contribute to the morale of students, alumni and friends of the institutions. Programs of intercollegiate athletics shall be under the complete control of the Institutional Executive Officers, subject to the oversight of the Board. Funds used to

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support all athletic programs shall be fully controlled by the Institutional Executive Officer of the institution; however, no funds budgeted for instructional purposes may be diverted to athletics and no athletics funds may be diverted to other purposes without approval by the Board. Standards of the NCAA and appropriate regional conferences shall be the standards of the institutions' athletic departments.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98)

C. Athletic Tickets

Upon request, Institutional Executive Officers may furnish complimentary athletic tickets for Board members. The number of such tickets for any one event is not to exceed six.

Upon request to the institutions, former Board members may receive two complimentary tickets for athletic events.

The Board delegates to the respective Institutional Executive Officers the administrative responsibility of issuing complimentary athletic tickets to individuals other than those identified in the preceding paragraph. (Universities shall keep accurate records of complimentary tickets distributed by number of tickets and category of recipients and shall file an annual report with the Commissioner.)

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98)

Reason for Suggesting Change: Policy 612 Athletics was moved from the Policy 606; logical flow of information.

613 PERSONAL PROPERTY

- A. Lost or abandoned personal property as defined in Miss. Code Ann., 1-3-41, as amended, shall be held by the institution for a period of at least three months.

~~Miss. Code Ann., §1-3-41, as amended.~~

- B. Designated officers of the institution shall upon the receipt or recovery of any lost, abandoned or misplaced personal property, cause to be posted in three public places at the institution, notice that such property has been received. Such notice shall contain an accurate and detailed description of such property and if the designated officers are advised as to who owns such property, a copy of such notice shall be mailed to such person or persons in addition to being posted. The owner of such property may recover the same upon a determination by the

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- designated officers of the rightful owner and upon the owner paying to the institution its reasonable expenses for handling and storage.
- C. If not claimed and possession resumed by the rightful owner within three months from the date of notice provided for above, the designated officers may cause the same to be sold at public or private sale after first posting notice of such sale in three public places at the institution at least ten (10) days preceding the date of such sale.
- D. The property may be sold by the institution, forfeited for official use, given away for a charitable or needy purpose, or other proper disposition.
- E. The proceeds of institutional sale of said property shall be placed in such fund or funds as assigned by the Institutional Executive Officer.
- F. All policies regarding abandoned motor vehicles should be in compliance with Miss. Code Ann., §63-23-1, et seq., as amended.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98)

Reason for Suggesting Change: Policy 613 *Personal Property* was moved from the Policy 607; logical flow of information.

614 STUDENT APPEALS

The Board delegates to the various Institutional Executive Officers full authority in all matters concerning student affairs. The decision of the Institutional Executive Officer shall be final so far as the institution is concerned. Upon rendering of a final decision, the aggrieved student will be notified. The Institutional Executive Officer may request the legal assistance of the Attorney General's ~~o~~ Office through the Commissioner.

(BT Minutes, 3/91; 1/98)

Reason for Suggesting Change: Policy 614 *Student Appeals* was moved from policy 608; logical flow of information.

615 ALCOHOL ON CAMPUS

The universities are directed to follow all applicable local, state and federal laws as to the possession and consumption of alcohol, light wine and beer on their respective campuses. However, each university is authorized to create more restrictive policies, rules and

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regulations related to the possession and consumption of alcohol, light wine and beer on campus which do not violate applicable local, state and federal laws. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold or consumed at any public athletic event at any state university. Additionally, each university shall make educational programs on alcohol abuse available to its students.

(BT Minutes, 6/2007)

Reason for Suggesting Change: Policy 615 Alcohol on Campus was moved from policy 609; logical flow of information.

EXHIBIT 5⁵⁶

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Real Estate & Facilities items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the January 14-15, 2009 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval.

Jackson State University

GS 103-233, Repair/Replace Tennis Courts: The Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$2,533.21 with an additional twenty five (25) days to the contract of Cal-Mar Construction Company, LLC. This change order is necessary to install a 2" water line and to connect it to the existing pipe located east of the tennis facility since the city of Jackson refused to provide it. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$1,856,000. Funds are available from SB 3120, Laws of 1996; Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management Discretionary Funds and SB 2010, Laws of 2004. Project Professional: Eley & Associates, Jackson, MS. General Contractor: Cal-Mar Construction Co., LLC, Jackson, MS.

GS 103-233, Repair/Replace Tennis Courts: The Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$3,315 with an additional fourteen (14) days added to the contract of Cal-Mar Construction Company, LLC. This change order is necessary to add a chain link fence enclosure at historical concrete tunnel remnants to provide two scoreboard console controllers and to paint floors with epoxy paint in seven (7) rooms. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Funds are available from SB 3120, Laws of 1996, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management Discretionary Funds and SB 2010, Laws of 2004. Project Professional: Eley & Associates, Jackson, MS. General Contractor: Cal-Mar Construction Co., LLC, Jackson, MS.

Mississippi State University

GS 105-323, Roof Replacements - Phase 1: The Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$3,870 for the addition of twenty one (21) days added to the contract of E. Cornell Malone Corporation. This change order is necessary to repair the damaged finishes on an existing brick wall after the flashing was corrected. The total project budget is \$950,000. Funds are available from HB 1634, Laws of 2006. Project Professional: Shafer and Associates, Starkville, MS. General Contractor: E. Cornell Malone Corp. Jackson, MS.

GS 113-115, Lloyd Ricks Renovation: The Board staff approved an award of contract to West Brothers Construction, Inc., the second lowest of six (6) bidders, in the amount of \$8,814,400. The contract will include the base bid and five alternates. The lowest bidder, Harrell Contracting Group, LLC, withdrew their bid and was deemed non-responsive. The total project budget is \$13,378,623.64. Funds are available from a HUD Grant (\$2,850,000); MSU Funds (\$418,863); SB 2988, Laws of 2008 (\$167.78); SB 3197, Laws of 2002 (\$109,592.86); SB 3201, Laws of 2007 (\$5,000,000); and HB 246, Laws of 2007 (\$5,000,000). Project Professional: Belinda Stewart Architects, Eupora, MS. General Contractor: West Brothers Construction, Inc., Columbus, MS.

University of Mississippi

GS 107-278, Meek Hall ADA: The Board staff approved Change Order #3 for the addition of twenty four (24) days to the contract of CIG Contractors. This request is necessary due to weather delays on the project. The Board staff requested approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$1,350,723. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004, Go Bonds. Project Professional: Shafer and Associates, Starkville, MS. General Contractor: CIG Contractors, Corinth, MS.

GS 107-286, Coulter Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$3,499.60. This change order is necessary to remove four (4) H-4 hoods from the project. The Board staff requested approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$5,600,000. Funds are available from HB 1634, Laws of 2006 and self-generated university funds. Project Professional: Barlow Eddy Jenkins, P.A., Jackson, MS. General Contractor: Upchurch Plumbing, Greenville, MS.

GS 107-286, Coulter Hall Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$76,304. This change order is necessary to bring the building up to International Building Code standards and to re-route existing mechanical and electrical design deficiencies. The total project budget is \$5,600,000. Funds are available from HB 1634, Laws of 2006 and self-generated university funds. Project Professional: Barlow Eddy Jenkins, P.A., Jackson, MS. General Contractor: Upchurch Plumbing, Greenville, MS.

GS 107-300, Emergency Chiller Replacement: The Board staff approved the award of a contract to Shackelford Plumbing Corporation, the lower of three (3) bidders, in the base bid amount of \$420,466. The Board staff requested approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$470,000. Funds are available from self-generated university funds. Project Professional: Corbett Legge & Associates. General Contractor: Shackelford Plumbing Corporation.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

IHL 209-495, South Pediatric Renovations II: The Board staff approved Change Order #8 for a credit in the amount of \$3,277. The credit is for miscellaneous items requested that were omitted/changed by the contractor. The total project budget is \$2,771,750. Funds are available from self-generated sources and donations. Project Professional: Dean and Dean Architects, Jackson, MS. General Contractor: Wilkinson Construction Company, Madison, MS.

IHL 209-501, School of Dentistry Renovations 2007: The Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$1,150. This change order provided for the addition of carpet at 3B and 4 in lieu of vinyl composition tile as specified. The project budget is \$270,000. Funds are available from self-generated sources. Project Professional: JBHM, P.A., Jackson, MS. General Contractor: McMillan-Pitts Construction Company, Pearl, MS.

IHL 209-508, R019 CT Renovations: The Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$75 with the addition of one (1) day added to the contract of Sunbelt General Contractors, Inc. This change order is necessary to provide for electrical hardware and signage to the project. The total project budget is \$330,000. Funds are available from hospital patient revenue. Project Professional: Simmons Architects, AIA, Ridgeland, MS. General Contractor: Sunbelt General Contractors, Inc., Jackson, MS.

IHL 209-511, Student Lounge Renovations 2008: The Board staff approved the Schematic Design documents as submitted by M3A Architecture, project professionals. The total project budget is \$300,000. Funds are available from student tuition. Project Professional: M3A Architecture, Jackson, MS. General Contractor: N/A.

IHL 209-513, Miscellaneous Boiler and Chiller Revisions 2009: The Board staff approved the Schematic Design documents as submitted by Eldridge Associates, project professionals. The total project budget is \$3,385,000. Funds are available from service area fees and hospital patient revenue. Project Professional: Eldridge Associates, Clinton, MS. General Contractor: N/A.

University of Southern Mississippi

GS 108-235, College Hall Renovation: The Board staff approved the Schematic Designs as submitted by Dale and Associates, project professionals. The Board staff requested approval from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$6,252,302.68. Funds are available from SB 3197, Laws of 2002, and SB 2988, Laws of 2003. Project Professional: Dale and Associates, Jackson, MS. General Contractor: N/A.

GS 110-089A, Research Office/Lab Facility - Cedar Point Campus Phase II: The Board staff approved the award of a contract to C. Perry Builders, Inc. of Sumrall, Mississippi. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$9,041,697.88. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004; Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Grant (GRO 02733). Project Professional: Allred/McNabb Architects, PA, Pascagoula, MS. General Contractor: C. Perry Builders, Inc., Sumrall, MS.

IHL 208-251, Trent Lott Center for Excellence in Economic Development & Entrepreneurship: The Board staff approved the request to transfer \$7,000,000 from HB 246, Laws of 2007, for the completion of this project. Project Professional: Albert Associates Architects, Hattiesburg, MS. General Contractor: Finlo Construction, Hattiesburg, MS.

IHL 208-251, Trent Lott Center for Excellence in Economic Development & Entrepreneurship: The Board staff approved Change Order #7 in the amount of \$4,890,880 with an additional three hundred and three (303) days added to the contract of Finlo Construction Company, Inc. This change order is for the addition to the contract for the 2nd and 3rd floor build-outs and mechanical plant additions. The total project budget is \$29,000,000. Funds are available from the Government VA-HUD Independent Appropriations Act on 200 Conference Report (HR-107-202) and HB 246, Laws of 2007. Project Professional: Albert Associates Architects, Hattiesburg, MS. General Contractor: Finlo Construction, Hattiesburg, MS.

IHL 208-258, MM Roberts Stadium Expansion and Renovation: The Board staff approved Change Order #17 in the amount of \$32,609.87. This change order is necessary for fourteen (14) construction changes to the east and south side of the stadium. The total project budget is \$32,171,670.38. Funds are available from the USM Athletic Foundation. Project Professional: JH&H Architects, Jackson, MS. General Contractor: Harrell Construction Group, LLC, Jackson, MS.

IHL 214-012, Replace Toy Library: The Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$48,506.70. This change order is to reimburse the contractor for natural playground material used for this project. The total project budget is \$2,532,187.50. Funds are available from Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. Project Professional: Allred Architectural Group, P.A., Pascagoula, MS. General Contractor: J. O. Collins Contractor, Inc., Biloxi, MS.

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by David Ware & Associates (Statement dated 12/3/08) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with labor certification.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,000.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Adams & Reese (Statement dated 12/8/08) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with a personnel issue.)

TOTAL DUE \$5,092.31

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Mannino, Peresich & McDermott (Statements dated 12/3/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following cases: *Knight* - \$18,833.53, *Seid* - \$4,288.00, *Rhoden* - \$4,287.00, *McGarry* - \$645.00, *Flowers* - \$345.00, *Beason* - \$1,463.00, and *Kermode* - \$3,417.00.)

TOTAL DUE \$33,278.53

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statement dated 11/30/08) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Wade* case.)

TOTAL DUE \$543.41

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 12/12/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with general advice (North Clinic) - \$1,612.50 and general representation of the Medical School and Facility Practice Plans - \$430.00.)

TOTAL DUE \$2,042.50

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 11/17/08) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: "High Power Density, Full Bridge Parallel Loaded Resonant DC-DC Converter for Low-Voltage, High Current Application" - \$220.00; "Termite Control Methods and Apparatus" - \$720.00; "Renewable Fuel/Lubricant Mixture for Use in a Two-Stroke Internal Combustion Engine" - \$170.00;

“Self-Aligned Transistor and Diode Topologies in Silicon Carbide Through the Use of Selective Epitaxy or Selective Implantation” - \$90.00; “Real-Time Combustion Controller” - \$25.50; “Heliothis Virescens-Specific and Helicoverpa Zea-Specific Monoclonal Antibodies and Insect Identification Method” - \$42.50; “Method to Control Off-Flavor in Aquaculture Products” - \$400.00; and “Substituted Phenylheterocyclic Herbicides” - \$25.50.)

TOTAL DUE \$1,693.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Larry Schemmel (Statements dated 11/24/08) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: “Reduced Fat Ground Beef with Preferred Texture and Flavor” - \$308.75; “Linear Correspondence Assessment” - \$5,546.25; “Mapping Information Technology System Architecture (MAPSTER)” - \$3,380.00; “Method for Epitaxial Growth of Silicon Carbide” - \$1,202.50; “Bio-Oil Water Removal and Fractionation by Multi-Stage Condensation” - \$81.25; “Termite Antifeedants/Repellents” - \$495.00; “St. Augustine Grass Cultivars” - \$1,696.25; “JUVA” - \$1,041.25; “Vertical-Channel Junction Field-Effect Transistors Having Buried Gates and Methods of Making” - \$97.50; “Production of Biodiesel and Other Valuable Chemicals from Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludges” - \$162.50; “Semiconductor” - \$332.50; “Engine Speed Controller” - \$9,173.25; “Wood Composite Binder Resins” - \$6,119.75; “Greenmobile” - \$113.75; “Single Nucleotide Polymorphism Markers” - \$495.00; “Wood Composite Binder Resins” - \$6,078.75; “Temporal Mapping and Analysis” - \$2,892.50; “Molecular Protein Markers for Determining Mammalian Male Fertility” - \$446.25; “Acetone Breath Analyzer” - \$178.75; “Peer to Peer Learning Management System” - \$170.00; “St. Augustine Grass Plant Named Eclipse (MSA 31)” - \$4,566.25; “High Values of Doping of Solid-State Materials Achieved by Epitaxial Growth Conducted at Low Temperatures” - \$495.00; “Virtual Instruction Teaching System” - \$900.00; “Method for Constructing Viral Bacterial Artificial Chromosomes” - \$105.00; “Method for Epitaxial Growth of Silicon Carbide” - \$5,469.20; “Method for Epitaxial Growth of Silicon Carbide (European Regional Phase)” - \$7,168.56; “Temporal Mapping and Analysis” - \$1,741.25; “Self-Aligned Methods Based on Low-Temperature Selective Epitaxial” - \$373.75; “St. Augustine Grass Plant Named Eclipse (MSA 31)” - \$625.00; “JUVA” - \$325.00; “Switchgrass Germplasm” - \$731.25; “Fischer-Tropsch Catalysts and Process for Liquid Hydrocarbon Fuel Production” - \$495.00; “Linear Correspondence Assessment” - \$552.50; “Production of Biodiesel and Other Valuable Chemicals from Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludges” - \$1,121.25; “Functional Enhancement of Antimicrobials” - \$406.25; “System for Stabilizing Gas Hydrates at Low Pressures” - \$2,161.25; “St. Augustine Grass Cultivars” - \$130.00; and “System and Method for Charging Rechargeable Batteries” - \$97.50.)

TOTAL DUE \$67,475.77

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (Statements dated 11/21/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: “Gastric Electrical Stimulation Device and Method for Treating Gastroparesis” - \$19,392.64; “Cell Culture Model for Demyelination/Remyelination” - \$553.60; “DNA Molecules Encoding Imidazoline Receptive Polypeptides and Polypeptides Encoded Thereby” - \$740.56; “Thermally Targeted Delivery of Medicaments Including Doxorubicin” - \$93.56; and “Thermally-Targeted Delivery of Medicaments” - \$11,083.53.)

TOTAL DUE \$31,863.89

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A. BUDGET, FINANCE, AND AUDIT

1. MVSU-Viking Hospitality Group, LLC. -Lease Agreement

Mississippi Valley State University requests approval to enter into a lease agreement with Viking Hospitality Group, LLC. The purpose of the agreement is to lease temporary housing for the institution's executive officer (IEO). The Board previously approved a temporary housing agreement with Stephen and Regina Lavere for the IEO in January, 2009. This lease agreement has been officially terminated as of February 27, 2009.

The period of the proposed lease with Viking Hospitality Group is February 2, 2009 to May 31, 2009. Unless written notification of termination is submitted, the lease will continue on a month-to-month basis. The monthly rental is \$2,450 for a total of \$9,800 for the specified lease period. The agreement will be funded via General Funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. UMMC – APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

A. Golden Hour Live Data Systems, Inc.-Amendment to Service Agreement

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval for an amendment to its information management services agreement with Golden Hour Live Data Systems, Inc. The purpose of the amendment is to increase the total contract cost to allow expansion of the helicopter service line in Meridian, MS. The original contract period is September 23, 2008 to September 23, 2011. At the time the original contract was executed, the total cost was below the threshold amount requiring Board approval. The amendment is to be effective March 20, 2009 to September 23, 2011.

An additional \$97,500 is being allocated to the contract amending the total cost to \$254,700. The agreement will be funded via patient revenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

B. Instrumentation Laboratory-Purchasing Agreement

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to enter into a two-year purchasing agreement with Instrumentation Laboratory. The purpose of the agreement is to purchase reagents and supplies for blood gas testing. The testing is accomplished using instrumentation already provided by this contractor. The agreement is for the period March 20, 2009 to March 19, 2011. The agreement allows UMMC the option to renew for an additional three years.

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The purchasing agreement provides for warranty and service for the instrumentation provided and includes a product pricing schedule valid for three years. The total contract cost is estimated not to exceed \$500,294. The agreement will be funded via patient revenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

C. Lawson Software Americas, Inc.-Services Agreement

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to enter a services agreement with Lawson Software Americas, Inc. The purpose of the agreement is to provide core project team training for the following Lawson software suites (version 9.0.1): Financial, Procurement, Business Intelligence, and upgrade of the Human Resource Management Suite from version 8.0.3. The licensing and maintenance agreement for the software was approved by the Board in November, 2008. This agreement is for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

Costs include \$355,242 for training services and an additional 8% for estimated travel expenses of \$28,420 for a total estimated cost of \$383,662. The agreement will be funded via patient revenue and interest income.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

D. NCO Financial Systems, Inc.-Collection Services Agreement

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to enter a collection services agreement with NCO Financial Systems, Inc. The purpose of the agreement is to provide collection services on delinquent patient accounts in Jackson, MS and Lexington/Holmes County, Mississippi. The agreement is for the period March 23, 2009 to March 22, 2010. Unless prior written notice is submitted, the agreement is self-renewing for additional one-year terms.

The collection fee is 13.5% of all monies collected for first placement with the total commission estimated not to exceed \$1 million. The agreement will be funded via patient revenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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E. Select Specialty Hospital - Jackson, Inc.-Lease Agreement

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to enter into a five-year lease agreement with Select Specialty Hospital-Jackson, Inc. The purpose of the agreement is to lease approximately 4,000 square feet of space on the 2nd floor of the facility known as Suite 230. The space will be used by the University Heart Diagnostic Clinic to expand its services to include nuclear imaging and the Heart Diagnostic Clinic Management Program. This lease supersedes the agreement the Board approved in November 2008 as both parties have mutually cancelled the previous agreement. The period of the lease is April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2014. Select Specialty is responsible for payment of utilities, maintenance and janitorial services.

The rent is \$17.50 per square foot or \$5,833.33 per month. The total cost for the agreement period is \$350,000. The agreement will be funded via patient revenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

F. Stryker Sales Corporation (doing business as Stryker Instruments)-Purchase Agreement

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to enter into a three-year purchase agreement with Stryker Instruments. The purpose of the agreement is to purchase disposable equipment (routers and burrs) at fixed pricing. The contractor is responsible for the repair and warranty of the equipment for the agreement period of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2012.

UMMC agrees to purchase a minimum of 250 disposables in each three-month period at \$73 per disposable. The pricing includes usage of the equipment. The total agreement cost is estimated at \$570,000. The agreement will be funded via patient revenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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B. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – NEW LIMITED-SCOPE CENTERS AND INSTITUTES (INFORMATION ITEMS)

- a. *Mississippi State University* will establish the *Entrepreneurship Center*, which will be a limited scope center within the College of Business that will expand entrepreneurship research efforts and support student and faculty-lead startup companies. **The center will be funded with existing budgets within the Office of Research and Economic Development and with investment earnings from multiple endowments. Thus, additional state funds will not be needed to operate the center.**
- b. The *University of Southern Mississippi* has established the *Instructional Leadership Center*, which is a limited scope center at the Gulf Coast campus that strengthens research, education, and outreach collaboration among existing P-12 educational units. Through these collaborative efforts, the new center aspires to improve P-12 learning outcomes by using experiential learning to train and nurture P-12 administrators. **The center is funded with extramural grants, revenue from registration fees, and existing university budgets, thus additional state funds are not needed to operate the center.**
- c. The *University of Southern Mississippi* will establish the *Center for Policy and Resilience*, which will be a limited scope center at the Gulf Park campus that will facilitate collaboration among faculty, policy makers, community, regional and international leaders, and volunteer organizations on policy and community resilience research initiatives and outreach. **The center will be funded with extramural grants, thus additional state funds are not needed to operate the center.**
- d. The *University of Southern Mississippi* will establish the *Center for Logistics, Trade, and Transportation*, which will be a limited scope center at the Gulf Coast campus that will facilitate logistics, trade, and transportation collaborative research and outreach that will support economic development in the region. **The center will be funded with extramural grants, thus additional state funds will not be needed to operate the center.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends these items be accepted as information.

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2. **SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – RENAMING OF EXISTING LIMITED-SCOPE CENTERS AND INSTITUTES (INFORMATION ITEMS)**

- a. *Mississippi University for Women* renamed the *Southern Women's Institute*, a limited scope institute, to the *Center for Women's Research and Public Policy*, which is now a limited scope center. The name change better articulates the focus of the unit and will improve collaboration, external funding, and recruitment of faculty. The name change requires minimal resources (e.g., change of campus signs, stationary, recruiting materials, etc.). These minimal resources are covered by existing university budgets, thus **additional state funds are not needed to support the name change.**
- b. The *University of Southern Mississippi* renamed the *Center for Spectator Sports Security Management*, a limited scope center, to the *National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security*. The name change better aligns the center's name with its mission and security solutions terminology. The name change requires minimal resources, which are covered by existing university budgets, thus **additional state funds are not needed to support the name change.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends these items be accepted as information.

3. **SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – DECLARATION OF INTENT TO OFFER A DEGREE PROGRAM BY DISTANCE LEARNING (INFORMATION ITEM)**

Delta State University is offering the *Education Specialist in Elementary Education Program* (CIP 13.1202) online. Offering this existing academic program online will expand elementary education teacher access by providing an alternative program delivery method to traditional classroom instruction. The online program will not require different tuition and fees than the on-campus program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends this item be accepted as information.

4. **SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – 2009 HEADWAE HONOREES (INFORMATION ITEM)**

The Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) was established by Mississippi Legislative Resolution #88 in 1987 to honor annually the academically talented students and faculty members of Mississippi's higher education institutions who have made outstanding contributions in promoting academic excellence. The Appreciation Day, hosted by the Legislature each February in Jackson, is the Legislature's way of saying "thank you" to these students and faculty for their commitment to the future of Mississippi.

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On Appreciation Day, the honorees are invited to the State Capitol where they are welcomed by the Lieutenant Governor and recognized in each chamber of the Legislature. A luncheon follows wherein each student and faculty honoree is recognized by name in front of their guests, institution leaders, corporate sponsors, and legislators.

One student and faculty honoree are annually selected from each of the thirty-six public and private member institutions of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities to participate in the Appreciation Day activities. Additionally, the generosity of corporate sponsors provides for each honoree to be accompanied to the luncheon by two guests.

The 2009 HEADWAE recipients were honored on February 26, 2009 at the Jackson Marriott Downtown, where Trustee Aubrey Patterson was the guest speaker.

System honorees were:

INSTITUTION	FACULTY HONOREE	STUDENT HONOREE
ASU	Wesley Lloyd Whittaker	Demark Cole
DSU	Corlis Miller Snow	James Andrew Barham
JSU	Paresh Chandra Ray	Opal Charis Brown
MSU	Robert S. Moore	Braxton Tate Coombs
MUW	Bryan Hilliard	Dana Louise Derrick
MVSU	Henrine Stewart	Precious Dominique Person
UM	Gregory A. Schirmer	Graham Boynton Purcell
UMMC	Hamed A. Benghuzzi	Merry Claire Ballard
USM	Charles L. McCormick	Justin Ernest Poelma

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends this item be received as information.

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C. REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

APPROVAL OF BUDGET INCREASES/CHANGE OF SCOPES

1. ASU - GS 101-249, New Water Treatment Plant

Project Professional: N/A

General Contractor: N/A

Alcorn State University requests approval to increase the budget from \$2,550,000 to \$2,600,000 for an increase in the amount of \$50,000. This increase is required to make repairs and upgrades to process equipment that was installed in the original project. Funds are available from HB 246, Laws of 2007, and the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management discretionary funds.

2. UM -GS 107-286, Coulter Hall, 1B

Project Professional: Barlow, Eddie, Jenkins Architects

General Contractor: N/A

The University of Mississippi requests approval to increase the budget from \$4,225,000 to 5,208,000 for an increase in the amount of \$983,000. This increase is required due to the increased estimated cost at the completion of the construction documents. Funds are available from HB 1641, Laws of 2008, investment income earned, and Forest Lands endowment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of items 1 - 2.

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D. PERSONNEL

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION REQUESTS

1. Employment of Personnel

ASU

Carmencita Hannah-Willis, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; salary of \$95,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; effective March 2, 2009

Elvin Parker, Interim Vice President for Business Affairs, salary of \$111,300 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; effective July 1, 2008

MSU

Jennifer Hazelwood, Head Volleyball Coach; Athletics; contract period of January 16, 2009 to December 31, 2012; salary of \$75,000 per annum, pro rata; Auxiliary Funds

UM

Terrence T. Price, Assistant Football Coach; Athletics; contract period of January 21, 2009 to December 31, 2010; annual salary of \$220,000; Auxiliary Funds

USM

Patrick H. Washington, Assistant Football Coach; Department of Intercollegiate Athletics; contract period of January 20, 2009 to March 31, 2011; annual salary of \$100,000; Auxiliary Funds

2. Change of Status

UM

Houston D. Nutt, Head Football Coach; Athletics; *from* contract period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2011; annual salary of \$1,700,000 (\$200,000 from Auxiliary Funds and \$1,500,000 from private funds); *to* effective January 1, 2009, a one-year extension to December 31, 2012; annual salary of \$2,500,000 (\$200,000 from Auxiliary Funds and \$2,300,000 from private funds)

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Morris H. Stocks, *from* Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs; salary of \$252,960 per annum, pro rata; *to* Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs; salary of \$260,960 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; effective February 13, 2009 to June 30, 2009

3. Sabbatical

MSU

Mary K. Barbier, Assistant Professor, History; *from* \$56,200 per annum (nine-month contract); E&G Funds; *to* \$28,100 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2010 to May 15, 2010; professional improvement

Devon G. Brenner, Associate Professor, Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education; *from* \$60,028 per annum (nine-month contract); E&G Funds; *to* \$30,014 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2010 to May 15, 2010; professional improvement

Jianxia Du, Associate Professor, Instructional Systems and Workforce Development; *from* \$57,073 per annum (nine-month contract); E&G Funds; *to* \$28,536.50 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2009 to December 31, 2009; professional improvement

Brian T. Engelland, Professor, Marketing, Quantitative Analysis, and Business Law; *from* \$145,435 per annum; E&G Funds; *to* \$54,538 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2009 to December 31, 2009; professional improvement

Thomas B. Funderburk, Professor, Art; *from* \$72,469 per annum (nine-month contract); E&G Funds; *to* \$36,235 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2009 to December 31, 2009; professional improvement

William A. Hay, Assistant Professor, History; *from* \$57,970 per annum (nine-month contract); E&G Funds; *to* \$28,985 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2010 to May 15, 2010; professional improvement

Gary W. Kelly, Associate Professor, Finance and Economics; *from* \$84,225 per annum (nine-month contract); E&G Funds; *to* \$42,113 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2009 to December 31, 2009; professional improvement

Pearson Liddell, Jr., Associate Professor, Marketing, Quantitative Analysis, and Business Law; *from* \$68,765 per annum; E&G Funds; *to* \$34,383 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2010 to May 15, 2010; professional improvement

Benjamin S. Magbanua, Jr., Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering; *from* \$74,419 per annum; E&G Funds; *to* \$37,209.50 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2009 to December 31, 2009; professional improvement

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Dennis J. Mitchell, Professor, Meridian Division of Arts and Sciences; *from* \$106,289 per annum; E&G Funds; *to* \$39,858 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2010 to May 15, 2010; professional improvement

John G. Poros, Associate Professor, School of Architecture; *from* \$79,935 per annum; E&G Funds; *to* \$29,975 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2009 to December 31, 2009; professional improvement

John T. Rigsby, Jr., Associate Professor, School of Accountancy; *from* \$92,523 per annum; E&G Funds; *to* \$46,262 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2009 to December 31, 2009; professional improvement

Nancy A. Verhoek-Miller, Professor, Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education; *from* \$75,829 per annum; E&G Funds; *to* \$37,914.50 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2009 to December 31, 2009; professional improvement

Change in Sabbatical Period Approved

In November, 2008, the Board approved a sabbatical period for Dwayne A. Wise of August 16, 2009 to December 31, 2009. MSU is requesting the sabbatical period be changed as follows:

Dwayne A. Wise, Professor, Biological Sciences; *from* \$77,695 per annum; E&G Funds; *to* \$38,847.50 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2010 to May 15, 2010; professional improvement

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Vernon Asper, Professor of Marine Science; *from* \$103,219 per annum, prorated (nine-month contract); E&G Funds; *to* \$51,610 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 17, 2009 to December 31, 2009; professional development

Joshua Otaigbe, Professor of Polymers and High Performance Materials; *from* \$119,009 per annum, pro rate (nine-month contract); E&G Funds; *to* \$59,505 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 17, 2009 to May 13, 2010; professional development

Carl Reese, Associate Professor of Geography and Geology; *from* \$63,508 per annum, prorated (nine-month contract); E&G Funds; *to* \$31,754 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2010 to May 13, 2010; professional development

Amy Young, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Sociology; *from* \$51,941 per annum, prorated (nine-month contract); *to* \$25,971 per annum for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2010 to May 13, 2010; professional development

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4. Emeritus Status

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Jessica Alexander, Emeritus Professor of Nursing; College of Nursing and Speech-Language Pathology; Distinguished and dedicated faculty member for 33 years; status effective May 2009

Maggie McClintock, Emeritus Professor of MIS; College of Business and Legal Studies; Distinguished and dedicated faculty member for 13 years; status effective May 2009

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1. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – APPROVAL OF NEW ACADEMIC UNITS

- a. *Mississippi University for Women* requests permission to establish the *School of Professional Studies*, which will be a new school at the university. The proposed new school will have administrative oversight over the College of Business and Legal Studies and the Culinary Arts Institute. The new unit will facilitate a cost-saving effort, whereby the dean of the proposed new unit will be the administrative head of the College of Business and Legal Studies (currently headed by a dean) and the Culinary Arts Institute (currently headed by a director), which will result in a net loss of one dean/director level administrative position. **Thus, additional state funds will not be needed to establish this new academic unit.**
- b. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to establish the *Department of Marketing and Fashion Merchandising*, which will be a new academic department within the College of Business. The proposed new department is part of a proposed reorganization within the College of Business aimed to 1) correct a current enrollment imbalance, 2) give faculty in current larger departments more autonomy in proposed smaller departments, and 3) better facilitate research, teaching, and outreach collaboration within departments. The creation of the proposed new department will be funded by reallocating existing funds and utilizing current faculty within the College of Business, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to establish this new academic department.**
- c. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to establish the *Department of Finance, Real Estate, and Business Law*, which will be a new academic department within the College of Business. The proposed new department is part of a proposed reorganization within the College of Business aimed to 1) correct a current enrollment imbalance within the current structure, 2) give faculty in current larger departments more autonomy in proposed smaller departments, and 3) better facilitate research, teaching, and outreach collaboration within departments. The creation of the proposed new department will be funded by reallocating existing funds and utilizing current faculty within the College of Business, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to establish this new academic department.**
- d. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to establish the *Department of Educational Studies and Research*, which will be a new academic department within the College of Education and Psychology. The proposed new department is part of a proposed reorganization within the College of Education and Psychology aimed to split the Department of Educational Leadership and Research into two departments. This is a logical division to place students seeking full-time careers as higher education faculty in the proposed new department. The creation of the proposed new department will be funded by reallocating existing funds and utilizing current faculty within the College of

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Education and Psychology, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to establish this new academic department.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

2. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING ACADEMIC UNITS

CONSOLIDATE

Mississippi University for Women requests permission to consolidate (for administrative reporting only) the *College of Business and Business Law* and the *Culinary Arts Institute* into the proposed new *School of Professional Studies*. The current units will maintain their names for the purposes of marketing and accreditation; however, both units will report to a single dean. The proposed consolidation is a cost-saving modification that will eliminate one dean/director, thus **facilitating reallocation of resources currently in administration.**

REORGANIZE

- a. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to reorganize the *School of Accountancy and Information Systems* by removing Information Systems faculty and associated resources from the existing unit and placing them in the proposed *Department of Business Economics and Decision Sciences*, and by removing Legal Studies faculty and associated resources from the existing unit and placing them in the proposed new *Department of Finance, Real Estate, and Business Law.* The proposed reorganization will isolate the School of Accountancy into a separate unit, which is necessary since accounting is reviewed separately by its main accrediting body. The proposed reorganization will be funded by reallocating existing funds within the College of Business, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the reorganization.**
- b. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to reorganize the *Department of Economics, Finance, and International Business* by removing Finance faculty and associated resources from the existing unit and placing them in the proposed *Department of Finance, Real Estate, and Legal Studies*, and by removing International Business faculty and associated resources from the existing unit and placing them in the proposed *Department of Management and International Business*. In addition, Decision Sciences faculty and associated resources will be added to the existing unit. The proposed reorganization will correct an enrollment imbalance within the current departments of the College of Business. The proposed reorganization will be funded by reallocating existing funds within the College of Business, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the reorganization.**

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- c. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to reorganize the *Department of Management and Marketing* by removing Marketing and Fashion Merchandising faculty and associated resources from the existing unit and placing them in the proposed **new *Department of Marketing and Fashion Merchandising***. In addition, International Business faculty and associated resources will be added to the existing unit. The proposed reorganization will facilitate greater faculty autonomy within their respective departments. The proposed reorganization will be funded by reallocating existing funds within the College of Business, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the reorganization.**
- d. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to reorganize the *Department of Educational Leadership and Research* by removing Educational Research faculty and associated resources from the existing unit and placing them in the proposed **new *Department of Educational Studies and Research***. The proposed reorganization will isolate students seeking careers as counselors and those seeking careers as higher education faculty into two separate departments. The proposed reorganization will be funded by reallocating existing funds within the College of Education and Psychology, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the reorganization.**

RENAME

- a. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to rename the *School of Accountancy and Information Systems* to the ***School of Accountancy*** as a part of proposed reorganization within the College of Business, whereby Information Systems and Legal Studies faculty and associated resources will be removed from the existing unit. The proposed name change will require minimal resources (e.g., change of campus signs, stationary, recruiting materials, etc.). These minimal resources will be covered by existing College of Business budgets, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the renaming.**
- b. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to rename the *Department of Economics, Finance, and International Business* to the ***Department of Business Economics and Decision Sciences*** as a part of proposed reorganization within the College of Business, whereby Finance and International Business faculty and associated resources will be removed from the existing unit, and Decision Sciences faculty and associated resources will be added to the existing unit. The proposed name change will require minimal resources, which will be covered by existing College of Business budgets, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the renaming.**
- c. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to rename the *Department of Management and Marketing* to the ***Department of Management and International Business*** as a part of proposed reorganization within the College of Business, whereby Marketing faculty and associated resources will be removed from the existing unit, and

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International Business faculty and associated resources will be added to the existing unit. The proposed name change will require minimal resources, which will be covered by existing College of Business budgets, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the renaming.**

- d. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to rename the *Department of Tourism Management* to the *Department of Casino, Hospitality, and Tourism Management* to better align the unit name with its scope and mission. The proposed name change will require minimal resources. These minimal resources will be covered by existing College of Business budgets, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the renaming.**
- e. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to rename the *Department of Educational Leadership and Research* to the *Department of Educational Leadership and School Counseling* as a part of proposed reorganization within the College of Education and Psychology, whereby the current department will be split into two separate departments. The proposed name change will require minimal resources, which will be covered by existing College of Education and Psychology budgets, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the renaming.**
- f. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to rename the *Office of Graduate Studies* to the *Graduate School* to reflect the university's commitment to research and graduate education, and align the name with that of peer institutions. The proposed name change will require minimal resources, which will be covered by existing university budgets, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the renaming.**
- g. The *University of Southern Mississippi* requests permission to rename the *Department of Administration of Justice* to the *School of Criminal Justice* to return the unit name to the more traditional criminal justice designation, which more accurately reflects the degree offerings and research focus within the unit. The proposed name change will require minimal resources, which will be covered by existing College of Science and Technology budgets, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the renaming.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

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3. **SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS (RENAME)**

The *University of Mississippi* requests permission to rename the *Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts* to the *Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies* to alleviate current student confusion between the current name and College of Liberal Arts, in which the degree is housed. The proposed name change will require minimal resources (e.g., change of campus signs, stationary, recruiting materials, etc.). These minimal resources will be covered by existing College of Liberal Arts budgets, thus **additional state funds will not be needed to support the renaming.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. MSU-APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS (IHL 205-235)

First Southwest Company-Financial Advisor
Watkins Ludlum Winter & Stennis, P.A.-Bond Counsel
Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc.-Lead Underwriter

MSU requests approval of a resolution authorizing the Mississippi State University Educational Building Corporation to issue up to a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$48,000,000 of Revenue Bonds, Series 2009A (New Residence Hall Construction Project) at fixed rates for 30 years and a refunding of a portion of the Series 1998 Revenue Bonds. According to the financial advisor, recent market activity has indicated an expected interest rate of 5.4 percent for the issue.

First Southwest Company will serve as financial advisor for the issue and Watkins Ludlum Winter & Stennis, P.A. will serve as bond counsel. Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc. will serve as lead underwriter. Fees and expenses for professional services and issuance costs are anticipated to be \$133,150.

In April 2008, the Board approved the construction of a 350 bed, 122,000 sq. ft. residential hall on the MSU campus for a total project cost of \$29,960,000. The residential fee is expected to be \$2,600 per bed per semester. At that time, the financial advisor concluded that the university had a sufficient revenue stream to cover the cost of the issue. The bond issue will also cover the cost of demolition for an abandoned residence hall, furnishing and equipping of the new residence hall, capitalized interest during the construction period, and the construction of educational space within the residence hall.

In addition to the construction of the residence hall project, the EBC's financial advisor, First Southwest Company, has also recommended the refunding of a portion of the EBC's outstanding Revenue Bonds, Series 1998, to achieve debt service savings. The financial advisor recommends refunding \$16,535,000 of the outstanding principle balance of \$23,640,000 from the Series 1998 bonds. The financial advisor estimates that the university will achieve an average annual savings of between \$43,000 and \$69,000 per year as a result of the refunding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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2. MVSU-EDUCATION STRATEGY, LLC.-CONSULTING AND CURRICULUM AGREEMENT

Mississippi Valley State University requests approval to enter into a consulting and curriculum agreement with Education Strategy, LLC. The purpose of the agreement is to assist the university in establishing a different delivery method for an existing curriculum. Specifically, Education Strategy will assist MVSU in establishing an online, blended and accelerated undergraduate program in Organizational Management. Implementation and set-up of the program is estimated to take three to four months.

Education Strategy's fee is \$470,000. The agreement will be funded via tuition revenue collected from students enrolled in the Organizational Management program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Pending review of changes recommended by the Attorney General's Office, Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. UM-APPROVAL TO REVISE THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS BUDGET

The University of Mississippi requests approval to revise the Intercollegiate Athletics budget. The escalation is necessary to offset Cotton Bowl expenses and provide funds for salary adjustments.

Object of Expenditure	Current Budget 2008-2009	Budget Revision	Revised Budget 2008-2009
Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$ 14,006,594	\$ 272,500	\$ 14,279,094
Travel & Subsistence	3,296,243	27,500	3,323,743
Contractual Services	13,103,973	15,000	13,118,973
Commodities	2,206,300	35,000	2,241,300
Capital Outlay			
Other than Equipment	-	-	-
Equipment	410,175	-	410,175
Subsidies, Loans & Grants (Transfers)	5,147,500	-	5,147,500
TOTAL	\$ 38,170,785	\$ 350,000	\$ 38,520,785

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: According to Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all escalations to annual budgets must be submitted through the Commissioner to the Board of Trustees for approval prior to implementation. Board staff has reviewed the budget revision request and recommends approval of this item.

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4. UMMC-NEARTERM CORPORATION-MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to enter into a one-year temporary management and/or staffing services agreement with NearTerm Corporation. The positions are required to continue UMMC's revenue transformation efforts. The Board approved a one-year agreement for related positions in May, 2008. The current agreement period is May 24, 2009 to May 23, 2010.

The total cost for the contract period is \$1,470,000 and is inclusive of all fees and expenses. The agreement will be funded via patient revenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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APPROVAL OF INITIATIONS OF PROJECTS/APPOINTMENTS OF PROFESSIONALS

1. ASU - IHL 201-243, Campus Security

Project Professional: The Power Source

Alcorn State University requests permission to initiate a project and to appoint The Power Source as the project professionals for the Campus Security project. The project will include security cameras, emergency blue lights, and a card access system. Funds are available in the amount of \$250,000 from IHL Discretionary Funds, HB 246, Laws of 2007.

2. JSU - IHL 203-148, Bioengineering Training/Research Center

Project Professional: Foil & Wyatt Architects

Jackson State University requests permission to appoint Foil & Wyatt Architects as project professionals. The project was publicly advertised for receipt of proposals for architectural services. The Board approved the initiation of this project in May of 2008. The total project budget is \$1,913,000. Funds are available from the United States Department of Energy grant.

3. JSU - IHL 203-150, Transportation/Mobility Center

Project Professional: Foil & Wyatt Architects

Jackson State University requests permission to appoint Foil & Wyatt Architects as project professionals for this project. The project was publicly advertised for receipt of proposals for architectural services. The Board approved the initiation of this project in November of 2008. The total project budget is \$5,000,000. Funds are available from the United States Department of Transportation grant.

4. MVSU - GS 106-214, Land Drainage Infrastructure - Phase II

Project Professional: W. L. Burle Engineers, P.A.

Mississippi Valley State University requests permission to initiate a project for the Land Drainage Infrastructure – Phase II. The university also requests approval to appoint W. L. Burle Engineers as project professionals. This project will provide for improvements to

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the campus drainage system. The total project budget is \$950,000. Funds are available from SB 3197, Laws of 2003.

5. MVSU - IHL 206-025, Pre-Planning President's House

Project Professional: Shafer & Associates

Mississippi Valley State University requests permission to initiate a project for the pre-planning of a new president's house and the appointment of Shafer & Associates as the project design professionals. The project construction budget will be determined by the project professional. Funds are available \$60,000 for the design fees from self-generated sources.

6. UM - IHL 207-321, North (2nd) Residential College

Project Professional: Cooke, Douglas, Farr, Lemons Ltd and Eley Associates, a joint venture

The University of Mississippi requests permission to initiate a project for the North Residential College. Additionally, the university requests permission to use the Construction Management – Advisor method of project delivery for construction of the second residential college. The residential college's design professional was approved by the Board in March of 2007. The university will seek approval of the project budget at a later date once the Construction Manager has established the construction costs.

The university will utilize the Construction Management method to reduce construction time by twelve (12) months and allow for occupancy by August, 2010. Traditional bidding would place the delivery date at August 2011. The Construction Manager will be selected through a Request for Qualifications and the interview process. The Construction Manager will not perform any portion of the construction work on this project. The building will be 3 stories and provide 320 beds. Funding sources for this project are provided by private donations, EBC bond proceeds, and self-generated funds.

7. UMMC - IHL 209-519, Exterior Graphics Phase I-2009

Project Professional: The K Group

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests permission to initiate a project for new exterior signage. The university also requests approval to appoint The K Group as project professionals. The signage will provide enhancement and improvement of

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vehicular overhead and ground mounted signage. The total project budget is \$317,000. Funds are available from interest income.

8. UMMC - IHL 209-520, School of Health Related Professions, Lab Renovations

Project Professional: Cooke Douglas Farr Lemons, Ltd.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests permission to initiate a project to renovate and convert room SH236 into a modern Radiology Digital Viewing Lab. The university also requests approval to appoint Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, Ltd. as project professionals. The total project budget is \$255,134. Funds are available from student tuition and fees.

9. UMMC - IHL 209-521, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Renovations

Project Professional: The McCarty Group

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests permission to initiate a project for renovations to the existing Pediatric ICU at Batson Children's Hospital. The university also requests approval to appoint The McCarty Group as project professionals. The renovations will include private patient rooms, updated associated support spaces, the latest patient care technology, and services to accommodate this special care area. The total project budget is \$3,122,978. Funds are available from hospital patient revenue.

10. USM - IHL 208-289, Commons Building Demolition

Project Professional: Allred Architectural Group

The University of Southern Mississippi requests permission to initiate a project for the demolition of the Commons Building on the Hattiesburg campus. This demolition is in accordance with the master plan approved by the Board in 2008. The university also requests approval to appoint Allred Architectural Group as project professionals. The approval letters from the Department of Archives and History and the Department of Environmental Quality are on file with the Office of Real Estate and Facilities. The project budget is estimated to be \$500,000. Funds are available from 2008 surplus reserves.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of items 1 - 10.

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APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES REQUESTS

11. USM - IHL 208-286, Parking Structure

Project Professional: N/A

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval of the short list of development teams for the Parking Structure project on the Hattiesburg campus. Each team consists of experienced and qualified design professionals that include an engineering or architectural firm registered in Mississippi, a contractor properly licensed and domiciled in Mississippi, a development/finance professional, and a technical consultant professionals. The Request for Qualifications was publicly advertised and submittals from eight teams were received. The submittals were reviewed by a 10-person selection panel, which evaluated the qualifications, interviewed six teams and selected the following teams as the short list to proceed to phase two of the dual-phase design-build process.

Team A

Developer: Eagle Parking, LLC is composed of two parent companies, L&A Contracting Company and Finlo Construction company, Inc., both of Hattiesburg, MS. Eagle Parking, LLC has teamed with Stephens Financial, Inc. for project financing.

Design Professional: Albert & Associates Architects of Hattiesburg, MS. This design professional is an architectural firm registered in the State of Mississippi, with experience in the design of numerous award-winning projects throughout the State.

Technical Consultant: LEAP Associates International, Inc. of Tampa, FL. This consultant has been involved in the design of many parking structures around the country.

Construction Contractor: Finlo Construction company, Inc. of Hattiesburg, MS. This contractor is licensed and domiciled in the State of Mississippi and has constructed major projects, including all the parking structures built in Hattiesburg, MS.

Team B

Developer: Signet-Harrell Development. This developer has experience in developing and financing 17 parking structures worth nearly \$100 million.

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects. This design professional is an architectural firm registered in the State of Mississippi, with experience in the design of numerous large projects throughout the state including numerous parking structures.

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Technical Consultant: Tim Haas Engineers/Architects. This parking consultant has been involved in the design of nearly 800 parking structures including 30 for higher education as well as 23 public-private ventures.

Construction Contractor: Harrell Contracting Group, LLC. This contractor is licensed and domiciled in the State of Mississippi and has constructed major projects throughout the State including several parking structures.

Team C

Developer: TMV Development, LLC. This developer has experience in developing and financing numerous projects in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Design Professional: Landry and Lewis Architects, P.A. This design professional is an architectural firm registered in the State of Mississippi, with experience in the design of numerous projects throughout the State including parking structures.

Technical Consultant: Walker Parking Consultants. This parking consultant has been involved in the design of hundreds of parking structures throughout the United States.

Construction Contractor: W. G. Yates and Sons Construction Company. This contractor is licensed and domiciled in the State of Mississippi and has constructed many major projects throughout the southeast including numerous parking structures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of Item 11.

12. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION: Real Estate and Facilities Items Approved Subsequent to the February 18-19, 2009 Board Meeting (Information Items)

Delta State University

GS 102-213, Delta Music Institute (Interior Finishes): The Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,600. This change order is necessary to paint and refinish the Office of Information Technology, Room 101, which was not renovated as part of the original project. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$84,536.52. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004.

Project Professional: Foil Wyatt Architects

General Contractor: Superior Contracting, LLC

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GS 102-225, Water Tower Repairs: The Board staff approved the Schematic Design documents as submitted by W. L. Burle Engineers, P.A., project professionals. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$100,000. Funds are available from IHL Discretionary Funds: HB 246, Laws of 2007, as previously approved by the Board.

Project Professional: W. L. Burle Engineers, P.A.

General Contractor: N/A

IHL 202-134, Nursing Addition: The Board staff approved an award of a contract to Southern Commercial of Holly Springs, Inc., the lower of seven (7) bidders, in the base bid amount of \$267,500. The total project budget is \$350,000. Funds are available from Health Resources Service Administration Grant #U1FRH07411.

Project Professional: Shafer and Associates, PLLC

General Contractor: Southern Commercial of Holly Springs, Inc.

Jackson State University

GS 103-179, School of Engineering: The Board staff approved Change Order #12 in the amount of \$181,399.45 with an additional 172 days added to the contract of Evan Johnson and Sons, Construction, Inc. This change order is necessary for the addition of exit lights as required by the Fire Marshall and to relocate outlets at the security desk. It also provides for a revision to the corridor flooring and the addition of overhead costs by the contractor. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$20,500,000. Funds are available from SB 1675, Laws of 1999.

Project Professional: Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, Ltd.

General Contractor: Evan Johnson and Sons Construction, Inc.

GS 103-231, E-City Center Project: The Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,817.12. This change order is necessary to solve right-of-way issues with the city of Jackson, the addition of fencing to the project and delays due to adverse weather conditions. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$806,000. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004.

Project Professional: Wayne F. Timmer, Architect, P.A

General Contractor: Wilkinson Construction, Inc.

GS 103-234, ADA Compliance Phase II-B (BP.1): The Board staff approved the Schematic Design documents as provided by Wayne T. Timmer, P.A., project professionals. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real

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Property Management. The total project budget is \$4,532,985.50. Funds are available from SB 3197, Laws of 2002, and HB 246, Laws of 2007.

Project Professional: Wayne F. Timmer Architect, P.A.

General Contractor: N/A

GS 103-234, ADA Compliance Phase II-B (BP.2): The Board staff approved the Schematic Design documents as provided by Wayne T. Timmer, P.A., project professionals. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$2,398,125. Funds are available from SB 3197, Laws of 2002, and HB 246, Laws of 2007.

Project Professional: Wayne F. Timmer Architect, P.A.

General Contractor: N/A

IHL 203-151, Council of Federated Organizations Building (COFO): The Board staff approved the Design Development documents as submitted by LAD Engineering Technologies, Inc., project professionals. The total project budget is \$380,000. Funds are available from the Small Business Administration.

Project Professional: LAD Engineering Technologies, Inc.

General Contractor: N/A

Mississippi State University

Building 1665, Crystal Springs, MS: The Board staff approved the request to remove Building 1665, Plastic Greenhouse at Crystal Springs, MS from the Mississippi Agricultural & Forestry Experiment Station (#422) inventory. The building is no longer required by the university, has collapsed from snow, and is beyond practical repair. Letters of approval have been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and will be on file in the Office of Real Estate and Facilities.

Project Professional: N/A

General Contractor: N/A

GS 105-310, Harned Hall Renovation: The Board staff approved the Contract Documents as submitted by Eley and Associates Architects, project professionals. The Board staff approved the request to advertise for the receipt of bids. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$17,000,000. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004, and HB 246, Laws of 2007.

Project Professional: Eley and Associates

General Contractor: N/A

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GS 113-121, Building 1532 (R&R Stoneville, MS): The Board staff approved the Design Development documents as submitted by Robert Lewis Architects, project professionals. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$1,100,000. Funds are available from HB 1634, Laws of 2006, MSU-MAFES funds and MSU-Ed funds.

Project Professional: Robert Lewis Architects

General Contractor: N/A

IHL 213-136, Building 1533 (R&R Stoneville, MS): The Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$1,902. The change order is necessary to replace the air handling units from mini split systems to chilled/hot water units. The change order also allows for the change to the roof pitch on a portion of the building to avoid existing HVAC components. The total project budget is \$1,445,000. Funds are available through MAFES sales.

Project Professional: Mills & Mills Architects

General Contractor: Jackson Construction of Grenada, Inc.

University of Mississippi

Removal of Building #22, Oxford, MS: The Board staff approved the request to remove Faculty House #22 Northgate Square, University, Mississippi from inventory. The house was severely damaged by fire on April 27, 2008 and beyond practical repair. Approval letters have been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and will be kept on file in the Office of Real Estate and Facilities.

Project Professional: N/A

General Contractor: New South of Mississippi, LLC

IHL 207-279, Old Chemistry Interiors: The Board staff approved the Construction Documents as provided by McCarty Company, project professionals. The Board staff also approved the request to advertise for receipt of bids. The total project budget is \$4,500,000. Funds are available from private donations, the School of Engineering, and self-generated R&R funds.

Project Professional: McCarty Company

General Contractor: Panola Construction Company, Inc.

IHL 207-279, Old Chemistry Interiors: The Board staff approved an award of a contract to Panola Construction Company, Inc., the lowest of seven (7) bidders, in the base bid amount of \$1,745,700 plus \$1,457,300 (add alternates #1-4) and \$6,500 (add alternate #5) for a total of \$3,209,500. The total project budget is \$4,500,000. Funds are available from private donations, the School of Engineering, and self-generated R&R funds.

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Project Professional: McCarty Company
General Contractor: Panola Construction Company, Inc.

IHL 207-306, Center for Manufacturing Excellence: The Board staff approved an award of a contract to Panola Construction Company, Inc., the lowest of six (6) bidders, in the amount of \$10,967,000. The total project budget is \$17,700,000. Funds are available from the Mississippi Development Authority.

Project Professional: Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, Ltd.
General Contractor: Panola Construction Company, Inc.

IHL 207-315, Law School-Central Mechanical Plant: The Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$71,720. This change order includes additional costs of \$35,860 per chiller to change the two chillers to variable speed drives for energy efficiency. The total project budget is \$4,600,000. Funds are available from private donations and EBC bond proceeds.

Project Professional: Cooke Douglas Farr Lemons, Ltd.
General Contractor: Hooker Construction, Inc.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

GS 109-193, Chiller #2 and Tower #2 Replacements: The Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$11,155. This change order is necessary to provide for the addition of a cooling tower equalizer piping to prevent overflows. This latent problem did not appear until after the towers were in operation. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$2,580,000. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004, and UMMC interest income.

Project Professional: Cooke Douglas Farr Lemons, Ltd.
General Contractor: Fountain Construction Company, Inc.

GS 109-199, Teaching Facility: The Board staff approved an award of a contract to Guaranteed Roofing Company, Inc., the lower of eight (8) bidders, in the base bid amount of \$172,906. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$200,000. The funding source is self-generated sources with reimbursement, upon completion, from IHL Discretionary Funds: HB 246, Laws of 2007.

Project Professional: Simmons Associates
General Contractor: Guaranteed Roofing Company, Inc.

IHL 209-435C, Guyton Building Expansion: The Board staff approved Change Order #10 in the amount of \$82,245 with an additional seventy seven (77) days to the contract

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of Flintco, Inc. This change order is necessary to provide for various lighting and security packages/fixtures, power connections for work stations and fire alarm requirements. Funds are available from SB 3197, Laws of 2002, Federal funds (HRSA-HCOF#C76HF00116) and interest income.

Project Professional: Simmons Associates/Eley Associates, Joint Venture

General Contractor: Flintco, Inc.

IHL 209-500, Health Related Professionals Drainage Revisions 2007: The Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$8,226 with an additional fourteen (14) days to the contract of Southern Rock, LLC. This change order is necessary to provide for the relocation of an existing 12" fire line to avoid a conflict with the new storm sewer piping. The total project budget is \$570,700. Funds are available from interest income, student tuition and patient fees.

Project Professional: Dale/Morris Architects

General Contractor: Southern Rock, LLC

IHL 209-504, Cath Lab S027 and Pavilion Cath Lab Renovations (Contract 1): The Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the amount of \$9,781.20 with an additional six (6) days to the contract of Flagstar Construction Company, Inc. This change order provides for additional floor patching required for the installation of seamless flooring. It also provides for the extension of the temporary construction tunnel and to seal it against dust, the addition of HEGIS number signs and to change rubber bases in various corridors. The total project budget is \$470,172. Funds are available from hospital patient revenues.

Project Professional: Barlow Eddy Jenkins

General Contractor: Flagstar Construction Company, Inc.

IHL 209-510, Guyton Contract III Renovations: The Board staff approved the Contract Documents as submitted by Simmons Associates/Eley Associates, joint venture as project professionals. The total project budget is \$16,500,000. Funds are available from the Medical Center Education Building Corporation and interest income.

Project Professional: Simmons Associates/Eley Associates

General Contractor: N/A

IHL 209-514, Hospital Generator 2008: The Board staff approved the Contract Documents as submitted by Watkins & O'Gwynn Electrical Engineers, design professionals. The Board staff also approved the request to advertise for the receipt of bids. The total project budget is \$475,000. Funds are available from hospital patient revenues.

Project Professional: Watkins & O'Gwynn Electrical Engineers

General Contractor: N/A

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IHL 209-515, Surgical Short Stay Renovations: The Board staff approved the Schematic Design documents as provided by Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, LTD, project professionals. The total project budget is \$7,735,000. Funds are available from hospital patient revenues.

Project Professional: Cooke Douglas Farr Lemons, Ltd.

General Contractor: N/A

IHL 209-516, Emergency Room Fast Track Renovations: The Board staff approved the Design Development documents as submitted by The McCarty Group, design professionals. The total project budget is \$2,000,000. Funds are available from hospital patient revenues.

Project Professional: The McCarty Group

General Contractor: N/A

IHL 209-516, Emergency Room Fast Track Renovations: The Board staff approved the Contract Documents as submitted by The McCarty Group, design professionals. The total project budget is \$2,000,000. Funds are available from hospital patient revenues.

Project Professional: The McCarty Group

General Contractor: N/A

University of Southern Mississippi

GS 108-230, Polymer Institute Product Processing Unit/Plant: The Board staff approved Change Order #5 for a credit in the amount of \$9,618. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$26,800,000. Funds are available from SB 2988, Laws of 2003, a NIST grant and facility and administrative fees.

Project Professional: Eley and Associates

General Contractor: Mac's Construction Co., Inc.

GS 108-242, 2005 Roofing Program: The Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$8,400 with an additional 180 days added to the contract of Independent Roofing Systems, Inc. This change order is necessary to replace an existing wall panel that was damaged and deteriorating. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$1,700,000. Funds are available from SB 2010, Laws of 2004, and HB 3197, Laws of 2002.

Project Professional: Allred McNabb Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Independent Roofing Systems, Inc.

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GS 108-252, Fraternity House Fire Protection: The Board staff approved the Schematic Design documents as provided by Eldridge and Associates, project professionals. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$1,350,000. Funds are available from HB 1641, Laws of 2008.

Project Professional: Eldridge and Associates

General Contractor: N/A

GS 108-252, Fraternity House Fire Protection: The Board staff approved the Design Development documents as provided by Eldridge and Associates, project professionals. Approval was requested from the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. The total project budget is \$1,350,000. Funds are available from HB 1641, Laws of 2008.

Project Professional: Eldridge and Associates

General Contractor: N/A

IHL 208-251, Trent Lott Center: The Board staff approved Change Order #8 in the amount of \$26,762. This change order is necessary for the addition of an exterior railing to comply with safety codes and to supply gas piping for efficiency. The total project budget is \$29,000,000. Funds are available from Government VA-HUD Independent Appropriations Act of 2002 Conference Report (HR-107-202).

Project Professional: Albert & Associates Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Finlo Construction Company, Inc.

IHL 208-285, HUB Renovation: The Board staff approved the Contract Documents as submitted by Landry & Lewis Architects, project professionals. The Board staff also approved the request to advertise for the receipt of bids. The project budget is \$995,000. Funds are available from the university bookstore, student services, the student annual and the student union.

Project Professional: Landry and Lewis Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: N/A

IHL 208-285, HUB Renovation: The Board staff approved an award of a contract to DC General Contractors, Inc., the lower of seventeen (17) bids, in the base bid amount of \$784,000 plus add alternate #1 (\$72,000) and add alternate #2 (\$30,000) for a total bid amount of \$866,000. The project budget is \$995,000. Funds are available from the university bookstore, student services, student annual and the student union.

Project Professional: Landry and Lewis Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: DC General Contractors, Inc.

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1. UM – APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF OXFORD

The Chancellor of the University of Mississippi recommends that the university be authorized to enter the following interlocal agreement with the City of Oxford that will allow the City to contribute to the university \$200,000 per year for fifteen years from money collected from the City's tourism tax to help fund the renovation of the University of Mississippi baseball stadium.

LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the date shown at the end of this agreement between the City of Oxford, Mississippi, a municipality duly authorized, established and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi ("the City"), and the University of Mississippi, a state institution of higher learning duly authorized, established and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi ("the University"). This Agreement is entered into in accordance with the provisions of Section 17-13-1 *et seq.* of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as amended ("Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974").

WHEREAS, the City and University have benefited from the tourism generated by the Oxford-University Stadium; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the tourism it generates, the Oxford-University Stadium adds to the local community by providing a venue for spectator sports for the residents of the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to spend monies generated by that certain tax allowed under House Bill No. 1189, which became effective March 24, 1986 ("the Tourism Tax") for the promotion of tourism, which (under House Bill No. 1189); and

WHEREAS, the original use of a portion of such funds initially was to construct the Stadium, and the City was authorized to use the remainder for "tourism related purposes" which definition specifically included but was not limited to the construction of and/or improvements to the Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the City has satisfied its bonded indebtedness pursuant to House Bill No. 1189; and

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WHEREAS, the University is expending funds for renovation of the Stadium to accommodate larger crowds and increased attendance at the Stadium, which expansion and renovation will directly enhance tourism within the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the City and the University desire to enter into an agreement to ensure that the City continues to benefit from the increased tourism generated by the Oxford-University Stadium, and to further ensure that needed improvements and maintenance are undertaken and fully funded as authorized under House Bill No. 1189; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. §§ 17-13-7(3) and (4) the City's Board of Aldermen authorized entry into this Agreement by resolution entered on its minutes dated March 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the University has received approval from the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to enter into this Agreement as spread upon its minutes, the relevant excerpts of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B";

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

This agreement ("the Agreement") is entered in accordance with the authorization of the "Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974 ("the Act") as it now appears. All provisions set forth in the Act are incorporated herein and made a part hereof. It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement that such authority as is granted by the Act shall be exercisable by the Parties to enable them to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to permit and provide, in the most efficient and effective manner, the City to pay to the University \$200,000.00 per year of funds generated pursuant to House Bill 1189, for the maintenance, repair and/or renovation of the University's baseball stadium.

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III. DURATION

The term of this Agreement shall be fifteen years, commencing in fiscal year 2008/2009, and ending fiscal year 2022/2023.

IV. ORGANIZATION

This Agreement creates no new board, agency or entity of any kind.

V. JOINT PROPERTY

This Agreement creates no change in ownership of property, as such ownership may have existed before the Agreement's execution.

VI. DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPRESENTATIONS

The City shall convey the sum of \$200,000.00, taken from the sums generated by the above-referenced Tourism Tax, once per year during each year of the term of the Agreement as set forth in Section III. The parties shall independently bear any administrative costs incurred in undertaking the obligations of this Agreement.

VII. LIABILITY

Each party to this Agreement shall assume responsibility for any acts of negligence which may be attributed to it or its employees or agents, to the extent authorized by MISS. CODE ANN. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.* of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as amended (the Mississippi Tort Claims Act), and any other applicable federal, state, or local laws or regulations. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as an obligation by either party to indemnify the other that would not be authorized under applicable law, or an acceptance of liability by either party beyond that prescribed by law.

VIII. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended only with the mutual consent of the parties. Any such amendment shall be approved by the governing authorities of each party prior to incorporation as part of this Agreement.

IX. SPECIFIC AUTHORITY

The Board of Aldermen for the City of Oxford satisfied the requirements of MISS. CODE ANN. § 17-13-7(3) by approving this Agreement by resolution, said resolution being found on the

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minutes dated _____, 2009, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The Board of Aldermen was authorized to enter said resolution pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. § 17-13-7(1). This instant Agreement affords the City of Oxford no power, authority, and/or responsibility it would not otherwise possess and accordingly does not violate MISS. CODE ANN. § 17-13-7(5).

X. FILING FOR APPROVAL

Pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. § 17-13-11, the parties understand that as a condition precedent to the Agreement being enforceable, the Agreement shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi for his approval, and this Agreement shall not be enforceable unless and until approved by the Attorney General, or unless and until sixty days pass from the date submitted, within which time the Attorney General fails to disapprove the Agreement. In the latter event, pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. § 17-13-11(1), this Agreement shall be considered approved and enforceable.

On approval by the Attorney General, or the passing of sixty days after submission without his disapproval, copies of this Agreement shall be filed with the Chancery Clerk of Lafayette County, the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, and the State Department of Audit., pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. §§ 17-13-11(3) and (4).

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

This Agreement is governed by Mississippi law. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts that, when combined, will constitute the original instrument.

APPROVED AND EXECUTED BY THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES as of the date indicated below pursuant to lawful resolution adopted by the governing authority of each party.

Date: _____

[Signature Pages to Follow]

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Signature Page to Interlocal Agreement dated _____

The City of Oxford, Mississippi

By: _____
Mayor

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named Richard Howorth, Mayor of the City of Oxford, who acknowledged to me that he is the Mayor of the City of Oxford, and that as such he did sign and deliver the above and foregoing instrument on the date and for the purpose therein stated in the name of, for and on behalf of the City of Oxford, he being first duly authorized so to do.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2009.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

Signature Page to Interlocal Agreement dated _____

The University of Mississippi

By: _____
Chancellor

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named Robert Khayat, who acknowledged to me that he is the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, and that as such he did sign and deliver the above and foregoing instrument on the date and for the purpose therein stated in the name of, for and on behalf of the University of Mississippi, he being first duly authorized so to do.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, this the ____ day of _____, 2009.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The above agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. UMMC – APPROVAL TO SETTLE A TORT CLAIM CASE

The University of Mississippi Medical Center seeks approval to settle Tort Claim No. 1481.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. UMMC – APPROVAL TO SETTLE A TORT CLAIM CASE

The University of Mississippi Medical Center seeks approval to settle Tort Claim No. 1472.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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4. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL (INFORMATION ITEMS)

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Adams & Reese (Statement dated 1/8/09) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with a personnel issue.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,099.75

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statements dated 12/31/08 and 1/27/09) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,837.50 and \$350.00, represent services and expenses in connection with the *Wade* case.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,187.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by David Ware & Associates (Statement dated 1/30/09) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with labor certification - Akram.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,500.00

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 10/27/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: "Cache Mapping Technology Matter" - \$10,879.00 and "Negotiations with Triton BioPharma AG" - \$690.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 11,569.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 12/31/08) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: "High Power Density, Full Bridge Parallel Loaded Resonant DC-DC Converter for Low-Voltage, High Current Applications" - \$640.50; "Termite Control Methods and Apparatus" - \$2,760.00; "Methods of Preparation of Live Attenuated Bacterial Vaccines by Alteration of DNA Adenine Methylase (DAM) Activity in Those Bacteria" - \$2,286.00; "DNA Molecule Encoding a 33KD Cysteine Proteinase and its Use in Transforming Plants to Provide Insect Resistance" - \$1.00;

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and “Heliothis Virens-Specific and Helicoverpa Zea-Specific Monoclonal Antibodies and Insect Identification Method” - \$1,340.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,027.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (Statements dated 12/19/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: “Gastric Electrical Stimulation Device and Method for Treating Gastroparesis” - \$297.00; “Thermally-Targeted Delivery of Medicaments” - \$474.80; “Thermally-Targeted Delivery of Medicaments Including Docorubicin – AU” - \$116.00; “Thermally-Targeted Delivery of Medicaments Including Docorubicin – CA” - \$580.26; “Thermally-Targeted Delivery of Medicaments Including Docorubicin – EP” - \$174.06; and “Thermally-Targeted Delivery of Medicaments Including Docorubicin – JP” - \$175.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,817.12

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (Statements dated 10/21/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: “Cembranoids/Chemopreventive” - \$780.00; “Medicaments to Nail & Perionychiu” - \$193.70; “Compositions Comprising Highly Purified Amphotericin B – MX” - \$2,521.38; “Compositions Comprising Highly Purified Amphotericin B – U.S.” - \$294.54; “Novel Cyclopentenedione Anti-fungal Compounds and Methods for Their Use. – AU” - \$279.34; “Saururus Cernuus Compounds that Inhibit Cellular Responses to Hypoxia” - \$155.00; “Acoustic Instruments for Use in Aquaculture” - \$1,861.50; “Methods for Detecting Vibration and Sounds Signatures of Human Footsteps” - \$155.00; “Stabilized Formulation of Triamcinolone Acetonide” - \$298.00; “Compositions for the Treatment of Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus” - \$298.00; “High Speed Data Compression Based on Set Associative Cache Mapping Techniques – CP” - \$2,236.00; “High Speed Data Compression Based on Set Associative Cache Mapping Techniques – EP” - \$575.00; “High Speed Data Compression Based on Set Associative Cache Mapping Techniques” – \$765.50; “High Speed Data Compression Based on Set Associative Cache Mapping Techniques – WO” - \$2,227.00; “High Speed Data Compression Based on Set Associative Cache Mapping Techniques – US” - \$2,630.50; “High Speed Data Compression Based on Set Associative Cache Mapping Techniques – MX” - \$1,013.00; “High Speed Data Compression Based on Set Associative Cache Mapping Techniques – CN” - \$615.50; “High Speed Data Compression Based on Set Associative Cache Mapping Techniques – CA” - \$615.50 and “Compositions Comprising Highly Purified Amphotericin B – CA” - \$992.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 18,506.46

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hunton & Williams (Statements dated 10/6/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent

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services and expenses in connection with the following patents: "Synthesis of Epothilones and Related Analogs - CA" - \$75.00; "Synthesis of Epothilones and Related Analogs - JP" - \$3,000.31; "Stable Suppository Formulations Affecting Bioavailability of 9-THC - KR" - \$802.00; "New Manzine Alkaloids with Potent Activity Against Infectious Diseases" - \$75.00; "New Manzine Alkaloids with Potent Activity Against Infectious Diseases - JP" - \$1,292.53; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - AU" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - BR" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - CA" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - CN" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - CZ" - \$306.20; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - HK" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - HU" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - MX" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - NO" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - PL" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - RU" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - SG" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - ZA" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - AT" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - BE" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - DK" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - FI" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - FR" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - DE" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - GB" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - GR" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - IE" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - IT" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - NL" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - PT" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - ES" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - SE" - \$75.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters - CH" - \$75.00; "Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisitene dimmers as Anti-Cancer and Anti-Infective Agents - AU" - \$75.00; "Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisitene Dimmers as Anti-Cancer and Anti-Infective Agents - CA" - \$75.00; "Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisitene Dimmers as Anti-Cancer and Anti-Infective Agents - EPO" - \$359.16; "Controlling Toxicity of Aminoquinoline Compounds - CA" - \$75.00 and "Controlling Toxicity of Aminoquinoline Compounds - CA" - \$75.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,235.20

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hunton & Williams (Statements dated 11/6/08) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent

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services and expenses in connection with the following patents: "General" - \$32.25; "Synthesis of Epothilones and Related Analogs – CA" - \$322.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol – EPO" - \$595.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol – CA" - \$632.39; "New Manzine Alkaloids with Potent Activity Against Infectious Diseases" - \$478.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – AU" - \$244.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – BR" - \$168.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – CA" - \$344.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – CN" - \$648.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – CZ" - \$1,203.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – HK" - \$143.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – HU" - \$992.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – MX" - \$692.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters" - \$579.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – PL" - \$586.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – RU" - \$378.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – SG" - \$350.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – ZA" - \$51.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – AT" - \$826.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – BE" - \$304.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – DK" - \$521.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – FI" - \$558.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – FR" - \$355.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – DE" - \$591.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – GB" - \$325.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – GR" - \$256.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – IE" - \$378.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – IT" - \$403.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – NL" - \$664.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – PT" - \$350.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – ES" - \$308.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – SE" - \$392.00; "Method of Preparing Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol Esters – CH" - \$337.00; "Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisitenes Dimmers as Anti-Cancer and Anti-Infective Agents – AU" - \$244.00; "Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisitenes Dimmers as Anti-Cancer and Anti-Infective Agents – CA" - \$987.17; "Dihydroartemisinin and Dihydroartemisitenes Dimmers as Anti-Cancer and Anti-Infective Agents – MX" - \$37.50; "Potent Immunostimulatory Extracts from Microalgae" - \$2,125.00; "Potent Immunostimulants from Microalgae" - \$1,745.00; "Controlling Toxicity of Aminoquinoline Compounds – CA" - \$278.00; "Controlling Toxicity of Aminoquinoline Compounds – EPO" - \$664.00; "Method for Derivatization of Hydroxy Metabolites" - \$595.00; and "Opposition of EP" - \$26,775.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 48,456.31

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**5. JSU - REPORT ON OTHER RACE RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES
(INFORMATION ITEM)**

Jackson State University submits the following other race recruitment initiatives as an information item to the Board. This item is a little different from the similar MVSU item that follows it.

Jackson State University
Other Race Initiatives

Metro Area High Schools

- Marketing materials placed at area public schools and private academies
- Recruit at metro area private academies

Community/Junior College Partnerships

- Create Relationships with CJC
- JSU presence on select community college campuses (office, instruction, etc.)

Corporate Partnerships

- Develop relations with organizations (i.e., Delphi, Nissan, Sanderson Farms, Tyson)
- Presentations at work sites
- Courses offered at work sites

Global Initiatives

- JSU-Disney J-1 Exchange Program recruits students from three Chinese and Taiwanese universities (Diwan University, Minghsin University, and Guanxi University). Approximately 30 students expected Fall 2009.
- Exchange program with Central University of Nationalities and Shaanxi Normal University (five students expected Fall 2009).
- Recruitment of Chinese/Taiwanese students (13 students participating)
- JSU offices in various countries

Global Entrepreneurship Week

- Executives and entrepreneurs participate in lectures, activities and expo
- Entrepreneurship Youth Summit
- Lunch and Learn
- Entrepreneurship Goes to the Classroom

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Diversity Initiatives

- Diversity Information Fair (Invite other race students and faculty to campus, provide information)
- Student Life monthly diversity programs
- International week
- Mathematics Fair
- Science Fair

Instructional Initiatives

- Offer online and video streaming courses
- Recruit minority faculty
- Exchange programs with predominantly white institutions
- Memoranda of Agreement (University of Minnesota and University of Michigan)

Financial Incentives for Minority Students

- Tuition waivers for qualified majors, degree of study
- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship (\$9,000)
- Assistantships/Fellowships in Ayers programs

General Recruitment Activities

- Mail advertising literature to colleges with intent to recruit faculty without terminal degree
- Personal letters to deans and chairs recruiting faculty for doctoral programs
- Disseminate recruitment brochures at regional and national conferences
- Visits to campuses for college day activities
- Recruit at predominately white college campuses in Mississippi and Louisiana
- Networking at local, regional, and national professional conferences
- Employ minority recruiters (university and within select departments)
- Assist with visa processing

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**6. MVSU – REPORT ON OTHER RACE RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES
(INFORMATION ITEM)**

Mississippi Valley State University submits the following other race recruitment activities, strategies and initiatives for 2008-2009 as an information item to the Board.

Mississippi Valley State University
Other Race Recruitment
Activities, Strategies, and Initiatives
2008 – 2009

The following is a list of current and planned activities, strategies, and initiatives to increase the presence of other race students at Mississippi Valley State University.

- Hired Other Race Recruiter, Michael Ewing in August 2008. Mr. Ewing is a June 2008 Graduate of MVSU. Previous recruiter left for a coaching position.

Status: Complete **Responsibility: Executive Director of Enrollment
Management/Admissions and Recruitment**

- Working with local business to contact persons who have been laid off to finish their education and persons still employed wanting to advance their education.

Status: Ongoing **Responsibility: Executive Director of Enrollment
Management/Admissions and Recruitment**

- Working with MDCC at the Greenville Center to promote Mississippi Valley State University to their Other Race students looking to continue their education at that site.

Status: Ongoing **Responsibility: Executive Director of Enrollment
Management/Admissions and Recruitment**

- Forming relationships with counselors of local and statewide Academies to promote Mississippi Valley State University within their schools.

Status: Ongoing **Responsibility: Other Race Recruiter**

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- Working with the Diversity Center on campus to use current Other Race students to promote Mississippi Valley State University to persons in their local communities.
Status: Ongoing **Responsibility: Executive Director of Enrollment Management/Admissions and Recruitment**

- Attend all college fairs scheduled in Project Access of Academies in MS and their high schools that have a large proportion of Other Race students.
Status: Ongoing **Responsibility: Executive Director of Enrollment Management/Admissions and Recruitment and all Recruiters**

- Purchase ACT names of Other Race students to start our mail out campaign to Other Race students in MS, IL, MO, TN, GA and TX.
Status: Ongoing **Responsibility: Executive Director of Enrollment Management/Admissions and Recruitment**

- Identity Other Race graduates of MVSU and utilize them as alumni recruiters.
Status: Ongoing **Responsibility: Executive Director of Enrollment Management/Admissions and Recruitment**

- Incorporate Other Race student invitations to all campus events such as “Open House” and our “Scholarship Luncheon”.
Status: Ongoing **Responsibility: Executive Director of Enrollment Management/Admissions and Recruitment and Other Race Recruiter**

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- Phone-A Thon will be conducted in the spring of each year and will target the Other Race Students that have been identified.

Status: Ongoing

**Responsibility: Executive Director of Enrollment
Management/Admissions and Recruitment and Other
Race Recruiter and all Recruiters**

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1. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – APPROVAL OF ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY’S MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

IHL policy (Section 102.04 Institutional Mission Statements) requires the annual review of each university’s approval core mission statement. Below are the current revision and mission statements followed by the proposed mission and vision statements. Alcorn State University requests approval of the proposed mission and vision statements.

CURRENT MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT:

Vision Statement

The vision of Alcorn State University is to be a premier land-grant university that prepares students well for graduate and professional schools, especially in the sciences, and that effectively serves as the epi-center of development for its region through its research and communiversity-outreach efforts.

Mission Statement

An historic land-grant institution and Carnegie Master’s I institution, Alcorn State University meets the educational needs of residents in southwestern Mississippi, neighboring northeastern Louisiana parishes, and other locales by providing strong undergraduate instruction in small classes over a wide range of baccalaureate programs; by providing selected master’s programs in agriculture, business, education, nursing and science with research focused on biotechnology, energy, meat, ecology, value-added agriculture, and advanced technologies; and by preparing students for graduate and professional schools, especially in the sciences. Students are also prepared to be responsible citizens with a strong work ethic. Complementing Alcorn’s educational purpose is its commitment to public service, exemplified by its “communiversity” outreach initiatives and agricultural research and extension programs targeting families with small farms and limited resources. Lastly, the university recognizes the need to be efficient, effective and productive in all of its operations.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES:

Yesterday to Tomorrow

An historic black land-grant university with a proud heritage, ASU cherishes its past while pursuing the educational, economic, and ethnic diversity that will enhance its tomorrow. Thus, ASU will utilize the Ayers settlement to build for tomorrow through new programs and facilities, while honoring its longstanding commitment to develop knowledge and wealth among the disadvantaged.

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Meeting Regional Educational Needs

ASU assumes primary responsibility for meeting the diverse higher education needs of the southwestern region of Mississippi and the bordering parishes in northeastern Louisiana. Beyond its primary service region, the university also serves students from throughout Mississippi, other states, and countries. Thus, the university will fulfill its instructional mission through small classes and by emphasizing strong undergraduate and limited graduate programs. ASU will develop additional graduate programs in specific areas of need and opportunity particularly for non-traditional students at its Natchez and Vicksburg sites/campuses.

Communiversity

Through its “communiversity” concept, ASU proactively provides outreach programs and services that are geared toward assisting and meeting the educational, economic, recreational, and cultural needs of the immediate community, the region, and the state. Thus, as an example, the university will provide a variety of professional development opportunities for elementary and secondary schools designed to improve performance in reading, mathematics, science, and on standardized examinations.

Supporting Small Farmers

A key heritage of the university is its land-grant commitment to family farmers. Thus, the university will serve families with limited resources and help small family farmers improve their standard of living through agricultural research and extension programs.

Improving Research

In addition to its ongoing research activities in biotechnology, energy, meat, ecology, farming, and alternative crops, ASU is constantly looking for ways to broaden its research function. Thus, the university will move toward advanced technologies, high value agriculture, health and nutrition.

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PROPOSED MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT:

Mission Statement

Alcorn State University, a Historically Black College and University, is a comprehensive land-grant institution that celebrates a rich heritage with a diverse student and faculty population. The University emphasizes intellectual development and lifelong learning through the integration of diverse pedagogies, applied and basic research, cultural and professional programs, public service and outreach, while providing access to globally competitive academic and research programs. Alcorn strives to prepare graduates to be well-rounded future leaders of high character and to be successful in the global marketplace of the 21st century.

Vision Statement

Alcorn State University will become a premier comprehensive land-grant university. It will develop diverse students into globally-competitive leaders and apply scientific research, through collaborative partnerships, which benefits the surrounding communities, states, nation and world.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREE REQUESTS

- **DSU – AWARD OF HONORARY DEGREE**

The university requests approval to bestow an honorary degree on a candidate at its May 2009 Spring Commencement. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.

- **JSU – AWARD OF HONORARY DEGREES**

The university requests approval to bestow honorary degrees on two candidates at its May 2009 Spring Commencement. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.

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- **MSU – AWARD OF HONORARY DEGREE**
The university requests approval to bestow an honorary degree on one candidate at its May 2009 Spring Commencement. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.
- **USM– AWARD OF HONORARY DEGREE**
The university requests approval to bestow an honorary degree on one candidate at its May 2009 Spring Commencement. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. **SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION – INTERIM COMMISSIONER’S
NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL (INFORMATION ITEMS)**

In compliance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, the following items have been approved by the Interim Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for inspection in the Board Office.

- ASU - Budget revisions of the *Ayers* Program(s); no increase in the total *Ayers* budget but rather a reallocation among funds.
- MVSU - Budget revision of the *Ayers* Program(s); no increase in the total *Ayers* budget rather a reallocation among funds.