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MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
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Board Meeting Outline

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

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IHL Board Meeting | April 18, 2024, 9:00a | IHL Board Room

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Trustee Dr. Alfred McNair, Jr.
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BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session in the Hardy Hall Ballroom at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 22, 2023, to each and every member of said Board said date being at least five days prior to this March 21, 2024 meeting. At the above-named place the following members were present to wit: Dr. Ormella Cummings, Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Tom Duff, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Ms. Jeanne Carter Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin (via Zoom), Dr. Alfred E. McNair, Jr., Mr. Chip Morgan (via Zoom), Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader (via Zoom), and Dr. J. Walt Starr. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alfred McNair, President, with Trustee Duff providing the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENT

President McNair thanked Dr. Joe Paul, President of the University of Southern Mississippi, for hosting the Board meeting and the trustee dinner last night.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President McNair welcomed the following Student Government Association members: President Jonathan Jenkins from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg Campus, and President-Elect Braxton Ruddock, from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg Campus, and President Kalon Duncanson, from the University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Park Campus.

PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation about the University of Southern Mississippi from President Dr. Joe Paul, Dr. Leila Hamdan, Associate Vice President for Research for Coastal Operations, and Dr. Robert Leaf, Interim Director of the School of Ocean Science and Engineering.

Commissioner Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., commended the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus faculty and students in the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing for achieving a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). This 12-month program was launched in January 2023. To have the first cohort with a 100% pass rate is outstanding.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustee Morgan absent and not voting and with Trustees Martin and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on February 15, 2024.

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CONSENT AGENDAS

On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Starr, with Trustees Martin, Morgan, and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agendas.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **UM** – Approved the request to modify an existing academic degree program:
Rename
Current program title: Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Marketing and Communication Strategy
Proposed program title: Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Professional Sales
Responsible academic unit: School of Business
Current CIP code, sequence: 52.1499, 5823
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: August 2024
2. **MSU** – Approved the request to modify an existing academic unit:
Rename
Current unit: Department of Mechanical Engineering
Proposed Title: Michael W. Hall School of Mechanical Engineering
Unit Location: Bagley College of Engineering
Effective date: January 2024

FINANCE

3. **ASU** – Approved the request to enter a new Statement of Work (SOW No. 006) with ENNCloud Technologies, LLC for CIO Advisory Services, ERP Advisory Services, and Technical Project Management and Consulting Oversight Services under the existing Master Consulting Agreement dated September 21, 2020. The term of SOW No. 006 is 5 ½ months with a retroactive effective date of January 16, 2024 and ends June 30, 2024. The scope of work for SOW No. 006 is \$20,000 per month for a total of \$110,000 for 5 ½ months. The contract will be funded by Title III Federal funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
4. **ASU** – Approved the request to enter a fourth amendment to the August 2017 contract with Follett Higher Education Group, LLC in order to continue Follett’s operation of campus bookstore facilities until July 30, 2024. This Amendment has a term of 9 months, a retroactive effective date of October 1, 2023, and continues, unless sooner terminated in accordance with Section 3 of the original Agreement, until July 30, 2024. The total lifecycle cost, including this amendment, will be \$1,475,074.50. This is a revenue contract. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

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5. **MSU** – Approved the request for the university, on behalf of its Social Science Research Center, Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems Extension, and Extension Service, to enter a five (5) year lease agreement with the Research & Technology Corporation for office space located at 1 Research Blvd., first and second floor, totaling approximately 28,684 square feet, in the Thad Cochran Research, Technology, and Economic Development Park in Starkville, Mississippi. The term of the lease agreement begins on April 1, 2024, and runs until March 31, 2027. The total annual rent will be \$333,879.84 payable in monthly installments of \$27,823.32. Rent is based on a \$11.64 per square foot value. Total rent paid for the full lease term will be \$1,001,639.52. Pursuant to IHL Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment of Goods and Services, the Board approved the request to allow prepayment of the monthly rent in advance each month. The contract is funded by externally funded grants and contracts. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

REAL ESTATE

6. **DSU** – Approved the initiation of GS 102-280, ARPA Wastewater, and the appointment of W.L. Burle Engineers as the design professional. The purpose of this request is to combine two projects, 102-280 ARPA Infrastructure – Waste Collection and Conveyance and 102-288 ARPA Infrastructure – Water Transportation and Distribution, that both fell under \$1M each into one project. These projects provide external storm water and water transport improvements to campus. The proposed project budget is \$1,925,000. Funds are available from SB 3062, Laws of 2022 (\$1,925,000). This funding is allocated to the Department of Finance and Administration and assigned to DSU.
7. **MUW** – Approved the initiation of GS 104-214, South Campus Mechanical Plant Improvements, and the appointment of Dewberry Engineers, Inc., as the design professional. This project addresses facility and equipment upgrades (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) as required at the south campus chiller plant which currently supports four residence halls. The proposed project budget is \$3 million. Funds are available from HB 1730, Laws of 2020 (\$2,115,911.65) and HB 603 Laws of 2023 (\$884,088.35).
8. **MUW** – Approved the initiation of GS 104-215, Jones Hall Renovation, and the appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC, as the design professional. This project will include asbestos abatement, restoration of interior and exterior elements, interior reconfiguration, ADA improvements and major renovations of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and life safety systems. Due to the building’s Mississippi Landmark status, coordination with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History will be required. The proposed project budget is \$7.5 million. Funds are available from HB 603 Laws of 2023 (\$7,500,000).
9. **ASU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 201-264, Matt Thomas, Jr. Garden Apartments Renovations Phase I, and the appointment of Canizaro, Cawthon, and Davis as the design professional. The two-phase project will renovate three (3) existing unoccupied buildings, approximately 25,479 gross square feet, that are part of the Matt Thomas, Jr. Garden Apartment Complex. Phase I consists of exterior renovations that will include new roofs,

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windows, balcony guardrails, and new handrails at the parking lot steps and interior renovations that will include abatement, new LVT flooring and base, new drywall ceilings and lighting, new plastic laminate kitchen cabinets and solid surface tops, new kitchen appliances, new wood door, new or refurbished door frames, new HVAC, new ceramic tile bathroom flooring, new bathroom plumbing fixtures, new drywall furring of one wall in the living rooms, and painting of existing walls. In addition, one downstairs unit will be remodeled to meet ADA guidelines. The proposed project budget is \$2,750,000. Funds are available from Capital Enhancement Funds – SB3000 Laws of 2023 (\$2,750,000).

10. **ASU** – Approved the request to amend/modify the Lease Agreement for office space located at the Vicksburg Technology Innovation Center (MCity). This is the only change in the Agreement. The amendment reduces the square footage of leased space from 9,873 sq. ft. to 8,539 sq. ft. Monthly rent will be reduced from \$18,932.23 to \$16,366.40 which results in a reduction of \$2,565.83. The term of the lease agreement remains unchanged. Initial lease term is for 5 years commencing on July 1, 2023, with an option for renewal with two renewal terms of 5 years/each. The effective date of the modification to the lease agreement is April 1, 2024. The new balance owed through June 30, 2024 is \$49,099.20. A total lifecycle balance of \$834,686.40 is contingent up Lessor’s right to increase rent 2.0% per year. The funding source for this lease will be General Funds and Title III Federal funds. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.
11. **MSU** – Approved the request to name the student housing project IHL 205-328 - New Residence Hall as “Azalea Hall” before it opens in the Fall of 2025. This building is 159,290 square feet with 412 single-bedrooms in pod-style floor plans, incorporating common restrooms and pod lounges for each pod. The total project budget is \$103.5 million. Funds are available from Internal Cash Reserves (\$27,500,000) and EBC Bonds (\$76,000,000).
12. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a lease agreement with Beacon Oxford Investors, LLC for an additional 200 furnished bed spaces for year one (1) and 220 furnished bed spaces for year two (2) that will allow the University to provide space for the growing number of incoming freshmen students and still provide housing for upperclassmen. The University will pay \$2,460,000 for the first year commencing on July 25, 2024, and ending on July 31, 2025, in twelve (12) monthly installments of \$205,000 for leasing 200 bed spaces. The University will pay \$2,814,840 for the second year commencing on August 1, 2025, and ending on July 31, 2026, in twelve (12) monthly installments of \$234,570 for leasing 220 bed spaces. The funding source for this lease will be self-generated Student Housing revenue. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.
13. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a lease agreement with Taylor Bend Apartments of Oxford, LLC for an additional 126 bed spaces that will allow the University to provide housing for upperclassmen. The University will pay \$1,108,800 for the term August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025, in monthly installments of \$92,400. The funding source will be self-generated Student Housing revenue. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

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14. **USM** – Approved the request to amend its contract with the law firm of Caves & Caves, PLLC, to expand the scope of services to include general legal advice, commercial and regulatory matters, investigations in matters involving various legal issues and litigation, in addition to acting as a hearing officer for Title IX proceedings at the University and any and all services arising out of or related to the hearing officer role. The term of the original contract remains unchanged and shall expire on June 30, 2024. The hourly rates remain unchanged at \$195 per hour for attorneys and \$90 per hour for paralegal services with an unchanged maximum amount payable of \$40,000 over the full term of the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$1 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

PERSONNEL REPORT

15. **Sabbatical**

Mississippi State University

- Sawsan Abutabenjeh; Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Administration; *from* salary \$86,700.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$43,350.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Jenna A. Altomonte; Associate Professor of Art; *from* salary \$72,788.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$36,394.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Amin Amirlatifi; Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering; *from* salary \$127,806.00 per annum, pro rata; Restricted & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$63,903.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Restricted & E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Kevin J. Armstrong; Associate Professor of Psychology; *from* salary \$90,011.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$45,005.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Sadik C. Artunc; Professor of Landscape Architecture; *from* salary \$161,115.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* salary \$60,418.13 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Tanmay Bhowmik; Assistant Professor of Computer Science & Engineering; *from* salary \$101,017.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$50,508.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024, to December 31, 2024; professional development

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- Kenya M. Cistrunk; Associate Professor of Sociology; *from* salary \$82,414.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$41,207.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Shalyn R. Claggett; Professor of English; *from* salary \$80,418.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$40,209.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Kalyn T. Coatney; Professor of Agricultural Economics; *from* salary \$107,150.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$53,575.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Qiana M. Cutts; Associate Professor of Counseling, Higher Education, Educational Psychology & Foundations; *from* salary \$76,866.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$38,433.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Scott J. DiGiulio; Assistant Professor of Classical & Modern Languages & Literature; *from* salary \$63,908.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$31,954.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Fumiko Joo; Assistant Professor of Classical & Modern Languages & Literature; *from* salary \$63,078.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$31,539.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Kimberly C. Kelly; Professor of Sociology; *from* salary \$116,178.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$58,089.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Seong-Gon Kim; Professor of Physics & Astronomy; *from* salary \$127,419.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$63,709.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- JuYoung Lee; Associate Professor of School of Human Sciences; *from* salary \$77,842.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$38,921.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Matthew W. Little; Associate Professor of English; *from* salary \$90,804.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$45,402.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development

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- Chun-Hung Liu; Associate Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering; *from* salary \$121,256.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$60,628.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Peter C. Messer; Associate Professor of History; *from* salary \$81,790.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$40,895.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Elizabeth E. Miller; Associate Professor of English; *from* salary \$69,614.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$34,807.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Thomas W. Miller; Professor of Finance & Economics; *from* salary \$222,679.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$111,339.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Joseph J. Morzuch; Assistant Professor of Art; *from* salary \$66,326.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$33,163.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Robert J. Moss; Professor of Psychology; *from* salary \$98,548.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$49,274.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Danielle K. Nadorff; Associate Professor of Psychology; *from* salary \$85,906.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$42,953.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Michael R. Nadorff; Professor of Psychology; *from* salary \$107,105.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$53,552.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Anna J. Osterholtz; Associate Professor of Anthropology & Middle Eastern Culture; *from* salary \$77,431.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$38,715.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Dan Punday; Professor of English; *from* salary \$105,630.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$52,815.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development

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- Judith Ridner; Professor of History; *from* salary \$92,126.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$46,063.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Saeed Rokooei; Associate Professor of Building Construction Science; *from* salary \$91,507.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$45,753.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Yan Sun; Associate Professor of Industrial Technology, Instructional Design & Community College Leadership; *from* salary \$72,709.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$36,354.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Tara E. Sutton; Assistant Professor of Sociology; *from* salary \$77,050.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$38,525.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Benjamin Tkach; Associate Professor of Political Science & Public Administration; *from* salary \$83,000.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$41,500.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Carrie K. Vance; Associate Professor of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology & Plant Pathology; *from* salary \$89,760.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$44,880.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Guiming Wang; Professor of Wildlife, Fisheries & Aquaculture; *from* salary \$147,150.67 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* salary \$55,181.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Yizhi Xiang; Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering; *from* salary \$100,106.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$50,053.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Maxwell Young; Associate Professor of Computer Science & Engineering; *from* salary \$112,219.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$56,109.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development
- Li Zhang; Professor of General Library; *from* salary \$79,208.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* salary \$29,703.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development

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- Qian Zhou; Associate Professor of Mathematics & Statistics; *from* salary \$98,760.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$49,380.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025; professional development

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- Mary Miller; Associate Professor of English/Creative Writing Fiction; *from* \$56,081 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$14,020 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 12, 2025 to May 12, 2025; professional development
- Julia Mortyakova; Department Chair and Professor of Music; salary \$73,303 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 10.5-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Ross Whitwam; Professor of Biology; salary \$70,252 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 19, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Brandy Wilson; Associate Professor, salary \$54,224 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 19, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

16. **MSU** – Approved the request to bestow one honorary degree at its 2024 commencement ceremonies. Supporting documentation is on file at the Board Office.

REGULAR AGENDAS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Trustee Hal Parker, Chair

On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustees Martin, Morgan, and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Academic Affairs Agenda. On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Martin, Morgan, and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2.

1. **UM** – Pending proper notification and any required approval from the United States Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the Board approved the request to add the following new academic degree program:
Program title: Bachelor of Science in Data Science (BSDS)
CIP code: 30.7001
Total credit hours: 126

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2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the requests to add the following new centers.
 - a. **JSU** - Center Title: Center for Supply Chain Management
Center Location: College of Business
Scope: Limited Scope and Outreach
Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)
Effective Date: Spring 2024
 - b. **UM** - Center Title: Center for Journalism Advocacy and Innovation
Center Location: School of Journalism and New Media
Scope: Limited Scope and Outreach
Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)
Effective Date: Spring 2024

FINANCE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Tom Duff, Chair

Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on items #1 & #2 on the Finance Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. After Trustee Ogletree left the room, on motion by Trustee Duff, seconded by Trustee Starr, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting and with Trustees Martin, Morgan, and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #1 & #2 as submitted on the Finance Regular Agenda.

1. **USM** – Approved the request to amend the existing contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC, for their food service management agreement providing meals, including a la carte items and beverages, for reselling to students, faculty, staff, and guests. This amendment will increase revenue and capital investment on USM’s campus to enhance dining operations and provide support for future growth. The amendment adds five (5) years to the extend the expiration to July 1, 2035, with an effective date of July 1, 2024. The full term of the agreement will be July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2035. The length of the term is necessary to secure the capital investment funding required for improvements, brands refresh, repairs, and new dining options over the contract period. The University will receive approximately \$70 million in revenue benefits over the term of the amended agreement. A breakdown of the revenue realized is included in the bound *March 21 2024 Board Working File*. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
2. **USM** – Approved the request to amend and extend its existing contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC, for the management of concession sales and services for athletic venues and events. The contract amendment adds five (5) years to the current agreement, effective July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2035. The length of the term is necessary to secure capital investment funding required for concession and facility improvements. It is estimated the University will receive approximately \$4.5 million in revenue benefits over the term of this revenue contract. A breakdown of the revenue

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realized is included in the bound *March 21 2024 Board Working File*. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

REAL ESTATE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Chip Morgan, Chair

Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on item #1 on the Real Estate Regular Agenda by remaining out of the room before while there was a discussion and vote regarding the same. With Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Morgan, seconded by Trustee Starr, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting and with Trustees Martin, Morgan, and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 on the Real Estate Regular Agenda. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #1 & #2 on the Finance Regular Agenda and on item #1 on the Real Estate Regular Agenda.

1. **MSU** – Approved the request to waive portions of Board Policies 905 Real Estate Management subsections A and B requiring the submission to the Board of two independent appraisals, a Phase I or more detailed Environmental Report, and an established purchase price averaged to two appraisals prior to the Board’s consideration and approval of a land purchase contract. The Board authorized MSU to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with MSU, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and the Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC), as Buyers, and Weyerhaeuser Company, as Seller, through which MSU will acquire ownership of an approximately 14,000-acre tract of land along the Wolf River in Hancock and Harrison counties. The agreement permits Buyers until August 30, 2024, to conduct due diligence (including an appraisal, a Phase-I Environmental Report) and may be terminated by MSU prior to August 30, 2024, without penalty. MSU is authorized to execute an amendment incorporating the purchase price into the agreement. The purchase will be paid for by funds provided by MDEQ, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, and MFC. No MSU funds will be used to pay the purchase price. On or before the August 2024 Board meeting, MSU will provide the Board with the results of the due diligence and anticipated purchase price. Final Board approval of the acquisition will be considered during the August 2024 Board meeting or at such other time set by the Board. MSU will not proceed to closing without further and final approval of the Board. The land acquisition will advance the research, education, and outreach missions of MSU’s Forest and Wildlife Research Center (FWRC), and MSU’s College of Forestry Resources (CFR). Legal staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and found the same to be acceptable. A copy of the property description and all legal documentation are on file with the Office of Real Estate and Facilities.

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INFORMATION AGENDAS

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

REAL ESTATE

1. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the February 15, 2024 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. (See Exhibit 1.)

LEGAL

2. **SYSTEM** – The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. (See Exhibit 2.)

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

3. **SYSTEM** – The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for review at the Board Office.
 - a. **JSU** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets which do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implementation and subsequently reported to the Board. On February 1, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the revisions to the FY 2024 *Ayers* academic programs budgets after conducting a review of the programs. It appears that these revisions were necessary to align 2024 budgets to individual program needs over the remaining months of the year. Per IHL *Ayers* administrative guidelines, the institutions are required to either report these revisions to the IHL Executive Office (i.e. self-approved revisions) or have certain proposed budgetary revisions pre-approved by the IHL Executive Office. The requested revisions do fit under the pre-approval by the IHL Executive Office policy section of the guidelines. The IHL Executive Office financial and academic staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. These revisions contain no increases in total budgets but rather reallocations among individual expense categories. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.
 - b. **JSU** – On March 6, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the request for Jackson State University to grant and execute a Water Line Easement Agreement with the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the purpose of installing a water line under a section of Stadium Drive on the MS Veterans Memorial Stadium property. This is part of a project to improve reliable water access to the hospital and the UMMC campus. The Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with law and with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
 - c. **JSU** – On March 6, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the request from Jackson State University for ratification and retroactive approval of three Right-of-Way Utility Easements with Entergy Mississippi for the purpose of installing and maintaining energy efficient lighting, including cabling, wires, anchors, etc., in the Lynch Street Improvement Project area. These easement documents were executed in

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- August 2023 by the previous Acting President of the University without first seeking IHL approval. The current institutional executive officer now seeks ratification and retroactive approval of those documents. The Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with law and with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- d. **MSU** – On February 13, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Smith Homes Rental Management, LLC for approximately 2,101 square feet of space located at 3211 Old Mobile Avenue in Pascagoula, MS, to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective February 15, 2024 through February 28, 2026, at a cost of \$33,600 annually or \$2,800 per month beginning March 1, 2024, in addition to a one-time deposit upon signing in the amount of \$2,800 and a one-time payment of \$1,400.25 in prorated rent for February 15, 2024 through February 29, 2024. Subsequent rent payments are payable on the first of each month. The Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- e. **MVSU** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets which do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implementation and subsequently reported to the Board. On February 1, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the revisions to the FY 2024 *Ayers* academic programs budgets after conducting a review of the programs. It appears that these revisions were necessary to align 2024 budgets to individual program needs over the remaining months of the year. Per IHL *Ayers* administrative guidelines, the institutions are required to either report these revisions to the IHL Executive Office (i.e. self-approved revisions) or have certain proposed budgetary revisions pre-approved by the IHL Executive Office. The requested revisions do not fit under the pre-approval by the IHL Executive Office policy section of the guidelines. The IHL Executive Office financial and academic staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. These revisions contain no increases in total budgets but rather reallocations among individual expense categories. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.
- f. **USM** – On February 23, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between the University of Southern Mississippi (“University”) and the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation, Inc. (“Foundation”) for a portion of land on the University’s Hattiesburg campus, identified as The Children’s Center Playground Improvement Project Area. The Foundation will make improvements to this area including construction and installation of an outdoor classroom and playground facilities and associated equipment for The Children’s Center at the University. The Foundation will use private funds that have been identified for these

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improvements. The Lease amount is \$1.00 to be paid to the University by the Foundation. The term of the lease will begin upon approval and execution of the lease and continue through the earlier of: (a) March 31, 2025; or (b) a date thirty days subsequent to completion of the improvements and acceptance of same by the University. Upon termination of the lease, the leased premises and all improvements revert to the University. The Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President McNair announced the next meeting will be April 18, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Discussion of one Alcorn State University item consisting of a discussion regarding the job performance of a person holding a specific position at Alcorn State University.

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

On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Cummings, will Trustees Martin and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Morgan participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted to hire Dr. Tracy Cook as President of Alcorn State University at a state salary of \$300,000 per year plus a foundation salary supplement of \$5,000 per year, that Dr. Cook be given a 4-year employment contract with a start date of April 1, 2024, and that such employment contract include a provision allowing for reimbursement of actual moving expenses, in an amount up to \$15,000, in order to move into required university housing.

The Board discussed adding an item to the Executive Session agenda which would require a 2/3 vote of the members present as stated in IHL Bylaw 301.0510 Meeting Rules of Order subsections C. Quorums, Agenda, Rulings of the Presiding Officer, and Delay, 2. Agenda. On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Duff, with Trustees Martin and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Morgan participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating

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voted unanimously to add the following item to the Executive Session agenda which was then reported to the public as a topic for Executive Session: one Mississippi University for Women item consisting of a discussion regarding the job performance of a person holding a specific position at the Mississippi University for Women.

The Board discussed one Mississippi University for Women item consisting of a discussion regarding the job performance of a person holding a specific position at the Mississippi University for Women. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Martin and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Morgan participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Luckey, with Trustees Martin and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Morgan participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the February 15, 2024 Board meeting.
- Exhibit 2 Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.

EXHIBIT 1

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SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE FEBRUARY 15, 2024 BOARD MEETING SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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

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

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

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

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Pickering Firm.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 7, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Pickering Firm

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$15,725,000.00

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

2. MSU-IHL 205-326 – ROSENBAUM HEALTH SCIENCES RENOVATIONS-3RD FLOOR SIMULATION LABORATORY

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$226,326.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Mid State Construction of MS, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 16, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: removed the existing main electrical service from the basement of the Rosenbaum building; installed a new electrical service on the 1st floor; rerouted and connected the main electrical feeders; the completion date for the switchgear and any related components will be determined when the switchgear is delivered.

Change Order Justification: These changes were necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$226,326.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 6, 2022

Design Professional: LPK Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Mid State Construction of MS, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$4,250,000.00

3. **MSU-IHL 205-328A – NEW RESIDNCE HALL SITE AND FOUNDATIONS**

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the credit amount of \$35,425.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Roy Anderson Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 14, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: chipped the concrete at Pier #35 due to the drilled pier elevation being too high for the grade beam and slab on grade in this area.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$17,544.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 6, 2022

Design Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture

General Contractor: Roy Anderson Corporation

Phased Project Budget: \$5,600,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$103,600,000.00

4. **MSU-IHL 205-330 – MCARTHUR HALL ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT**

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the credit amount of \$4,818.10 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Craddock Construction Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 16, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: replaced four (4) duct detectors, one (1) smoke detector, and one (1) heat detector; and a construction allowance was credited.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total credit amount of \$4,818.10.

Project Initiation Date: August 6, 2022

Design Professional: Shafer-Zahner-Zahner, PLLC

General Contractor: Craddock Construction Company, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$1,400,000.00

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5. **MSU-IHL 205-352 – NEW 13KV CIRCUIT TO SOUTH CAMPUS MECHANICAL PLANT**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Atwell & Gent, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 14, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 14, 2024

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Design Professional: Atwell & Gent, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,500,000.00

6. **MSU- IHL 205-353 – HATHORN HALL INTERIOR REFINISH**

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$2,596,133.00 to the apparent low bidder Ethos Contracting Group, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 8, 2024

Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022

Design Professional: Shafer-Zahner-Zahner

General Contractor: Ethos Contracting Group, LLC

Total Project Budget: 3,000,000.00

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

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$163,953.00 and five (5) additional days to the contract of AnderCorp, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 16, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: all costs associated with reconciling the DDC controls allowance; installed underground medium-voltage routing and added an electrical vault along the revised route; credit to reconcile all costs to supply temporary electrical service to the Writing Center and credit to omit waterproofing at the side of the footing at the basement; credit to omit a French drain at the elevator pit; added a protection board and drainage mat at the planters; and a change in a storefront door stile width; and five(5) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to weather; user/owner requested modifications; and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$218,520.70.

Project Initiation Date: March 1, 2019

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: AnderCorp, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$65,000,000.00

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8. **MSU-IHL 405-004 – HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING DATA CENTER**

Approval Request #1: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$66,330.31 and sixty-one (61) additional days to the contract of West Brothers Construction.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 1, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: installed fire alarm system in the Central Utility Plant; added lay-in air grilles; credit for one hundred fifteen solid access floor panels for modular fan wall units carried as attic stock in the contractor's base bid pricing; increase to 150kVA to account for larger elevator load; primary conductors and OCP increased to 450A; increased the circuit breaker and decreased the main breaker trip rating; added upgraded communication cabling; and sixty-one (61) days to the contract (fifteen weather-related) .

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$236,261.36.

Project Initiation Date: October 19, 2020

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: West Brothers Construction

Total Project Budget: \$45,000,000.00

9. **MSU- TIMBER SALE 24-01 UV02013 – JOHN W. STARR MEMORIAL FOREST**

Approval Request #1: In accordance with Board Policy §904 (B) Board Approval was granted by Mr. Chip Morgan, Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee on February 9, 2024, to advertise and award this project. This sale will be a lump sum harvest of all merchantable timber on approximately 65 acres in Section 10, Township 17N, Range 13E, Oktibbeha County, MS. All timber must be cut and removed by December 31st, 2005.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 9, 2024

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10. **UM - GS 107-324 – ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE – WATER COLLECTION/CONVEYANCES**

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by W.L. Burle Engineers.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 12, 2024

Approval Request #2: Design Development Documents Waiver

Board staff approved the waiver of Design Development Documents as submitted by W.L. Burle Engineers.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 12, 2024

Project Initiation Date: February 16, 2023

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Design Professional: W.L. Burle Engineers

General Contractor: TBD

Project Budget: \$850,000.00

11. UM-GS #107-329 – ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE – WATER SOURCE

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by W. L. Burle Engineers

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 12, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 12, 2024

Project Initiation Date: February 16, 2023

Design Professional: W. L. Burle Engineers

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,000,000.00

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12. UMMC-IHL 209-566 – DAY SURGERY AND PATIENT CARE UNIT EXPANSION

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$484,187.64 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Flagstar Construction Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 29, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: installed temporary heat detectors; repaired an existing shaft wall; built a wall around an existing sprinkler/storm piping; installed revisions; and an additional cost to expedite the change order scope of work for the project to remain on the current schedule.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$484,187.64.

Project Initiation Date: April 19, 2018

Design Professional: ESA Architects

General Contractor: Flagstar Construction Company, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$23,730,000.00

13. UMMC- IHL 209-576 – MS CENTER FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$12,230,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Mid State Construction Co., Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 26, 2024

Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022

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Design Professional: Eley/Barkley/Dale – A Joint Venture

General Contractor: Mid State Construction Co., Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$15,900,000.00

14. UMMC-IHL 209-582 – UPDATE LAKELAND MEDICAL BUILDING

Approval Request #1: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$87,102.22 and seventy (70) additional days to the contract of Thrash Construction Company.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 12, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: demolished and modified the existing stairwell; and seventy (70) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to latent job site conditions; user/owner requested modifications; and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$325,312.00.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Design Professional: Burris Wagnon Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Thrash Construction Company

Total Project Budget: \$2,200,000.00

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15. USM-GS 108-296 – KINESIOLOGY BUILDING DAY RENOVATION

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$122,591.04 and thirty-five (35) additional days to the contract of Hanco Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, February 29, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: additional below grade gas piping work associated with the new proposed location of the generator; material and equipment for site electrical relocation; material & equipment to relocate the existing pad mount trans. for temporary power; natural gas generator; medium voltage switchgear order cancellation fee; manhole order cancellation fee; deduct bi-fuel generator; deduct for medium voltage switchgear; deduct for manhole; deduct manhole labor & equipment; and thirty-five days to the contract.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$122,591.04.

Project Initiation Date: March 19, 2020

Design Professional: Albert & Robinson Architects

General Contractor: Hanco Corporation

Total Project Budget: \$16,600,000.00

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1. SYSTEM - REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 12/1/23, 12/15/23, 1/1/24, 1/1/24, 1/1/24, 1/1/24, 1/26/24 and 2/2/24) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$18.50, \$150.00, \$57.83, \$57.94, \$57.83, \$5.70, \$3,460.00 and \$53.98, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,861.78

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, PLLC (statements dated 1/23/24 and 2/19/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements in the amounts of \$81.25 and \$812.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 893.75

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 2/9/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,152.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,152.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush (statement dated 1/23/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$230.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 230.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mitchell McNutt (statements dated 1/23/24 and 2/12/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,150.00 and \$3,883.63, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,033.63

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (statement dated 1/30/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$783.75, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 783.75

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\$3,750.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 17,863.24

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Foreman, Watkins & Krutz, LLP (statements dated 12/18/23 and 1/11/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$6,948.50 and \$6,006.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 12,955.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Gore, Kilpatrick & Dambrino, PLLC (statements dated 5/25/23, 6/27/23, 7/26/23, 8/28/23, 9/26/23, 10/26/23, 11/27/23, 11/27/23, 12/27/23 and 12/27/23) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$264.00, \$115.50, \$412.50, \$132.00, \$16.50, \$82.50, \$363.00, \$1,760.00, \$49.50 and \$2,288.70, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,484.20

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hagwood & Tipton, P.C. (statements dated 12/5/23, 12/5/23, 12/5/23, 12/5/23, 12/5/23, and 12/5/23) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$262.50, \$2,903.50, \$8,512.40, \$2,100.25, \$7,946.00 and \$8,400.00, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 30,124.65

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hogan Lovells, US, LLP (statement dated 1/10/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$13,100.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 13,100.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 12/6/23, 12/6/23, 12/8/23, 1/8/24, 1/8/24, 1/8/24 and 1/8/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$940.50, \$8,848.00, \$406.50, \$1,228.50, \$1,037.00, \$2,566.08 and \$400.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 15,426.58

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Kruger & Holland (statements dated 12/7/23, 12/7/23, 12/7/23, 12/7/23, 1/3/24, 1/3/24, 1/3/24 and 1/17/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$420.00, \$60.00, \$412.50, \$808.50, \$2,480.00, \$40.00, \$330.00 and \$1,963.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,514.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Steen, Dalehite & Pace (statements dated 6/30/23, 6/30/23, 7/30/23, 7/31/23, 8/31/23, 8/31/23, 9/30/23, 9/30/23, 9/30/23, 10/31/23, 10/31/23, 10/31/23, 11/30/23, 11/30/23, 11/30/23, 11/30/23 and 11/30/23) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$200.00, \$247.50, \$60.00, \$714.00, \$459.00, \$180.00, \$1,901.50, \$351.00, \$702.00, \$6,700.00, \$1,072.50, \$283.50, \$66.00, \$2,140.00, \$60.00, \$659.00, \$364.50 and \$66.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 16,226.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins & Eager, PLLC (statements dated 7/13/23, 7/13/23, 9/5/23, 9/13/23, 9/13/23, 9/21/23, 9/21/23, 10/11/23, 10/18/23, 11/17/23, 11/21/23, 11/21/23, 11/21/23, 11/21/23, 12/4/23, 12/4/23, 12/4/23, 12/4/23, 12/4/23, 12/4/23, 12/4/23, 12/4/23, 12/8/23, 12/8/23, 12/11/23, 12/11/23, 12/11/23, 12/11/23, 12/13/23, 12/13/23, 12/13/23, 12/13/23, 12/20/23, 1/11/24, 1/11/24, 1/11/24, 1/11/24, 1/11/24, 1/17/24, 1/17/24, 1/29/24 and 1/29/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$9,367.75, \$6,254.00, \$3,145.00, \$12,846.50, \$16,332.84, \$1,938.00, \$323.00, \$1,207.00, \$4,550.92, \$1,020.00, \$1,503.07, \$1,146.00, \$5,801.08, \$661.50, \$1,204.50, \$5,078.40, \$592.50, \$1,742.60, \$198.00, \$1,040.00, \$6,493.15, \$2,531.25, \$181.50, \$148.50, \$200.00, \$1,590.04, \$115.50, \$8,488.65, \$4,824.63, \$9,182.49, \$2,193.00, \$3,524.50, \$2,093.50, \$115.50, \$313.50, \$3,675.95, \$4,233.00, \$5,271.50, \$7,053.85, \$1,802.00, \$469.50 and \$1,669.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 142,123.67

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 2/9/24, 2/16/24 and 2/28/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$5,389.50, \$2,743.50 and \$480.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,613.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 2/9/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$4,609.47, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,609.47

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by McDonald Hopkins, LLC (statements dated 1/31/24 and 2/29/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$378.00 and \$268.50, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 646.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 1/19/24, 2/2/24, 2/2/24, 2/2/24, 2/2/24, 2/16/24, 2/20/24, 2/20/24, 2/21/24, 2/21/24, 2/21/24, 2/29/24, 3/1/24, 3/1/24 and 3/1/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,500.00, \$41.29, \$83.76, \$73.71, \$460.00, \$34.83, \$2,500.00, \$2,500.00, \$2,500.00, \$460.00, \$3,765.00, \$3,500.00, \$460.00, \$105.00 and \$41.38, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 19,024.97

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Zachary & Leggett, PLLC (statement dated 1/31/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$8,610.24, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,610.24

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 1/29/24 and 1/29/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Hemagglutinin Substitution Increases Thermostability and Improves Yield of 2009 H1N1 influenza A Virus in Cells” - \$636.00; and “IP and Regulatory Matters” - \$836.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,472.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose (statements dated 1/5/24, 1/5/24, 1/5/24 and 2/6/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Automatic Mosquito Ovitrap” - \$1,560.00; “Hand Wearable IMU

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Sensor Mount” - \$1,620.00; “Hand Wearable IMU Sensor Mount” - \$3,356.49; and “Spool Enclosure” - \$441.00, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,977.49

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy (statements dates 1/12/24, 1/12/24, 1/12/24, 1/12/24, 2/9/24, 2/9/24, 2/9/24 and 2/9/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Occidiofungin Formations and Uses Thereof” - \$637.00; “Vaccine Composition Comprising Recombinant Protein of Staphylococcus Aureus Attenuated Enterotoxin and Cytotoxin” - \$1,727.50; “Oleaginous Microbe Supplementation for Improving Black Soldier Fly Growth and Development” - \$1,738.00; “Thienyl-Dibenzoazepines and their Derivatives as Donor for Xanthene-Based Short-Wave Infrared [SWIR] Dyes” - \$497.50; “Vaccine Composition Comprising Recombinant Protein of Staphylococcus Aureus Attenuated Enterotoxin and Cytotoxin” - \$300.00; “Vaccine Composition Comprising Recombinant Protein of Staphylococcus Aureus Attenuated Enterotoxin and Cytotoxin” - \$237.00; “Oleaginous Microbe Supplementation for Improving Black Soldier Fly Growth and Development” - \$197.50; and “Engineering of the Production of a Conformational Variant of Occidiofungin that has Enhanced Inhibitory Activity Against Fungal Species” - \$1,619.50, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,954.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Quarles & Brady, LLP (statement dated 1/12/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent or intellectual property matter: “Rice Cultivar” - \$420.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 420.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statement dated 12/27/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent or intellectual property matter: “Unsymmetric CCC-HNC Pincer” - \$4,519.98.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,519.98

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated 1/25/23, 1/25/23, 1/25/23, 1/25/23, 1/25/23, 1/25/23, 2/22/23, 3/28/23, 4/27/23, 4/27/23, 4/27/23, 4/27/23, 4/27/23, 4/27/23, 4/28/23, 5/23/23, 5/24/23, 5/24/23, 6/7/23, 6/7/23, 6/7/23, 6/7/23, 6/7/23, 7/13/23, 7/13/23, 7/13/23, 7/13/23, 7/13/23, 7/13/23, 7/13/23, 7/13/23, 7/13/23, 9/26/23, 9/26/23, 10/24/23, 10/24/23, 10/24/23, 10/24/23, 10/31/23, 11/17/23, 11/17/23, 12/28/23, 12/28/23, 12/28/23, 12/28/23 and 1/25/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$910.00, \$947.50, \$1,342.00, \$850.00, \$685.50, \$600.00, \$1,827.00, \$287.00, \$220.00, \$38.00, \$875.50, \$664.00, \$9,157.50, \$188.00, \$8,317.50, \$104.00,

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\$731.50, \$1,883.50, \$38.00, \$38.00, \$38.00, \$85.50, \$78.00, \$571.50, \$673.50, \$871.50, \$614.50, \$588.50, \$617.50, \$635.50, \$4,186.50, \$1,836.50, \$1,055.50, \$576.00, \$38.00, \$38.00, \$5,960.50, \$3,096.00, \$1,472.00, \$38.00, \$973.00, \$4,508.00, \$65.00, \$2,487.50 and \$1,515.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 62,324.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Workman Nydegger (statements dated 4/14/23, 4/14/23, 4/14/23, 4/14/23, 4/14/23, 4/14/23, 7/6/23, 7/6/23, 7/6/23, 7/6/23, 7/6/23, 7/6/23, 7/10/23, 8/30/23, 8/30/23, 8/30/23, 8/30/23, 8/30/23, 8/30/23, 8/30/23, 8/30/23, 9/13/23, 10/13/23, 10/13/23, 12/13/23, 1/2/24, 1/2/24 and 1/2/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$200.00, \$1,317.00, \$200.00, \$782.79, \$988.00, \$5,153.28, \$523.00, \$849.00, \$479.00, \$200.00, \$2,121.25, \$231.25, \$175.00, \$1,721.25, \$1,014.78, \$200.00, \$68.61, \$624.00, \$1,852.63, \$200.00, \$1,496.25, \$256.00, \$4,678.00, \$1,266.67, \$152.00, \$127.50 and \$157.56, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 27,034.82

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 12/19/23 and 1/29/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Phenylphosphine Oxide Epoxy Polymer and Atomic Oxygen Stable Epoxy Polymer” - \$147.50; and “Gulf Blue Trademark” - \$324.00).

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 471.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 1/12/24, 1/12/24, 1/12/24 and 1/12/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Gold Catalyzed Polymerization Reactions of Unsaturated Substrates” - \$675.00; “C1/12/24, Conjugated Polymer Sensors Using the Inner Filter Effect” - \$508.25; “Macrocyclic Embedded Organic Electronic Matrices for Anion Detection” - \$500.00; and “Lidar Data Processing” - \$490.00).

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,173.25

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1. **SYSTEM – MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Board Policy 503 states: “As part of its broad constitutional authority to govern the universities, the Board shall exercise its authority to modify programs offered by the universities generally or at various units of the universities.”

In accordance with Board policy 503, Mississippi University for Women and the University of Mississippi submit requests for the modification of existing academic degree programs.

RENAMING

A. **MUW** - *Current program title:* Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fine Art

Proposed program title: **Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Art**

CIP code, sequence: 50.0101, 5351

Total credit hours: 124

Effective date: August 2024

Rationale: The name change better describes the diversity and flexibility of the program and better dovetails with the mission of the art department.

B. **UM** - *Current program title:* Bachelor of Science (BS) in Management Information Systems

Proposed program title: **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business Analytics & Information Systems**

Current CIP code, sequence: 52.1201, 5662

New CIP code, sequence: 52.1299, 5662

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: August 2024

Rationale: The Business Analytics & Information System (BAIS) major provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary for business and data analytics, generative and predictive AI, software application design and implementation, database design and development, IT project management, and cyber security and information assurance using the most advanced and up-to-date technologies. The changes in the program’s curriculum, as reflected in the name change, will greatly increase our students’ career success.

2. **MSU – MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ACADEMIC UNITS**

In accordance with Board policies 503 and 504, the Mississippi State University submits requests to modify existing academic units.

REORGANIZING AND RENAMING

A. *Current unit:* Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology, and Plant Pathology

Proposed units to operate under reorganized unit: **Department of Agricultural Science and Plant Protection**

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Effective date: May 2024

Rationale: In evaluating synergies within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, movement of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (affiliated faculty, staff, and degree programs) to Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion will promote more health-focused career opportunities for our students as well as better facilitate both basic and applied research collaborations in these disciplines. As part of the modification and renaming of departments, Entomology and Plant Pathology (faculty, staff, and degree programs) will be reorganized into the Department of Agricultural Science and Plant Protection. This reorganized department will acquire the B.S. in Agricultural Science from the School of Human Sciences but will not require movement of any faculty as this degree program is already based on courses that are cross-disciplinary in nature and currently includes focus areas of integrated crop management, agricultural pest management, and precision agriculture, so it is well-suited to be housed in the reorganized department.

B. *Current unit:* Department of Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion

Proposed units to operate under reorganized unit: **Department of Biochemistry, Nutrition, and Health Promotion**

Effective date: May 2024

Rationale: In evaluating synergies within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, movement of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (affiliated faculty, staff, and degree programs) to Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion will promote more health-focused career opportunities for our students as well as better facilitate both basic and applied research collaborations. This modification would be very marketable to both prospective undergraduate and graduate students as well as prospective faculty.

3. **SYSTEM – APPROVAL OF DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED IN SPRING 2024**

Board Policy 510: Awarding of Degrees states that “Degrees granted by institutions under the governance of the Board are awarded by and with the consent of the Board and are countersigned by the President of the Board. Recommendations for the awarding of degrees to students by the various institutions must be made no later than the Board meeting prior to the commencement at which such awards will be made.”

In accordance with Board policy, the institutions below request permission to award degrees at the following levels in Spring 2024, provided each candidate has met all requirements for the degree.

Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
Alcorn State University				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	Associate of Science in Nursing	42		
	Bachelor of Arts	34		
	Bachelor of Arts in Music	3		
	Bachelor of Music	2		
	Bachelor of Science	180		
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	31		
	Bachelor of Social Work	13		

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Master of Arts in Teaching	3
Master of Business Administration	4
Master of Liberal Arts	4
Master of Science in Agriculture	7
Master of Science in Applied Science and Technology	17
Master of Science in Biology	9
Master of Science in Biotechnology	1
Master of Science in Computer and Information Science	9
Master of Science in Secondary Education	12
Master of Science in Nursing	7
Master of Science in Workforce Education Leadership	15
Specialist in Education	3
Doctor of Nursing Practice	4

Total Undergraduate Degrees	305	
Total Graduate Degrees	95	
Total Degrees		400

Delta State University

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Applied Science	7
Bachelor of Arts	27
Bachelor of Business Administration	51
Bachelor of Commercial Aviation	29
Bachelor of Fine Arts	6
Bachelor of Music Education	5
Bachelor of Science in Education	24
Bachelor of Science	64
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies	4
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	21
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology	4
Bachelor of Social Work	19
Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	4

Graduate

Master of Art in Liberal Studies	6
Master of Arts in Teaching	4
Master of Business Administration	32
Master of Commercial Aviation	3
Master of Education	24
Master of Science in Sport and Human Performance	11
Master of Science in Nursing	8
Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology	3
Specialist in Education	14
Doctor of Education	6

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<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>	265	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>	115	
<i>Total Degrees</i>		380

Jackson State University

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Arts	36
Bachelor of Business Administration	72
Bachelor of Music	2
Bachelor of Music Education	6
Bachelor of Science in Education	17
Bachelor of Science	346
Bachelor of Social Work	31
Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	9

Graduate

Master of Arts	16
Master of Arts in Teaching	34
Master of Business Administration	16
Master of Music Education	3
Master of Professional Accountancy	2
Master of Public Health	8
Master of Public Policy and Administration	5
Master of Science	54
Master of Science in Education	28
Master of Social Work	44
Specialist in Education	51
Doctor of Education	1
Doctor of Philosophy	28
Doctor of Public Health	8

<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>	519	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>	298	
<i>Total Degrees</i>		817

Mississippi State University

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Accountancy	76
Bachelor of Applied Science	50
Bachelor of Applied Technology	1
Bachelor of Arts	243
Bachelor of Business Administration	521
Bachelor of Fine Arts	43
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	15
Bachelor of Music Education	13
Bachelor of Science	1,947
Bachelor of Social Work	19

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Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	24	
Bachelor of Architecture	38	
<i>Graduate</i>		
Master of Agribusiness Management	14	
Master of Agriculture	2	
Master of Arts	19	
Master of Arts in Teaching	4	
Master of Arts in Teaching Middle	22	
Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary	23	
Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education	6	
Master of Business Administration	143	
Master of Engineering	3	
Master of Landscape Architecture	9	
Master of Music Education	1	
Master of Physician Assistant Studies	24	
Master of Professional Accountancy	28	
Master of Public Policy and Administration	4	
Master of Science	250	
Master of Science in Instructional Technology	6	
Master of Science Information Systems	9	
Master of Taxation	2	
Specialist in Education	18	
Doctor of Education	2	
Doctor of Philosophy	70	
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	95	
<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>		3,113
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>		637
<i>Total Degrees</i>		3,750

Mississippi University for Women

<i>Undergraduate</i>		
Associate of Science in Nursing	41	
Bachelor of Applied Science	16	
Bachelor of Arts	14	
Bachelor of Business Administration	43	
Bachelor of Fine Arts	6	
Bachelor of Professional Studies	5	
Bachelor of Science	104	
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	85	
Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	1	
<i>Graduate</i>		
Master of Arts		
Master of Arts in Teaching	4	
Master of Business Administration	6	
Master of Education	3	

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Master of Fine Arts	7	
Master of Public Health	4	
Master of Science	26	
Doctor of Nursing Practice	7	
Total Undergraduate Degrees		315
Total Graduate Degrees		57
Total Degrees		372

Mississippi Valley State University

<i>Undergraduate</i>		
Bachelor of Arts	53	
Bachelor of Science	68	
Bachelor of Secondary Education	3	
Bachelor of Social Work	7	
<i>Graduate</i>		
Master of Arts	2	
Master of Arts in Teaching	9	
Master of Business Administration	8	
Master of Science	5	
Master of Social Work	5	
Total Undergraduate Degrees		131
Total Graduate Degrees		29
Total Degrees		160

University of Mississippi

<i>Undergraduate</i>	
Bachelor of Accountancy	173
Bachelor of Arts	639
Bachelor of Arts in Education	200
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism	32
Bachelor of Arts in Sport and Recreation Administration	20
Bachelor of Business Administration	532
Bachelor of Fine Arts	21
Bachelor of Multi-Disciplinary Studies	85
Bachelor of Music	13
Bachelor of Science	133
Bachelor of Science (IMC)	277
Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering	24
Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering	18
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering	18
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering	6
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	31
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice	85
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering	15
Bachelor of Science in Engineering	12

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Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science	83	
Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering	9	
Bachelor of Science in Geology	4	
Bachelor of Science in Law Studies	29	
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	34	
Bachelor of Science in Public Health & Health Sciences	12	
Bachelor of Social Work	31	
Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	19	
<i>Graduate</i>		
Certificate in Intercollegiate Athletic Administration	12	
Certificate in Reform & Athletics Academic Success	1	
Certificate in Air and Space Law	1	
Certificate in Biomechanics	1	
Master of Accountancy	19	
Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics	33	
Master of Arts	77	
Master of Arts in Teaching	12	
Master of Business Administration	20	
Master of Criminal Justice	13	
Master of Education	56	
Master of Fine Arts	8	
Master of Music	14	
Master of Science	177	
Master of Science in Exercise Science	3	
Master of Science in Social Work	1	
Master of Taxation	2	
Master of Taxation and Data Analytics	6	
Specialist in Education	28	
Doctor of Education	30	
Doctor of Pharmacy	88	
Doctor of Philosophy	77	
Juris Doctor	159	
<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>	2,555	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>	841	
<i>Total Degrees</i>		3,410

University of Mississippi Medical Center

<i>Undergraduate</i>		
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene	18	
Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management	4	
Bachelor of Science in Health Systems Administration	8	
Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science	16	
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	117	

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Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences	31	
<i>Graduate</i>		
Master of Health Informatics and Information Management	1	
Master of Health Systems Administration	11	
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences	66	
Master of Science in Biostatistics and Data Science	1	
Master of Science in Clinical Investigation	4	
Master of Science in Magnetic Resonance Imaging	2	
Master of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology	2	
Master of Science in Nursing	115	
Master of Science in Population Health Science	7	
Doctor of Dental Medicine	41	
Doctor of Health Administration	10	
Doctor of Medicine	156	
Doctor of Nursing Practice	23	
Doctor of Occupational Therapy	35	
Doctor of Philosophy	26	
Doctor of Physical Therapy	41	
Total Undergraduate Degrees		194
Total Graduate Degrees		541
Total Degrees		735

University of Southern Mississippi

<i>Undergraduate</i>		
Bachelor of Applied Science	25	
Bachelor of Arts	183	
Bachelor of Fine Arts	35	
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies	6	
Bachelor of Liberal Studies	56	
Bachelor of Music	5	
Bachelor of Music Education	16	
Bachelor of Science	729	
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	225	
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	89	
Bachelor of Social Work	33	
Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	17	
<i>Graduate</i>		
Master of Arts	15	
Master of Arts in Teaching	35	
Master of Arts in Teaching of Languages	12	
Master of Business Administration	33	
Master of Education	15	
Master of Fine Arts	7	
Master of Library and Information Science	54	
Master of Music	18	

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Master of Music Education	0		
Master of Professional Accountancy	7		
Master of Public Health	18		
Master of Science	126		
Master of Social Work	74		
Specialist in Education	1		
Doctor of Audiology	7		
Doctor of Education	36		
Doctor of Musical Arts	10		
Doctor of Nursing Practice	2		
Doctor of Philosophy	39		
<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>		1,419	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>		509	
<i>Total Degrees</i>			1,928
<i>System Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>		8,816	
<i>System Total Graduate Degrees</i>		3,122	
<i>System Total Degrees</i>			11,952

*Note: System Total for Spring 2024 represents a decrease of 295 from Spring 2023's total of 12,247.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

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1. ASU - REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT LLC

Agenda Item Request: Approval to enter into a lease agreement with the **Alcorn State University Foundation Development LLC**.

Contractor's Legal Name: **Alcorn State University Foundation Development LLC**

History of Contract: The Alcorn State University Foundation Development LLC is a subsidiary of the Alcorn State University Foundation, Inc. In May 2016, Alcorn State University entered a five-year lease, licensing, and operations agreement with the Alcorn State University Foundation Development LLC for 63,625 square feet of space within the Spinks-Casem Football Stadium on the Lorman Campus to construct, operate, and license advertising on a 66 foot by 25-foot digital video scoreboard and control room. The University seeks to enter into a new, similar contract with the Foundation Development LLC.

Specific Type of Contract: Real estate lease agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of this new contract is to lease space in the Spinks-Casem Football Stadium to update to upgrade the Video Scoreboard System (including structural frame, sound, control room, etc.) and install new video ribbon boards on the visitors' side of the stadium for additional revenue options. The ASU Foundation Development LLC will construct the improvements at its expense. The ASU Foundation Development LLC will assume advertising licensing rights on the scoreboard and ribbon boards (subject to University's approval of content and agreements) and retain advertising revenue for the term of the lease.

Scope of Work: N/A

Term of Contract: 5 years (2024-2029) with one additional five-year renewal option subject to IHL approval.

Termination Options: Thirty (30) days after uncured breach of agreement by Lessee or if construction does not begin on or before June 30, 2024.

Contract Amount: \$1 per year paid to the University by the ASU Foundation Development LLC.

Funding Source for Contract: Revenue generating lease agreement.

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Contractor Selection Process: The ASU Foundation Inc., through its affiliated agreement with the University, sourced 3 proposals from 3 different companies to perform the renovations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. UM – REQUEST TO APPROVE BUDGET ESCALATIONS FOR FY 2024 FOR AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES

**University of Mississippi
 FY 2024 Auxiliary Enterprises by Major Object**

Category	Current FY 2024 Operating Budget	Revision/Escalation	Revised FY 2024 Operating Budget
Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits	\$ 61,723,663	\$ 2,679,630	\$ 64,403,293
Travel and Subsistence	10,572,626	(137,800)	10,434,826
Contractual Services	71,322,981	1,911,000	73,233,981
Commodities	33,638,205	(472,535)	33,165,670
Capital Outlay: Non-Equipment	-	-	-
Capital Outlay: Equipment	2,851,453	137,345	2,988,798
Mandatory Transfers	14,423,200	-	14,423,200
Non-Mandatory Transfers	10,324,430	2,697,800	13,022,230
Increase in Fund Balance	-	-	-
Total	\$ 204,856,558	\$ 6,815,440	\$ 211,671,998

A budget escalation is requested to increase and realign spending authority between major objects within Athletics, Airport Operations, Flight Department, Contractual Services Management, and facilities service centers. Increased concessions, parking, sponsorship, and self-generated revenue will be used to fund the escalation for Athletics personnel and greater than anticipated operating costs and equipment needs at the Airport, Flight Department, Contractual Services Management, and facilities service centers.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BUNNELL, INC.

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a rental agreement with **Bunnell, Inc.** (Bunnell) for the rental of LifePulse High Frequency Jet Ventilators (HFJV) and the WhisperJet Patient Box on an as-needed basis. The ventilator and patient box are used in ventilating critically ill infants with pulmonary interstitial emphysema (PIE), as well as in critically ill infants with

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respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) complicated by pulmonary air leaks who are failing on conventional ventilation.

Contractor's Legal Name: Bunnell, Inc.

History of Contract: On May 18, 2023, the Board approved a one-year rental agreement with Bunnell for the rental of LifePulse High Frequency Jet Ventilators (HFJV) and WhisperJet Patient Box on an as-needed basis. The agreement will expire on June 30, 2024. UMMC currently owns one (1) LifePulse HFJV Ventilator with WhisperJet Patient Box, purchased in 2018. However, an increase in patients requiring advanced strategies in ventilation has elevated the need for additional ventilators periodically. Often the need arises to place a patient on a ventilator that has advanced ventilation capabilities and UMMC does not have the equipment available for use which forces us to use other ventilators with limited ventilation platforms, which may not create the pathway for care needed, which leads to longer time on the ventilator and delay in lung recovery. Thus, it is beneficial for UMMC to have access to additional ventilators as needed.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new rental agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the agreement is for the rental of LifePulse HFJV and WhisperJet Patient Boxes on an as-needed basis for critically ill infants with complex respiratory issues.

Scope of Work: Under the agreement, Bunnell will rent LifePulse HFJV and WhisperJet Patient Boxes to UMMC.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is eighteen (18) months, from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by UMMC at any time by returning rented equipment;
- by UMMC upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Bunnell;
- immediately upon Bunnell's breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that Bunnell, its officers, directors and employees:
 - are not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
 - have not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs,

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- are not, nor have ever been included on the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list;
- are not, to the best of its knowledge, under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in Bunnell being excluded from participation in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and
- if Bunnell is to receive any patients' personal health information, Bunnell represents and warrants that it has implemented safeguards to ensure that the privacy and confidentiality of patients' personal health information is protected; and
- immediately in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties cannot agree upon renegotiated terms within thirty (30) days.

Contract Amount: The estimated cost of the agreement is \$370,000.

Funding Source for Contract: This agreement will be funded by patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: The LifePulse HFJV ventilator and WhisperJet Patient Box qualifies as a clinical commodity under Miss Code Ann. §31-7-1, which is exempted from procurement requirements under §31-7-13.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. **UMMC - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAMPUS AND SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH MICROSOFT CORPORATION AND ENTER INTO A NEW ENROLLMENT FOR EDUCATION SOLUTIONS**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend the Campus and School Agreement (CSA) with **Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft)** by entering a new Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement to extend the term of the CSA for Volume Licensing of Microsoft Products/Services utilized by UMMC; to establish the number of UMMC licenses needed for Microsoft products; and to set pricing. The CSA is comprised of the terms regarding Microsoft software, servers, online services, applications, and cloud services.

Contractor's Legal Name: Microsoft Corporation

History of Contract: On June 15, 2017, the Board approved a three (3) year CSA for volume licensing of Microsoft products and services for a total contract cost of \$3,277,627.09. April 16, 2020, the Board approved an Enrollment for Education

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Solutions agreement that extended the term of the CSA for one (1) year at a total contract cost of \$4,686,627.09. On April 15, 2021, the Board approved an amendment to extend the CSA and Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement through April 30, 2024 for a total contract cost of \$10,101,627.10. The current CSA and Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement both expire on April 30, 2024.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to the Campus School Agreement and new Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to amend the Campus and School Agreement (CSA) by entering a new Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement which will extend the term of the CSA for Volume Licensing of Microsoft Products/Services utilized by UMMC; establish the number of UMMC licenses needed for Microsoft products; and set pricing. The CSA is comprised of the terms regarding Microsoft software, servers, online services, applications, and cloud services.

Scope of Work: Under the CSA and Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement, Microsoft supplies products and/or services as ordered by UMMC. UMMC currently purchases a variety of Microsoft products including, but not limited to, the following:

- Software products, including Advanced Threat Analytics and Cal Suites;
- Identity manager;
- Office applications, including Office Desktop Applications;
- Office servers, including Exchange Servers and Project Servers;
- System center products;
- Windows Desktop Operation System;
- Online services, including Azure and Cloud App Security; and
- Office 365 services, including Office 365 Applications and Advance Security Management.

Under the CSA and Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement, UMMC will:

- place an annual initial order with a minimum license purchase commitment of one thousand (1,000) student licenses and one thousand (1,000) organization licenses, and
- provide Microsoft with an annual organization-wide count of employee, agent, and student users.

Term of Contract: The amended term of the CSA is ten (10) years, from May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2027. The term of the Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement is thirty-six (36) months, from May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2027.

Termination Options: The CSA and Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement may be terminated for any of the following:

- by either party without cause upon 60 days' written notice;

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- by either party with cause upon thirty (30) days' notice if the other party materially breaches its obligations under the agreement and the breach is not cured within the thirty (30) days.
- by Microsoft if UMMC breaches the Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement and the breach cannot be resolved within a reasonable period of time; and
- by Microsoft if there is any current or future government requirement or obligation that (1) subjects Microsoft to any regulation or requirement not generally applicable to business operating there, (2) presents a hardship for Microsoft to continue operating the Online Service without modification, and/or (3) causes Microsoft to believe these terms or the Online Service may be in conflict with any such requirement or obligation.

Contract Amount: The total amended cost of the CSA over the ten (10) year term is \$16,601,627.10, which includes the \$6,500,000 estimated cost of the Enrollment for Education Solutions agreement over the thirty-six (36) month term.

Funding Source for Contract: This agreement is funded by general funds.

Contractor Selection Process: Microsoft provides the volume licensing for purchase through its authorized reseller MoreDirect, Inc. d/b/a Connection, which is an approved vendor contracted with Vanderbilt Health Purchasing Collaborative, LLC, one of UMMC's group purchasing organizations (GPO) pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 31-7-13(m)(x).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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Note: Project numbers beginning with the prefix "GS" designate projects that the Bureau of Building provides management oversight for and are funded partially or wholly with state Bureau of Building bond revenues. Project numbers beginning with the prefix "IHL" designate projects that are funded from university self-generated sources including but not limited to donations, fees, and grants.

Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects

The Board must approve the initiation of a project for the construction of new facilities, repairs and renovations to existing facilities and requests for a capital outlay with a total project budget exceeding \$1,000,000 regardless of how the projects are financed. It is the intent of the Board that its appropriate staff under the direction of the Commissioner shall be involved in all phases of building projects requiring approval by the Board. All construction, repairs, and renovation projects with a total budget of \$1,000,000 or less may be approved by the Institutional Executive Officer. However, all projects utilizing any state bond funds, including Ayers funds, must be initiated with STAFF approval from the Office of Real Estate and Facilities. No further approvals are required by IHL staff for projects of \$1,000,000 or less unless the budget changes. All budget changes for these projects must be reported to the Office of Real Estate and Facilities.

Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval

When funding has been secured from whatever source, each institution shall bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects. This request shall include a detailed description of the work to be accomplished, the total budget, the funding source and the design professional recommended to the Board for approval.

After the Board has granted approval of both the initiation of a project and the appointment of a design professional, no further Board action or approval is required for the completion of the project if the following conditions are met:

- 1. The detailed description of the work to be accomplished, as specifically approved by the Board within the project initiation, has not changed.*
- 2. The total project budget has not increased beyond the amount specifically approved by the Board as part of the project initiation;*
- 3. The funding source has not changed from that specifically approved by the Board as part of the project initiation; and*
- 4. The design professional previously approved by the Board has not changed.*

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If the above four conditions have been met, the Board's Real Estate and Facilities staff, through the Commissioner, shall have the authority to approve any and all necessary documents related to the completion of the subject construction project, including the approval of construction documents, the advertisement and receipt of bids, the approval of a bid, the award of a contract and any change orders.

Prior to the commencement of construction, the Board must approve the exterior design of the major buildings that have aesthetic impact on the overall campus, regardless of the cost of the project. This requirement applies to all buildings and facilities on an institution's property even if the land is leased to an institution's affiliated entity or a private developer.

Board Policy §905(A), Real Estate Management

Prior Board approval is required for the execution of all easements or non-oil, non-gas and non-mineral leases in an amount greater than \$100,000. The Commissioner is authorized to approve leases (other than oil, gas and mineral leases) or easements in amounts equal to or less than \$100,000. The Commissioner may further delegate the Commissioner's approval authority regarding easements and leases to the applicable IEO or his/her designee(s) provided that the requirements of Policy 707.01 D. are met. Board approval is required for timber sales in an amount greater than \$500,000. For timber sales of an amount \$500,000 or less, the Chair of the Real Estate Committee is authorized to approve sales on behalf of the Board upon satisfactory legal review and recommendation from the Commissioner. Board approval prior to the execution of the contract is required for all other land contracts requiring an aggregate total expenditure of more than \$250,000. Requests for approval of land contracts shall include property descriptions, terms of purchase, lease or sale and intended use of the property. An institution acquiring or disposing of real property shall receive two independent appraisals. The purchase price of property to be acquired shall not exceed the average of the two appraisals. The sale price of real property shall be no less than the average of the two appraisals.

Board Policy §905(B), Real Estate Management

Prior to Board consideration of the purchase or acceptance of real estate from any source, a Phase I or more detail Environmental Report shall be completed by qualified personnel and submitted to the Board's Real Estate and Facilities Office. In the event hazardous substances are confirmed as having existed in the past or as presently existing, the Board reserves the right to cancel the transaction without liability, or to permit the other party or parties to remove the hazardous substances at its or their expense in a manner sufficient to receive a "no further action" letter from the State's Department of Environmental Quality.

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Board Policy §917, Naming Buildings and Facilities

Board approval must be obtained prior to naming or re-naming any institutional building or facility. However, assigning generic names which are descriptive of the functions served by the building – such as “University Athletic Training Facility” or “Chemistry Building” – does not require Board approval, unless the building has an existing non-generic name which is to be changed or modified. Board approval must also be obtained prior to naming or re-naming any building or facility built on university property leased to a university affiliated entity, a private developer or any other individual or entity.

APPROVAL OF INITIATIONS OF PROJECTS/APPOINTMENTS OF PROFESSIONALS

BUREAU OF BUILDING PROJECTS

1. JSU – GS 103-331B - JOC – UNIVERSITY PLACE IMPROVEMENTS EEF

Project Request: Jackson State University requests approval to initiate a project, JOC – University Place Improvements EEF, and appoint Engineering Resource Group (ERG) as the design professional.

Proposed Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group (ERG)

Selection Method: The project budget is not anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is not required that Jackson State University use the RFQ method for selecting the design professional.

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: Jackson State University is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy. This will allow the university to proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: The project scope will include building improvements such as, but are not limited to, mechanical, structural, and interior/exterior cosmetics as funds permit.

History: During the November 16, 2023 IHL Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the project GS#103-331 JOC University Place Improvements – EEF, and approved the appointment of Eley Guild Hardy Architects as the design professional.

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To expedite this essential project, in an effort to provide students with adequate housing options, this endeavor has been divided into two JOC projects GS#103-331(A) and GS#103-331(B). The previously approved GS#103-331, now known as GS#103-331(A), focuses on general improvements and structural repairs, with Eley Guild Hardy Architects as the prime appointed professional. At this time, JSU is requesting to initiate GS#103-331(B), under the lead of ERG, with the scope of completing necessary mechanical system improvements and/or replacements. There are no changes being made to the funding source. The total project budget for A & B is \$3,500,000.00.

Jackson State University is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Date of Original Construction: 2009

Date of Last Renovation: N/A

Project Budget:

		<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$	1,500,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		117,307.20
Misc. Project Costs:		57,692.80
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		<u>75,000.00</u>
Total Project Budget	\$	1,750,000.00

Funding Source(s): SB 3000, Laws of 2023 – EEF (\$1,750,000.00)

Staff Recommendation: *Board staff recommends approval of this item.*

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2. USM – GS 114-033 – EXECUTIVE EDUCATION CENTER

Project Request: The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to initiate a project, Executive Education Center, and appoint Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A., as the design professional.

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

Selection Method: The project budget is anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is required that the University of Southern Mississippi use the RFQ method for selecting the design professional. USM used the RFQ method as required for the selection of the design professional.

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: The University of Southern Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy. This will allow the university to proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: This project will include the renovation, expansion, upgrades, improvements, and additions (exterior courtyard) to Building 952, Hardy Hall, on the Gulf Park Campus. The project would create spaces to house USM's Executive Education Center and related facilities. The project would also provide corporate training, conferences, seminars, receptions, and other meeting spaces to serve the campus and community.

This project replaces GS114-027, Gulf Park Executive Ed. & Conf. Center, which would have been a stand-alone building. Following a space utilization analysis at the campus, the University deemed that converting existing office suites and meeting spaces in Hardy Hall would be a more thoughtful way to utilize the legislatively appropriated funds and the best use of the facility.

As a designated historic building (1921), the project will require coordination with Mississippi's Department of Archives and History.

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History:

- May 20, 2021 – Utilizing \$200,000.000 allocated to The University of Southern Mississippi to preplan a stand-alone building that would be called the Executive Education and Conference Center, USM received IHL approval to initiate a project at Gulf Park and appointed Unabridged as the design professional.
- November 10, 2021 – August 9, 2022 – After looking at multiple options for the building, estimates from the design professional, and recommendations from IHL staff, USM analyzed the spaces utilized at Gulf Park and determined that adapting and reusing the first and second floors of Hardy Hall would be more appropriate for an Executive Education Center than a stand-alone building. Also, the \$4,800,000.00 dedicated to the project could stretch further if used on an existing building.
- August 2022 – USM and the Bureau terminated project GS114-027, Gulf Park Executive Ed. & Conf. Center.
- During Legislative Session 2023, legislators reworded H.B. 603 to provide \$4,800,000.00 to create an Executive Education Center at Gulf Park by adapting/reusing Building 952, Hardy Hall, on the Gulf Park Campus.
- October 2023 – January 2024 – The Bureau of Buildings requested qualifications from Mississippi Design Professionals, USM, and the Bureau developed a short list and, following a series of interviews, determined that Eley Guild Hardy Architects, PA (Biloxi Office) was the most qualified for the project.

The University of Southern Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Date of Original Construction: 1921

Date of Last Renovation: N/A

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Project Budget:

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 3,724,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	336,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:	500,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	0.00
Contingency:	240,000.00
 Total Project Budget	 \$ 4,800,000.00

Funding Source(s): HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$4,800,000.00)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

IHL PROJECTS

3. MSU – IHL 205-357 – HAND CHEMICAL LABORATORY HVAC CONTROLS UPGRADE

Project Request: Mississippi State University requests approval to initiate a project, Hand Chemical Laboratory HVAC Controls Upgrade, and appoint Engineering Resource Group (ERG) as the design professional.

Proposed Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group

Selection Method: The project budget is not anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is not required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design of the design professional.

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: Mississippi State University is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy. This will allow the university to proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: This project is intended to replace HVAC controls in a phased approach to minimize downtime of laboratories in Hand Chemical Lab. This project is a time sensitive project due to current Hand Lab HVAC controls being obsolete and malfunctioning.

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Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Date of Original Construction: 1964

Date of Last Renovation: 2000

Project Budget:

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 1,250,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	87,500.00
Misc. Project Costs:	0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	0.00
Contingency:	162,500.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 1,500,000.00

Funding Source(s): University Designated Funds (\$1,500,000.00)

Staff Recommendation: *Board staff recommends approval of this item.*

4. UM – IHL 207-512 – RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES APARTMENT RENOVATIONS

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to initiate a project, Residential Colleges Apartment Renovations, and appoint CDFL Architects + Engineers, P.A. as the design professional.

Proposed Design Professional: CDFL Architects + Engineers, P.A.

Selection Method: The project budget is not anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is not required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design of the design professional. UM opted to assign the design professional based on qualifications.

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

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Purpose: The University of Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy. This will allow the university to proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: The project consists of the renovation of two apartments (8,500 square feet total), both being part of the Residential Colleges, Lucky Day and RC South. Both will require complete renovations to bring the kitchens and downstairs bathrooms up to ADA code. Additional improvements include new flooring, paint, lighting, and HVAC upgrades. Upstairs bathrooms will also be renovated. Both apartments will receive new furniture in the downstairs living areas.

The University of Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Date of Original Construction: 2010

Date of Last Renovation: N/A

Project Budget:

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 1,632,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	126,880.00
Misc. Project Costs:	113,100.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	335,000.00
Contingency:	331,045.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 2,538,025.00

Funding Source(s): Internal Funding (\$2,538,025.00)

Staff Recommendation: *Board staff recommends approval of this item.*

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**5. UM – IHL 207-513 – SOUTH OXFORD CENTER (SOC) 3RD FLOOR
PSYCHOLOGY RENOVATION**

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to initiate a project, South Oxford Center (SOC) 3rd Floor Psychology Renovation, and appoint McCarty Architects, P.A., as the design professional.

Proposed Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

Selection Method: The project budget is not anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is not required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design of the design professional. UM opted to assign the design professional based on qualifications.

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: The University of Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy. This will allow the university to proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: The project consists of minor renovations of approximately 21,000 square feet of the 3rd floor of the University's South Oxford Center to accommodate the expansion of the University's Psychology Department and Psychology Clinic.

The University of Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects.

Project Initiation Date: April 18,2024

Date of Original Construction: 1990 5-Story West Tower

Date of Last Renovation: 2023 (approximately 13,000 square feet on the 4th Floor of the South Oxford Center)

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Project Budget:

		<u>Estimated</u>
Construction Cost:	\$	900,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		73,006.77
Misc. Project Costs:		89,150.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		185,000.00
Contingency:		182,843.23
 Total Project Budget	 \$	 1,430,000.00

Funding Source(s): Internal Funding (\$1,430,000.00)

Staff Recommendation: *Board staff recommends approval of this item.*

6. UMMC – IHL 209-587 – MIND CENTER AND GERIATRIC CLINIC

Project Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to initiate a project, MIND Center and Geriatric Clinic, and appoint Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC as the design professional.

Proposed Design Professional: Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC

Selection Method: The project budget is anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is required that the University of Mississippi Medical Center use the RFQ method for selecting the design professional. UMMC utilized the RFQ method for selection of the design professional as required.

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy. This will allow the university to proceed with the design phase of the project. The purpose of this project is to renovate the UP Belhaven Building (UP) to create a centralized MIND Center and Geriatric Patient Clinic. The MIND Center has \$4M in private funding to begin this project. UMMC requests to complete the design portion of this project with the understanding that UMMC will return to the Board to establish the overall project budget prior to bidding.

Project Scope: This project will renovate the second, third and fourth floors of the UP Belhaven Building located at 1405 North State Street, Jackson, MS.

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The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Date of Original Construction: N/A

Date of Last Renovation: N/A

Project Budget:

		<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$	2,500,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		1,000,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:		0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		500,000.00
Total Project Budget	\$	4,000,000.00

Funding Source(s): MIND Center Centralized MIND & Geriatric Clinic Fund (\$4,000,000)

Staff Recommendation: *Board staff recommends approval of this item.*

7. UMMC – IHL 409-008 – ROOF REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT FY 24

Project Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to initiate a project, Roof Repair and Replacement FY 24, and appoint Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A. as the design professional.

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

Selection Method: The project budget is not anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is not required that the University of Mississippi Medical Center use the RFQ method for selecting the design professional. UMMC utilized a selection committee for the selection of the design professional.

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

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Purpose: The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy. This will allow the university to proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: UMMC anticipates a complete roof replacement of the Norman C. Nelson Student Union Building (NN), as well as an evaluation of repairs or replacement of the Wisner Hospital (W) and the low roof of the Adult Hospital (WC).

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Date of Original Construction: N/A

Date of Last Renovation: N/A

Project Budget:

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 1,800,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	250,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:	0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	0.00
Contingency:	200,000.00
 Total Project Budget	 \$ 2,250,000.00

Funding Source(s): HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$2,250,000)

Staff Recommendation: *Board staff recommends approval of this item.*

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APPROVAL OF BUDGET INCREASES AND/OR CHANGES OF SCOPE/FUNDING SOURCE(S)

BUREAU OF BUILDING PROJECTS

8. JSU – GS 103-220B – C.F. MOORE PLAZA IMPROVEMENT

Project Request: Jackson State University requests approval to increase the budget from \$1,200,000 to \$1,423,158.77 for an increase in the amount of \$223,158.77. In addition, JSU requests approval to modify the project scope and to add SB 3065 Laws of 2019 as a funding source for the project. The addition of this funding source will allow for the budget increase.

Current Project Phase: Construction Phase

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: Womack Construction, LLC

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: Jackson State University is seeking to increase the project budget from \$1,200,000 to \$1,423,158.17. The escalation in the project budget is needed to allow for a change order to the project for latent conditions.

Project Scope: The C.F. Moore Plaza Improvement project, a continuation of the GS103-220 C.F. Moore Building Demolition Project, consisted of site improvements where the C.F. Moore Building was originally located. Scope modifications due to latent conditions, include replacement of existing catch basins; undercutting and compacting select backfill to better bridge base support for concrete footing; as well as, excavation work, curb demolition, grading improvements, and rail modifications in compliance with updated regulatory requirements.

Jackson State University is acting in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to submit all project budget modifications and changes in funding sources/scope to the Board for approval.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2023 (Interim Approval)

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Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 1,046,000.00	\$ 1,166,145.63	\$ 120,145.63
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,732.01	\$ 732.01
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 126,281.13	\$ 62,281.13
Total Project Budget	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,423,158.77	\$ 223,158.77

Funding Source(s): SB 2971, Laws of 2021 (\$1,200,000); SB 3065, Laws of 2019 (\$223,158.77)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

9. JSU – GS 103-295 – ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS

Project Request: Jackson State University requests approval to increase the budget from \$1,241,806.89 to \$1,636,806.89 for an increase in the amount of \$395,000. In addition, JSU requests approval to modify the project scope to support emergency work performed and to add SB 2971 Laws of 2021 as a funding source. The addition of this funding source will allow for the budget increase.

Current Project Phase: Construction Phase

Design Professional: Schultz Wynne, P.A.

General Contractor: McInnis Electrical

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: Jackson State University is seeking to increase the project budget from \$1,241,806.89 to \$1,636,806.89. The escalation in the project budget is

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required in response to emergency storm damage and underground electrical conduit repairs needed because of the June 2023 severe weather event.

Project Scope: Additional work to be performed by contractors include the replacement of five (5) power poles and overhead primary conductors broken and damaged, replacement of pole mounted transformer service at Ayer Hall with the 225kA transformer removed from service at B.F. Roberts, the installation of new underground primary and secondary conductors, replacement of pole mounted transformer service at Blackburn Hall with a new 300kVA transformer, installation of new underground primary and secondary conductors, and replacement #2 15kV conductor from SC7 to the pole north of F.D. Music Hall.

Jackson State University is acting in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to submit all project budget modifications and changes in funding sources/scope to the Board for approval.

Project Initiation Date: March 8, 2022 (Interim Approval)

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 1,331,499.00	\$ 231,499.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 105,009.51	\$ 17,009.51
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 48,806.89	\$ 150,298.38	\$ 101,491.49
Total Project Budget	\$ 1,241,806.89	\$ 1,636,806.89	\$ 223,158.77

Funding Source(s): HB 1649, Laws of 2018 (\$356,806.89); SB 3065, Laws of 2019 (\$880,000.00); SB 2971 Laws of 2021 (\$400,000.00)

Staff Recommendation: *Board staff recommends approval of this item.*

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IHL PROJECTS

10. USM – IHL 214-024 – GULF PARK LANGUAGE & SPEECH THERAPY CENTER

Project Request: The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to increase the budget from \$7,900,000 to \$12,400,000 for an increase in the amount of \$4,500,000. In addition, USM requests approval to modify the project scope and to add the USM Foundation as a funding source for the project. The addition of this funding source will allow for the budget increase. USM also request approval of the exterior design for the Gulf Park Language & Speech Therapy Center.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: M|P Design Group

General Contractor: TBD

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The University of Southern Mississippi is seeking to increase the project budget from \$7,900,000 to \$12,400,000. The additional funding allows the project scope to increase from 18,000 square feet to 25,250 square feet. The project scope change adds the square footage to the second floor. The additional square feet will allow the DuBard School to provide the same services that it does on the Hattiesburg campus. The project is scheduled for completion and availability for use and occupancy by August of 2026.

Project Scope: The project comprises the new construction of a two-story facility (approximately 25,250 square feet) on the Gulf Park Campus. USM does not expect significant changes to the exterior design during subsequent phases. Keeping with Gulf Park’s Mission Revival aesthetic, the building will be light-colored stucco with chocolate accents to match adjacent buildings. The adjacent and proposed buildings are no taller than two stories.

History: The University of Southern Mississippi received Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) projects funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for \$7,900,000. Congress approved the funding as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (PL 117-103). USM intends to provide a building and specialized equipment for the School of Nursing and Health at its Gulf Park campus with this funding. The use will be for cost-free innovative therapies and

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services offered for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers under five and for the DuBard School programming designed to serve students aged 3-13 with severe language-speech disorders, including developmental aphasia and childhood apraxia of speech, deafness, hearing impairments and the written language disorder of dyslexia. These in-person and outpatient programs are vital for developing young children with disabilities and provide education, training, and support for families, university students, and professionals. Expanding these programs will decrease travel time for children participating on the Hattiesburg campus and located closer to the coast. It would help meet the growing needs demonstrated by increased inquiries and waiting lists.

After looking at the needs for services on the Gulf Coast, the University determined that the spaces allocated to the Dubard School needed to increase to match what is available on the Hattiesburg campus. The University Foundation has received \$4.5 million to contribute to the project to increase the square footage.

The University of Southern Mississippi is acting in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to submit all project budget modifications and changes in funding sources/scope to the Board for approval. USM is also acting in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires the Board to approve the exterior design of the major buildings that have aesthetic impact on the overall campus, regardless of the cost of the project.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 6,226,860.00	\$ 10,093,624.00	\$ 3,866,764.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 385,000.00	\$ 606,376.00	\$ 221,376.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 1,008,140.00	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 241,860.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 170,000.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 7,900,000.00	\$ 12,400,000.00	\$ 4,500,000.00

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Funding Source(s): Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) projects funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (PL 117-103) [\$7,900,000] and The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation [\$4,500,000]

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

Rendering 1: Front of Gulf Park Language and Speech Therapy Center



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Rendering 2: Side View of Gulf Park Language and Speech Therapy Center



APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUESTS

11. ASU – NAMING OF THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND RESEARCH COMPLEX AS THE “DR. JESSE HARNESS, SR. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND RESEARCH CENTER”

Agenda Request: Alcorn State University requests approval to name the Agricultural Extension and Research Complex as the “Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr. Agricultural Extension and Research Center.”

Bio of Dr. Harness: Dr. Jesse Harness devoted 35 very successful years to the cooperative Extension system and Alcorn State University. He developed and submitted the initial proposal to USDA on behalf of the university to establish the facility. After the project was funded, Dr. Harness was named by Dr. Walter Washington, University President to lead the planning, designing and construction of the Extension and Research Complex.

Prior to joining the Extension staff at Alcorn State University, Dr. Harness worked for five years with the Mississippi State University Cooperative Extension Service. Because of the knowledge and experience he gained while working for Mississippi

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State University, he was assigned leadership for designing the organizational structure for the new Extension Service at Alcorn State University which was later identified by ESUSDA (Extension Service United State Department of Agriculture) as a Model for 1890 Extension Programs.

During Dr. Harness' Career at Alcorn State University, he Served as Horticulture Specialist, Civil Rights and EEO Coordinator, Assistant Extension Administrator, Assistant Dean and Extension Administrator. During his tenure, he provided leadership for assisting small farmers and ranchers across the state in producing and marketing alternative agricultural Enterprises valued at hundreds of million dollars annually.

Dr. Harness worked closely with the University administration and members of the State Legislature in establishing the University's Small Farm Center, the Small Farm Loan Program and Off Campus Extension and Research centers in Mt Bayou, Marks and Preston, Mississippi. He wrote proposals to USDA that were funded for millions of dollars which established the Socially Disadvantage Program for Small Farms and Ranchers and the Conservation Research Program. In 1986, Dr. Harness also wrote successful proposals to USDA establishing a multiple year conservation Research Project. Results obtained from the Conservation Research Project is now being used throughout the United State and many other countries.

Dr. Harness served for three years on an advisory committee for Congressman Bennie Thompson. During this period, he gave testimony on two different occasions to a congressional committee in Washington D. C. on the "Plight of Small Farms in the United State". Dr. Harness also served two different two-year terms on the small Farm Advisory committee for the Secretary of Agriculture. During his second term, he served as Chairman of the Advisory committee.

According to USDA officials and others in the 1890 Community, Dr. Harness' work closely related to that of George Washington Carver. Therefore, in 2005, Dr Harness was inducted into the George Washington Carver Hall of Fame. In November of 2015, Dr. Harness was presented the 1890 Universities Career Exemplar Award by the Association of Public and Land-Grand Universities.

Because of Dr. Harness's Commitment to Alcorn State University and to Mankind, The Jefferson County Chapter of the Alcorn State University National Alumni Association strongly recommend that the Extension and Research Complex on the campus of Alcorn State University be Named in Honor of Dr. Jesse Harness.

Alcorn State University is acting in accordance with Board Policy §917, Naming and Buildings and Facilities, that requires Board approval prior to naming or renaming any building or facility.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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**12. JSU – APPROVAL OF EXTERIOR RENDERING – COUNCIL OF
FEDERATED ORGANIZATION (COFO) EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS**

Agenda Request: Jackson State University requests approval of the exterior design of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) Exterior Improvements project.

Design Professional: This is an internal project to be managed by Jackson State University's Department of Facility and Construction Management.

Insurance Coverage: N/A

Purpose: Jackson State University is seeking approval of the exterior rendering for the proposed exterior improvements to the COFO building.

Project Scope: Exterior improvements included in this project consist of the painting of all exterior spaces, installation of new awnings and signage, and the replacement of the main entrance door. At a later date, Jackson State University's Facility and Construction Management will evaluate the structure for modifying the existing windows.

Funding Source(s): Private Donations

Project Budget: \$30,000

Jackson State University is acting in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires the Board to approve the exterior design of the major buildings that have aesthetic impact on the overall campus, regardless of the cost of the project.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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Rendering: Front of Council of Federated Organizations Building



13. UM – IHL 207-502 – NEW PARKING STRUCTURE - APPROVAL OF EXTERIOR DESIGN

Agenda Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval of the exterior design of the new parking structure.

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

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: The University of Mississippi is seeking approval of the exterior rendering for the proposed new parking structure.

Project Scope: The University of Mississippi is currently working on the addition of 985 new beds within the Housing District on campus. With this addition the University will begin to develop a solution to the parking need in this area. This project will construct a new 1,331 space parking garage immediately west of the existing North Parking Garage to service the additional 985 new beds and improve residential parking within the Housing District.

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Funding Source(s): Internal R&R

Project Budget: \$50 million

The University of Mississippi is acting in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires the Board to approve the exterior design of the major buildings that have aesthetic impact on the overall campus, regardless of the cost of the project.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

Rendering 1: West Rendering of New Parking Structure



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Rendering 2: Southeast Rendering of New Parking Structure



14. UM – APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A BARGAIN SALES AGREEMENT (PURCHASE CONTRACT) FOR IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 700 FAULKNER WOODS PLACE, OXFORD, MS, AND APPROVAL TO NAME THE PROPERTY “THE SCRUGGS HOME AT OLE MISS”

Agenda Request: The University of Mississippi (UM) requests approval to enter into a Bargain Sale Agreement (Purchase Contract) for improved real property contiguous to the University of Mississippi (the University), located at 700 Faulkner Woods Place, Oxford, MS 38655. In addition, the University of Mississippi requests upon the execution of the purchase contract and a successful closing, to name the home located on this real property “The Scruggs Home at Ole Miss” in recognition of the generous in-kind contribution by the seller to the University.

Seller’s Legal Name: Diane T. Scruggs and Richard F. Scruggs, Co-Trustees of the Diane T. Scruggs Living Trust

Specific type of contract: This is a bargain sale agreement (purchase contract) for real property.

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Purpose: The University is interested in acquiring properties that support strategic growth of the University, considering factors such as contiguous locations, strategic/mission aligned value, expansion capability, affordability and fit for future use. As such, this property rates highly in the University's overall evaluation of these criteria. The property includes an executive-style, single-family home and approximately 9.65+/- acres of land. The combined square footage of the structures is 10,176 square feet.

The home is owned by the Diane T. Scruggs Living Trust, dated January 12, 2018, as amended and restated February 25, 2019. This property adjoins the University's southeastern corner and also borders Bailey's Woods and Rowan Oak properties on the southern boundary of these University held lands. This property is valuable to the University in that real estate near the campus is in high demand, low in supply and is generally priced in accordance with such appealing attributes.

Appraisals: The University of Mississippi received two independent property appraisals for the property pursuant to Board Policy §905(A), Real Estate Management. The first appraisal was in the amount of \$17,655,000. The second appraisal was in the amount of \$17,927,000. The average of the two appraisals is \$17,791,000. UM is purchasing the Property for a total of \$10,000,000 which is below the average of the property's two appraised values.

Property Description: The subject property is physically located on 9.65+/- acres of land at 700 Faulkner Woods Place, Oxford, Mississippi. The property includes acreage, residential dwelling, gym, guest house, and attached garage. The transaction includes other assets such as an in-ground swimming pool, site security and surveillance systems, ornate grounds, landscaping and decorative work, and such notable considerations that will remain with the residence.

Terms of Agreement: The terms of property acquisition included a property valuation, supported by the average of two independent appraisals of \$17,791,000. The University will pay \$10,000,000 to the seller.

The Closing shall occur on a date mutually acceptable to Seller and Buyer, but in no event later than 45 days after the Effective Date, unless extended by the mutual written consent of the parties.

Termination Options: The Purchase Contract can be terminated after the execution of the contract if the property is deemed unacceptable following inspection of the property.

Environmental Phase I Report: A Phase I Environmental assessment was completed, and no recognized environmental conditions were identified. A lead paint

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and asbestos testing was also completed. No asbestos-containing material was identified in the various materials associated with the main building. Lead was identified in two of the painted surfaces associated with the buildings.

Contract Amount: The purchase price is \$10,000,000.

Funding Source: The University will fund the purchase price with Internal R&R funds, without external financing terms.

A copy of the property description and all legal documentation are on file with the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities. UM is acting in accordance with Board Policy §905(A), Real Estate Management, that requires an institution acquiring or disposing of real property to receive two independent appraisals. The purchase price of the property to be acquired shall not exceed the average of the two appraisals. UM is also acting in accordance with Board Policy §905(B), Real Estate Management, that requires a Phase I or more detailed environmental report be completed by qualified personnel and submitted to the Board's Real Estate and Facilities Office. UM is acting in accordance with Board Policy §917, Naming Buildings and Facilities, that requires Board approval prior to naming or re-naming any institutional building or facility.

Staff Recommendation: The Attorney General's Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

15. USM – APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE-SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF 45.4 ACRES OF LAND, HUCKLEBERRY HILL, NHN WOODLAND WAY, PASS CHRISTIAN, MS

Agenda Request: The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) requests approval to sell +/- 45.40-acres of land located at Huckleberry Hill Property on Bayou Portage and Woodland Way Road in Harrison County, Mississippi to Woodland Way Holdings, LLC, 1601 Lafitte Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112, for a sale price of \$401,500.

Seller's Legal Name: State of Mississippi through the Department of Finance and Administration

Specific type of contract: This is a purchase-sale agreement for real property.

Purpose: This property is not on or near any of the USM campuses or research sites, and it has been on and off the market since 2011. USM desires to sell this property per Legislative Authority of House Bill 870, Laws of 2011 which states, "The

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Department of Finance and Administration, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, is authorized to sell and convey parcels of certain state-owned real property and any improvements thereon under the possession and control of the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast, located in the City of Pass Christian, Harrison County, Mississippi, known as the "Huckleberry Hill."

Appraisals: The University of Southern Mississippi received two independent property appraisals for the property pursuant to Board Policy §905(A), Real Estate Management. The first appraisal was in the amount of \$260,000. The second appraisal was in the amount of \$528,300. The average of the two appraisals is \$394,150.00. USM is selling the real property for a total of \$401,500.00 which is above the average of the property's two appraised values.

Property Description: The subject property is physically located at NHN Woodland Way in Section 7, Township 8 South, Range 12 West in Harrison County, Mississippi, better known as Huckleberry Hill and any improvements thereon.

Terms of Agreement: Seller agrees to sell to Buyer and Buyer agrees to buy from Seller, Seller's real property, located near Woodland Way in Section 7, Township 8 South, Range 12 West in Harrison County, Mississippi, "as is" and "where is" together with any improvements thereon, appurtenances thereto belonging, and all hereditaments, right, title, and interest, if any, of Seller in and to any land lying in the bed of any streets, roads, avenues or alleys, open or proposed, all situated in Harrison County, Mississippi.

For a period of ninety (90) days following the Effective Date of this Contract until Closing (such period is called the "Inspection Period"), Buyer may review and investigate, at Buyer's expense, all matters relating to the Property, including but not limited to, at Buyer's election, conducting an ALTA survey of the Property, foundation inspection, environmental site assessment, and/or termite inspection, zoning report, and any other inspections deemed appropriate by Buyer. Buyer agrees to provide a copy of any building inspection reports that it obtains.

The State of Mississippi shall retain and reserves the right to all oil, gas and other minerals, whether solid, liquid or gaseous, together with all rights therein and whether the same be found upon the surface or underneath the surface of the Property.

Termination Options: The Purchase Contract can be terminated if the Buyer is not satisfied in its sole discretion as to the results of any of its investigations or inspections during the Inspection Period. The Buyer may give notice thereof to Seller at any time prior to Closing, whereupon this Contract shall terminate, and upon such

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termination, Seller shall have no further rights or remedies hereunder, except the right to receive copies of any building inspection reports obtained by Buyer.

Environmental Phase I Report: A Phase I Environmental assessment is not required for the sale of property. This is only required for the purchase of property.

Contract Amount: The sale price is \$401,500.

Funding Source: No funding source is required. This property is being sold, not purchased.

A copy of the property description and all legal documentation are on file with the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities. USM is acting in accordance with Board Policy §905(A), Real Estate Management, that requires an institution acquiring or disposing of real property to receive two independent appraisals. The sale price of the property shall be below the average of the two appraisals.

Staff Recommendation: The Attorney General's Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. **ASU – APPROVAL TO HIRE SUN SOVEREIGN, LLC d/b/a WARE]
 IMMIGRATION AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Alcorn State University requests approval to enter into a contract with Sun Sovereign, LLC d/b/a Ware Immigration as outside counsel to perform services necessary in preparing labor certification applications, immigration applications and petitions, and to provide immigration related services on behalf of the University for its employees who seek temporary or permanent residence status. The term of the agreement begins April 19, 2024 and expires December 31, 2024. The rates are set out in the fee schedule below. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$20,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance in the amount of \$3,000,000 per claim with an annual aggregate of \$3,000,000. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

Schedule of Legal Fees for Academia

Nonimmigrant Petitions and Processes

H-1B petition	\$2500*
H-1B extension or amendment petitions (firm handled original petition)	\$2500*
H-1B withdrawal	\$200
H-4 EAD	\$750
*additional legal fee of up to \$2,500 may apply for substantive requests for evidence	
TN petition or border/consulate processing	\$2500
TN extension petition (firm handled original)	\$2500
E-3 petition or consular processing	\$2500
E-3 extension petition (firm handled original)	\$2500
O-1 petition	\$8000
O-1 extension or amendment petition (firm handled original)	\$4000
O-1 additional rush fee if case needs to be filed w/in 60 days	\$2000
J-1 waiver (IGA or hardship)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (Conrad)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (no objection)	\$2000
I-539 Fee for Dependents	\$1000

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Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Faculty

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

Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty

Labor certification	\$6000
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-\$2500
Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment	\$3000
Immigrant petition	\$2500

Permanent Residence Process: Extraordinary Ability/Outstanding Professors and Researchers and National Interest Waiver

Immigrant petition	\$8000
EA, OP/OR, or NIW RFE or NOID: case by case determination up to	\$2500

Adjustment of Status (any Employment-Based Permanent Residence Matter)

Adjustment of status (AOS) and related applications (I-765, I-131, etc.), principal	\$2500
“Standalone” AOS and related applications, principal	\$3000
Adjustment of status and related applications, spouse, if together with principal application and I-140	\$1500
Adjustment of status of each child, concurrent with I-140	\$1000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, spouse (not concurrent with I-140)	\$2000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, child	\$2000
I-485 J (standalone cases)	\$1500

Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal

Employment Authorization Renewal per individual	\$ 750
Advance Parole Renewal per individual	\$ 750

Marriage Based Permanent Residence

Principal Applicant	\$4000
Each child, if any	\$2500

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Other Services

AR-11 Change of Address	\$150
Interview rescheduling	\$150
Biometrics rescheduling per person	\$150
Advisory Opinion	\$500
Expedite requests	\$500-750
Auto Revalidation Letter	\$200

General Legal Advice and Unusual Matters Which Fall Outside This Fee Schedule

Such matters will be billed at our hourly rates:

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **MSU – APPROVAL TO HIRE CONLEY ROSE, P.C. AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Mississippi State University requests approval to enter into a contract with the law firm of Conley Rose, P.C. to perform services necessary in assisting the University with various intellectual property matters, specifically in the area of patents, analysis of intellectual property, prosecution of patent applications, trademark registration applications, copyright registration applications, preparing and negotiating agreements and other related intellectual property and commercialization issues. The term of the contract is two years beginning May 1, 2024. The hourly rates are \$290 for attorneys and \$175 for paralegal services. To help manage per-project costs, the University may also pay the firm on a flat-rate basis to prepare and file patent applications. Flat-rate filings for provisional patent applications will not exceed \$5,000 per filing, and non-provisional applications will not exceed \$15,000 per filing. These rates will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and the most cost-efficient “rate-basis” for the University will be determined and agreed upon. The maximum amount payable under the two-year term of the agreement is \$150,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim with an annual aggregate of \$5,000,000. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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3. **MSU – APPROVAL TO HIRE COPELAND, COOK, TAYLOR & BUSH AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Mississippi State University requests approval to enter into a contract with the law firm of Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush to perform services necessary in assisting the University with various patent applications, specifically in the area of patents, analysis of intellectual property, prosecution of patent applications, trademark registration applications, copyright registration applications, preparing and negotiating agreements, and other related intellectual property and commercialization issues. The term of the contract is two years beginning April 17, 2024. The hourly rates are \$250 for shareholders/of counsel attorneys, \$190 for associate attorneys and \$120 for paralegal services. To help manage per-project costs, the University may also pay the firm on a flat-rate basis to prepare and file patent applications. Flat-rate filings for provisional patent applications will not exceed \$5,000 per filing, and non-provisional applications will not exceed \$15,000 per filing. Flat-rate filings for trademark filings will not exceed \$3,000 per filing. These rates will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and the most cost-efficient “rate-basis” for the University will be determined and agreed upon. The maximum amount payable under the two-year term of the agreement is \$150,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim with an annual aggregate of \$5,000,000. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. **MSU – APPROVAL TO HIRE MENDELSON DUNLEAVY, P.C. AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Mississippi State University requests approval to enter into a contract with the law firm of Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C., to perform services necessary in assisting the University with intellectual property matters, specifically in the area of software patents, analysis of intellectual property, prosecution of patent applications, trademark registration applications, copyright registration applications, preparing and negotiating agreements, and other related intellectual property and commercialization issues. The term of the contract is two years beginning May 1, 2024. The hourly rates are \$395 for attorneys Kevin Dunleavy, Steve Mendelsohn, and Garth Dahlen; \$350 for attorney Tu Phan-Kerr; \$275 for attorney Brandon Robilotti; \$250 for U.S. Patent Agent Kristina Sanchez; and \$110 for paralegal services. To help manage per-project costs, the University may also pay the firm on a flat-rate basis to prepare and file patent applications. Flat-rate filings for provisional patent applications will not exceed \$5,500 per filing, and non-provisional applications will not exceed \$15,000 per filing. These rates will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and the most cost-efficient “rate-basis” for the University will be determined and agreed upon. The maximum amount payable under the two-year term of the agreement is \$200,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance in the

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amount of \$1,000,000 per claim with an annual aggregate of \$3,000,000. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. **Sabbatical**

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- Robert Clay, Associate Professor of English; salary of \$68,701 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Jennifer Courts, Associate Professor of Art; salary of \$64,457 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 2, 2025 to May 9, 2025; professional development
- Kevin Greene, Associate Professor of History; salary of \$81,600 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 2, 2025 to May 9, 2025; professional development
- Nicole Phillips, Associate Professor of Ecology and Organismal Biology; salary of \$68,207 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 2, 2025 to May 9, 2025; professional development
- Elena Stepanova, Associate Professor of Psychology; salary of \$70,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development
- Eric Tribunella, Professor of English; salary of \$131,812 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 2, 2025 to May 9, 2025; professional development
- Davin Wallace, Associate Professor of Marine Science; salary of \$79,101 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024; professional development

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1. **ASU – APPROVAL TO AWARD ONE HONORARY DEGREE**

The university requests approval to bestow one honorary degree at its May 11, 2024 commencement ceremonies. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. **SYSTEM – REQUESTS TO ADD NEW ACADEMIC UNITS**

In accordance with Board policies 503 and 504, Mississippi State University and Mississippi University for Women submit requests to create new academic units.

A. **MSU - Proposed unit title: School of Health Professions**

Unit location: Academic Affairs, MSU Meridian

Organizational units to operate under proposed unit: Department of Physician Assistant Studies and Department of Healthcare

Effective date: July 2024

Five-year cost of implementation: \$2,916,708

Total number of faculty/new faculty: 26/1

Total number of staff/new staff: 4/2

Degree programs to be offered within the proposed unit:

Master of Science (MS) in Physician Assistant Studies

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Healthcare Administration

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Healthcare Administration

Reason for Request: Mississippi is consistently ranked among the worst states in the nation for health-related outcomes and has among the worst healthcare provider-to-population ratios of any state in the nation. The School of Health Professions (SHP) will help address these disparities through its commitment to growing the healthcare providers and leaders of the future for the State. The School of Health Professions will provide the academic administrative infrastructure for the current physician assistant studies program and two existing healthcare administration programs. The SHP will also serve as a home and hub for development of new programs that will serve the Meridian campus and community and as a structure for consolidating other existing health programming (outside of nursing and mental health) on the Meridian Campus. This school will serve as an important complement to the School of Nursing (SON) and the College of Education's (COE) mental health programs, also based in Meridian. While the School will primarily be focused on teaching and preparing students for practice in healthcare settings, the faculty will also develop a scholarly program of work that will be enhanced by an administrative structure inherent to a school. Together, SHP faculty along with those in the SON and COE will collaborate on interprofessional programs of research and outreach as they seek to meet the clinical care needs of the community.

Units to be included in the proposed School of Health Professions currently report directly to the Provost. These units need to report to a school or college-based academic unit for faculty processes such as promotion and tenure, student processes such as appeals, and to meet the expectations of those agencies responsible for accrediting these and future programs. Schools of Health Professions often and usually include programs like Physician Assistant Studies and Healthcare Administration as cornerstone programs and departments. Examples of institutions that do this include the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Medical University of South Carolina, Rutgers University, and Augusta College. In Mississippi, USM has Healthcare Administration in their School of Health Professions and has recently been approved to add Physician Assistant Studies.

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B. MSU - Proposed unit title: School of Nursing

Unit location: Academic Affairs, MSU Meridian

Organizational units to operate under proposed unit: Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing (initial licensure)

Effective date: July 2024

Five-year cost of implementation: \$11,441,329

Total number of faculty/new faculty: 6/3

Total number of staff/new staff: 3/2

Degree programs to be offered within the proposed unit:

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Reason for Request: To meet the growing and dire shortages of registered professional nurses in Lauderdale and surrounding counties and throughout Mississippi, MSU is accepting students to its newly approved graduate nursing program: the Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program to start in August 2024. In 12 months, Mississippians with a bachelor's degree in another field can begin careers as RNs, earn a living wage, and help prevent the outsourcing of Mississippi jobs to contract workers. Students earn a master's degree, which qualifies them for additional financial aid. This program builds on students' prior education and experience, and eliminates redundancy of coursework, thus saving money and time – getting practice-ready RNs into the workforce and answering the health systems' call for highly educated nurses to deliver and improve high quality patient care in their facilities. This competency-based graduate nursing program will prepare graduates as generalists (not advanced practice) in nursing with an emphasis on interprofessional and team leadership.

The proposed School of Nursing (SON) is necessary to provide the academic and administrative infrastructure for professional nursing accreditation of graduate nursing degree programs including the accelerated MSN program. The SON will provide a foundation to support lifelong learning through inevitable shifts in healthcare and elevate the quality of life of the current healthcare workforce through graduate nursing education, e.g. new emerging professional certificates. Given our inaugural program is a master's degree, graduates can be rapidly mobilized for faculty and preceptor positions in baccalaureate and associate degree programs in Mississippi.

With the addition of the SON at MSU, only one SEC institution (University of Georgia) lacks a nursing unit. The other SEC schools have Colleges of Nursing (Auburn, Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina, and Tennessee) or Schools of Nursing (Louisiana State, Texas A&M, Arkansas, Univ of Mississippi, Missouri, and Vanderbilt).

In Mississippi, all five public IHLs with nursing units have a *school* or *college* designation. The MSU-SON Bylaws, including promotion and tenure guidelines, will align the nursing unit with others in the IHL system. The faculty strategically plan to work in concert with colleagues in other Mississippi schools of nursing to create and deliver needed educational initiatives while optimizing our state's resources. MSU views this SON as a justifiable structure to have equal opportunity with other nursing programs in Mississippi and the SEC.

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- C. **MUW – Proposed unit title: The Women’s College at Mississippi University for Women**
Unit location: Academic Affairs
Effective date: February 2024
Five-year cost of implementation: \$560,000
Total number of faculty/new faculty: 0/0
Total number of staff/new staff: 0.5/0.5
Degree programs to be offered within the proposed unit: No degree programs; Completion of 12-15 credit hour curriculum yields special recognition on academic transcript and at Commencement.

Reason for Request: Grounded in the university's rich history of academic and leadership development for women, the Women's College at Mississippi University for Women will offer an empowering experience to students by helping them make sense of the dynamics that shape women's lives and professional opportunities, showcasing women's excellence and leadership in the past and present, and giving them skills and professional experiences that will help them forge their own paths.

2. **SYSTEM – REQUESTS TO ADD NEW INSTITUTES/CENTERS**

In accordance with Board policy 502 and the approved Academic Guidelines for establishing and modifying institutes and centers, Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi request approval for the creation of new institutes and centers.

A. **MSU - Center title: Data Science Academic Institute (DSAI)**

Center location: Office of Interdisciplinary Studies

Scope: Extensive Scope and Outreach

Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)

Effective date: August 2024

Total number of current faculty/ Total number of new faculty: 3 FTE and 3 affiliated faculty

Total number of current staff/ Total number of new staff: 1 Staff, 1 Executive Director, and 1 Associate Director

Anticipated annual cost: \$1,850,000

Five-year cost of implementation: \$9,800,000

Funding source: the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President

Purpose: The Data Science Academic Institute is being established to promote the study and application of Data Science across all academic disciplines and research initiatives at MSU. This Academic Institute aims to encourage collaboration among different colleges for the creation and management of intercollegiate academic programs and interdisciplinary research. The new unit is designed to respond to the increasing demand for proficient data science professionals regionally, nationally, and internationally. This Institute will enhance MSU’s reputation as a leader within the Southeastern Conference’s AI/Data Science Consortium and draw undergraduate and graduate students from within the state and around

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the globe. The Institute will be advised by an institutional-wide University Data Science Committee made up of representatives from each academic college and various other units involved in data science/AI teaching, research, and service.

B. UM - Center title: Center for Nano-Bio Interactions (CNBI)

Scope: Extensive Scope and Outreach

Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)

Effective date: July 2024

Total number of current faculty/ Total number of new faculty: 3/1

Total number of current staff/ Total number of new staff: 3/0

Anticipated annual cost: \$450,000

Five-year cost of implementation: \$2,500,000

Funding source: Extramural grants and user fees

Purpose: The state of Mississippi and the southeast region seek to build a thriving biotechnology sector. However, far-reaching inequities in healthcare access and delivery exist in the United States and are known to correlate to race, education, socio-economic background, and geographic location. Without investment, these disparities will only increase as advanced new therapies such as RNA therapeutics, gene editing technologies, and cell therapies offer potentially practice-changing, life-saving new treatments for cancer, heart disease, diabetes, emerging infections, and more. The ability of Mississippi and, more broadly, the southeast to build a thriving bioeconomy will rely heavily on investments in research and development, academic-industry partnerships, and workforce development. Composed of experts in polymer science, biochemistry, bioengineering, and computer science, the Nano-Bio and Immunoengineering Consortium (NIEC) aims to advance research in biomedical science by focusing on the emergence of materials and devices that operate and function at the nanoscale.

Founded by researchers at the University of Mississippi (UM), the Nano-Bio and Immunoengineering Consortium has established an interdisciplinary, multi-institutional biotechnology hub focused on transforming the biomedical landscape in Mississippi via integrated research and industrial partnerships. NIEC recently submitted a \$7M NSF E-RISE RII proposal to build research capacity in Mississippi to be nationally competitive for large-scale federal grants focused on addressing the health disparities affecting the Mississippi populace. Additionally, UM was recently awarded a \$2M state appropriation to invest in critical biotech research instrumentation which is now housed in two instrumentation suites on UM's campus. The creation of the proposed Center for Nano-Bio Interactions will provide the needed administrative support structure to sustain and grow the state-of-the-art research suites at UM into user-focused core facilities intended to: 1) give researchers access to high-

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dollar instrumentation that is beyond the scope of support of individual labs, 2) provide the necessary infrastructure to perform cutting-edge research projects at UM and across the growing NIEC research network, and 3) enable researchers to develop their biomaterials from initial physicochemical characterization all the way through to preclinical efficacy testing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

3. **SYSTEM – REQUEST TO ADD NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Board Policy 502: New Academic Programs and Units states: “Requests to establish new degree programs, colleges, schools, departments, institutes, and centers will be considered by the Board on a schedule and in accordance with guidelines and procedures to be determined by the Commissioner after consultation with the Institutional Executive Officers.”

In accordance with Board Policy 502, Alcorn State University, Mississippi State University, and the University of Mississippi request approval to establish new academic degree programs.

A. **ASU – STEM Master of Business Administration (MBA)**

CIP code: 52.1301

Total credit hours: 30

Effective date: August 2024

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$152,000

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$2,384,077

Unit where academic program will be housed: School of Business

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 275

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 230

Program description: The STEM MBA program will be housed in the School of Business and will be administered by the Office of Graduate Business Programs. The STEM MBA program aims to develop business leaders who can apply analytical thinking, technological expertise, and entrepreneurial mindset to drive innovation. Graduates will be prepared to excel in STEM-focused professions in fields like technology, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and consulting. The program will have concentrations in AI for Business, Healthcare Systems Management, Data Analytics, and Accounting. The program will seek accreditation from ACBSP, the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs.

Graduates of the STEM MBA program will be prepared for leadership roles requiring the intersection of business and technology skills. Occupations include Product Managers,

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Management Consultants, Data Science/Analytics Managers, IT Project Managers, Software/Engineering Managers, Healthcare Administrators, Operations Research Analysts.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): None

National and state supply and demand: Managerial occupations related to math, engineering, natural sciences, and computer science are expected to grow tremendously from 2020 to 2030. The labor market conditions for STEM degrees are generally favorable compared to non-STEM occupations, notes the World Economic Forum.

Average wages: This degree program will lead to a variety of job opportunities with pay ranging from \$80,000 to \$150,000 (BLS, 2021).

B. MSU – Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Cybersecurity

CIP code: 15.1212

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: August 2024

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$1,400,000

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$2,000,000

Unit where academic program will be housed: Computer Science and Engineering

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 105

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 90

Program description: The Bachelor of Applied Science in Cybersecurity is a comprehensive degree program designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and expertise required to become proficient cybersecurity analysts. This program delves deep into the world of cybersecurity, offering a blend of theoretical knowledge and hands-on experience to address the ever evolving challenges in the digital realm. Designed with the working adult in mind, this program offers a flexible and comprehensive curriculum that combines theoretical knowledge with practical skills that will be offered in an online modality. This program ensures that graduates are not only well-versed in the theoretical aspects of cybersecurity but also possess the practical skills required to defend organizations against cyber threats. With a strong emphasis on real-world applications, hands-on training, and legal and ethical considerations, this program is the ideal choice for those looking to make a significant impact in the field of cybersecurity.

Applicants to the BAS in Cybersecurity must possess an Associate of Applied Science in Cybersecurity, Cyber Defense, Information Systems Security, Network Security, or other computer-science related fields as approved by the department. Most cybersecurity professionals enter this field with a bachelor's degree, according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (2021). A recent study from Burning Glass Technologies found that 88 percent of cybersecurity job postings specifically request a bachelor's degree or higher (2019). The US

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Bureau of Labor Statistics (2021) estimates that Information Security Analysts will be the 10th fastest growing occupation over the next decade. The creation of this BAS major in cybersecurity will not only increase the workforce for Mississippi but it will also expand the educational opportunities of cybersecurity professionals in Mississippi, providing them with opportunities to improve their career placement and income within a high-wage, high-demand field. Once approved, offering this BAS major will strengthen the current cybersecurity partnerships with Keesler Air Force Base and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Moreover, it will be an ideal instructional location for current and future community college partners outside of Mississippi.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): None

National and state supply and demand: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), graduates of a Bachelor of Applied Science in Cybersecurity can expect strong employment opportunities in the state, region, and nation from 2021-2031. This degree can prepare graduates for roles such as information security analysts, cyber consultants, penetration testers, and more. The BLS projects a 35% growth rate for Information Security Analysts from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations' projection of 4% growth for that same time period. Moreover, there are an estimated 56,500 jobs expected to open during that time having a median salary of \$102,600 and an unemployment rate of 0.8% nationwide.

C. MSU – Master of Applied Data Science (MADS)

CIP code: 30.7001

Total credit hours: 30

Effective date: August 2024

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$2,702,134

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$4,402,200

Unit where academic program will be housed: Division of Academic Affairs

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 340

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 140

Program description: There is a growing demand for a graduate degree program that provides an applied approach to data science and is oriented towards working professionals. At the present time, MSU offers a Master of Science in Data Science that is geared toward traditional academic goals for those more interested in learning the principles and basic knowledge of the fields that support data science. MSU currently does not offer a graduate degree program that focuses more on the applied side of data science which is the aspect of data science in highest demand by working professionals.

In the current economic environment, as every industry and sector of the economy transitions to digital models of operation, data science knowledge and expertise is in great demand. Many working professionals must acquire an understanding of data science methods to

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contribute to digital transformation projects and the ongoing operation of digitally transformed organizations. These professionals seek a practical approach to data science, focusing on the skills for responsible use of data science methods and tools in many domains. Because data science tools are used in every aspect of the modern organization, these professionals have a variety of educational backgrounds, making it difficult to anticipate whether learners will have traditional preparation in subjects like computer science and statistics that form a significant part of data science. In response to this need, a growing number of universities in the United States are offering a Master of Applied Data Science degree.

MSU's proposed Master of Applied Data Science MADS innovatively combines concepts and skills from many disciplines to enable learners to gain a mastery of data science concepts along with practical, hands-on experience in using data science methods with real-world datasets in many application domains (e.g., agriculture, finance, manufacturing, athletics, social science, health, etc.). To address the needs of working professionals, the degree is designed to be offered fully online. To address uncertainty about learner preparation and improve the accessibility of the program, the degree has been designed to obviate the need for prerequisite courses that add demotivating friction to a learner's ability to commence the program.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): None

National and state supply and demand: Data Science experts are currently among the most sought professionals in the labor market because they allow businesses and organizations to place data at the center of their solutions. Demand for data science experts is and has been increasing since AI and Big Data have come to dominate how the private and public sectors operate to meet the demand for goods and services effectively. According to LinkedIn, since 2012 the demand for data science experts has grown by 650%. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the rise of demand for data science expertise will create roughly 11.5 million new jobs by 2026. The World Economic Forum indicates that data science experts will become the number one emerging role in the world.

Average wages: A recent study conducted by LinkedIn reports that data science experts earn an average annual salary between \$78,000 and \$150,000. Within the Bureau of Labor Statistics occupational categories, two occupations in particular relate to the proposed MADS degree: Data Scientist and Business Intelligence Analyst – both have a median salary of \$103,500.

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D. MSU – Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Level Alternate Route (MAT-ELAR)

CIP code: 13.1202

Total credit hours: 36

Effective date: June 2024

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$1,890,000

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$4,918,800

Unit where academic program will be housed: Meridian Division of Education

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 200

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 160

Program description: The Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Level Alternate Route (MAT-ELAR) will be an alternate route licensure program at the graduate level that is designed for those who wish to prepare for a career as an elementary teacher in grades K-6. The primary goal of the MAT-ELAR program is to meet the demand for highly competent elementary teachers who can eliminate opportunity gaps for students in partner school districts by providing an intensive residency experience with rigorous graduate-level teacher preparation closely tied to clinical practice to produce day-one highly effective elementary teachers. Students in the MAT-ELAR will complete initial licensure coursework focused on planning and managing learning, assessment, and serving children with special needs. The course work continues with a year-long residency experience in an elementary classroom with additional coursework in early literacy, assessing and diagnosing reading difficulties, integrated literacy instruction, research in the classroom, and STEM pedagogy culminating with a regular, renewable Mississippi teacher's license for grades K-6. The curriculum is designed with academic and experiential components to ensure alignment with the requirements for initial licensure programs as part of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) standards.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): Delta State University, Jackson State University, and University of Southern Mississippi

National and state supply and demand: In addition to the need for a quantity of teachers is the need for quality teachers. Schools in rural areas face challenges in recruiting and retaining quality teachers. Currently, 103 school districts in Mississippi are identified as geographical critical shortage areas. Between 30- 50% of teachers leave the profession in the first five years because of low wages, poor working conditions, and insufficient preparation and support. Mississippi stakeholders have identified a need for ongoing support for future educators from both the community and state levels. The MAT-ELAR is a greatly needed pathway to meet Mississippi's demand for highly competent teachers.

Average wages: While the overall employment of elementary school teachers is projected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (n.d.) to show little or no change from 2022-2032, about

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109,000 openings are projected each year, on average, over the next ten years. The Economic Policy Institute (n.d.) projects a demand of about 300,000 new teachers nationwide and a supply of just over 100,000 trained teachers by 2024. The critical shortage in Mississippi exacerbates this demand. The Brookings Institute (2023) has identified programs based on a residency model such as the MAT-ELAR program as a promising practice for addressing the demand for highly competent teachers. Students can expect a minimum salary of \$43,000 per year as an AA-certified teacher in Mississippi. Local school districts may add a salary supplement to this base salary.

E. MSU – Master of Science in Engineering (MSEng)

CIP code: 14.0101

Total credit hours: 30 to 33

Effective date: August 2024

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$450,000

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$1,160,775

Unit where academic program will be housed: Dean's Office Bagley College of Engineering

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 58

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 18

Program description: The Master of Science in Engineering (MSEng) is a new master's program allowing students to "build their own" master's degree as well as focus on planned concentration areas. Unlike the Master of Engineering (MEng), the MSEng will require an undergraduate engineering degree for admission to the program. This program will provide students with flexibility in tailoring programs of study to support their career development and aspiration goals. As jobs become more cross disciplinary, it is necessary to provide students with the opportunity to learn skills in various disciplines within and outside of engineering. This program will be offered both on the Starkville and online campus.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): None

National and state supply and demand: The need for this degree was realized after discussing with the graduate coordinators in the proposed concentration areas and areas where MSU could fill the gap in degree offerings. This faculty-led approach allowed MSU to begin working on a program proposal that could fill current and future needs. MSU anticipates that students will be interested in this program if they are looking to advance their knowledge in the concentration areas of the degree, obtain experience in the state-of-the-art research strategies and techniques in the concentration areas or hands on training in the concentration areas or prepare for advanced workforce positions related to the concentration areas. Successful students for this program will have a bachelor's degree in engineering or a related discipline and will be looking for additional advancement upon their bachelor's degree.

Average wages: Students who receive the MSEng degree will be qualified for a wide range of engineering and related positions depending on their previous bachelor's education and if

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they select the thesis or non-thesis route within the MSEng program. Occupational employment and wages as of May 2022 from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics for "Engineers, All Other" (all engineers not listed separately) indicated there were over 150,000 persons employed in these positions with an average annual salary of \$111,280 (https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_172199.htm).

F. UM – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Political Science

CIP code: 45.1001

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: July 2024

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: No additional costs

Unit where academic program will be housed: Department of Political Science

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 36

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 16

Program description: The Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science will be a more technical and quantitative degree than the currently offered Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Both degrees provide a strong grounding in the core knowledge of the field, with options to go into greater depth in American Politics, International Relations, or Comparative Politics; the BS degree will prepare students for more empirically demanding areas of employment (business, big data, marketing, campaign work, and sectors of law). The BS will require additional courses in math and quantitative analysis. While the BS degree will surely attract some students from the existing BA program, UM anticipates that it will be attractive to both freshmen studies students and students leaving STEM majors.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi College

National and state supply and demand: Graduates with a BS in Political Science are positioned to enter a wide range of career paths. We expect to see a continued flow of graduates into law school and politics. We also expect to see more students interested in graduate school to opt for the BS path. Additionally, the skills of the degree are common to marketing and survey work, as well as business and management more generally. The paths followed by the BS graduates are not likely to be completely different than those followed by BA graduates but will be more skewed towards jobs that require or reward analytical skills.

The top 6 fields of work for 80% of UM's living alumni of the BA undergraduate program are: Business/Finance (23%), Law (22%), Government/Military/1st Responders (18%), STEM including social science professions (10%), Higher Education (6%), and Community services/Non-profits (6%).

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G. UM – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Psychology

CIP code: 42.0101

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: August 2024

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: No additional costs

Unit where academic program will be housed: Department of Psychology

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 36

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 16

Program description: The BS in Psychology provides students with a solid foundation for graduate programs as well for careers in which an understanding of human behavior and psychological research is beneficial. Students learn the scientific approach to the study of human and animal behavior, engage in experiential learning, gain an understanding of cultural perspectives, and practice using statistical tools. UM currently offers a BA in Psychology. They will complete 39 credit hours including more advanced methods, an experiential learning research course, 5 core courses in a variety of subfields (social, cognitive, personality, abnormal, developmental, behavior analysis, and behavioral neuroscience), and a capstone course.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, and University of Southern Mississippi offer BA degrees in Psychology. Mississippi State University and Mississippi University for Women offer both a BA and a BS in Psychology.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

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1. **USM - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDING BOND RESOLUTION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THIS BOARD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2024. THE AMENDING BOND RESOLUTION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PAR AMOUNT OF AUTHORIZED BONDS FROM \$35,000,000 TO \$70,000,000 IN ORDER TO FINANCE UP TO \$35,000,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, EQUIPPING, AND LANDSCAPING OF THE REED GREEN COLISEUM ATHLETIC FACILITY AND UP TO \$35,000,000 TO REFUND ALL OR A PORTION OF THE CORPORATION'S OUTSTANDING SERIES 2013 BONDS AND SERIES 2015A BONDS.**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval of an Amending Bond Resolution and Supporting Documents to amend the resolution passed by this Board on February 18, 2024, which Amending Bond Resolution is for the purpose of increasing the maximum par amount of bonds to be issued through the S. M. Educational Building Corporation from \$35,000,000 to \$70,000,000 in order to finance the construction, renovation, equipping, and landscaping of the Reed Green Coliseum Athletic Facility and/or the refunding of all or a portion of the Corporation's outstanding Series 2013 Bonds and Series 2015A Bonds. The University, through the Corporation, intends to combine the new money bonds and refunding bonds into a single debt issuance transaction; however, the Amending Resolution does allow for the refunding bonds to be issued separately at a different date than the new money bonds for Reed Green Coliseum. The total NPV savings must equal or exceed 3% of the refunded bonds to pursue the refunding transaction.

Maximum par amount for combined funding = \$70,000,000:

- New Money, max par = \$35,000,000
 - Reed Green Coliseum (IHL #208-301)
- Refunding, max par = \$35,000,000
 - Series 2013 Bond proceeds were used to construct the Century Park South Residence Hall project and to refund the Series 1997A Bonds (original proceeds used for a Dormitory project).
 - Series 2015A Bond proceeds were used to advance refund for savings the Series 2006B Bonds (original proceeds used for the Village Residence Hall project) and Series 2007 Bonds (original proceeds used for the M.M. Roberts Stadium athletics project).

USM also requests approval of the following documents:

- IHL Amending Resolution
- Ground Lease
- Lease Agreement
- Preliminary Official Statement
- Continuing Disclosure Agreement

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Following are the professionals:

- Financial Advisor – Hilltop Securities
- Bond Counsel – Butler Snow LLP
- Underwriters – Raymond James & Associates, Inc., and Wells Fargo Bank National Association
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Specific Type of Contract: Long-term, fixed rate bonds.

Scope of Work: The bond issue includes funds for renovations to the Reed Green Coliseum and refunding of all or a portion of the Corporation's Series 2013 Bonds and Series 2015A Bonds.

Term of Contract: Long-term bonds will be issued with maturities up to 30 years for the new money construction and renovation, and the refunding bonds will mature in 2034.

Termination Options: The bond issue documents contain redemption provisions which can be used in case of market changes.

Contract Amount: USM through the S. M. Educational Building Corporation expects to issue up to a maximum of \$70,000,000 par value, fixed rate bonds. Proceeds from the bond issue will support the refunding transaction and Reed Green Coliseum construction and renovation costs, capitalized interest, if any, costs of issuance, and the underwriter's discount.

Based on the Financial Advisor's report dated April 18, 2024, the proposed refunding debt amortization will have an estimated net present value savings of \$1,130,000.

Funding Source for Contract: Various Athletic revenues, sales and hotel tax revenues and rental revenues from the residence halls.

Contractor Selection Process: Underwriters, financial advisor, and bond counsel were selected based on experience and the firms' unsolicited proposals.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **UM – REQUEST TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ELLUCIAN**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to enter into a contract with **Ellucian** to replace the existing Student Information System. Pursuant to

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Board Policy 707.03, Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, UM also requests a waiver to allow prepayment of installment payments.

Contractor's Legal Name: Ellucian

History of Contract: Since 1999, the University has relied on SAP as the campus enterprise platform that houses our student information system, financial system, human resources/payroll system, and is integrated with our financial aid system, Sigma ProSAM. This platform has served us well for the past 23 years, and has grown and evolved as the University has grown. Since its initial implementation, we've added and integrated services with and into SAP, including research, business and other operational services, increasing our reliance on the platform. This is a mission-critical system for our institution as a centralized platform for managing student data and academic information, and continued use is instrumental to our continued operations.

The time has come for UM to make a crucial decision about our enterprise system, determining whether to upgrade the existing system or opt for a replacement that will shape our path for the next two decades. Recognizing the rapid pace of technological advancements, UM sought to explore available options in the marketplace and thoroughly assess our current system. Approval was received from the ITS Board to proceed with assessing our campus student information system needs and evaluating the products in the market. UM hired a consulting company, CampusWorks, to aid in the RFP process to assist in selecting the best product suited for UM. We formed an evaluation and selection committee with 61 members and an additional 68 subject matter experts from all functional areas throughout the UM campus. The combined 129-person committee assisted in a requirements gathering, and assessing our campus for the replacement product capabilities. The request was put out for public bid through our RFP process following state procurement guidelines including having a bidders conference to answer any questions.

Specific Type of Contract: Master Terms and Conditions for Software Subscriptions and Statement of Work for implementation.

Purpose: SAP, our current platform will be end of life in December, 2027 and a replacement needs to be in place ahead of this date. After exploring the available options in the marketplace; thoroughly assessing our current system; and conducting an extensive evaluation, the University identified the most suitable solutions for our future needs. Ellucian was selected by our committee as the vendor of choice for the student information system.

Scope of Work: Ellucian will:

- Provide Project Management services using the Ellucian Project Management Methodology, delivered in five phases: Initiation, Planning, Execution, Transition & Close and Monitor & Control.

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- Deliver structured iterations of consultative support and Client engagement to facilitate the design, configuration, training, and simulation of Student and General Administrative business processes, along with the process-based conversion of data, leading to the deployment of the Banner Student and General modules. The work will also include the Financial Aid business processes, including the process-based conversion of data, leading to the deployment of the Banner Financial Aid module.
- Provide setup and configuration for the Experience Platform capability suite using the Ellucian ERP environment as the foundation, including workshops to guide the Client through identifying, prioritizing, and building critical persona-centric content within the Experience Platform.
- Facilitate the implementation of the following software products:
 - CRM Advise
 - DegreeWorks
 - CampusLogic suite of applications
 - Workflow and job scheduling functionality
 - Banner Document Management
 - Payment Center by TouchNet
- Assistance to identify, prioritize, and support the development of a SaaS platform, including the support, education and guidance to complete the following technical activities:
 - Technical architecture support for a SaaS model
 - Developing reports using the Insights reporting tools
 - Data conversion activities
 - Identity management planning
 - Ellucian Ethos Integration components
 - Intelligent Learning Platform (ILP) to support integration requirements between a single LMS and Banner
 - Form templates design
- Provide post-implementation support (HyperCare) during a 6-month post implementation support period.

Term of Contract: The Agreement will become effective upon Board approval with the statement of work having a beginning date of July 1, 2024, and shall terminate on June 30, 2034.

Termination Options: Termination For Material Breach. A party has the right to terminate an Order Form or these Master Terms and Conditions if the other party is in material breach of the Master Terms and Conditions or an applicable Order Form. To terminate for material breach, the party seeking termination must first give the other party notice that describes the breach in reasonable detail (“Breach Notice”). From the date of its receipt of the Breach Notice, the other party will have thirty (30) days to cure the breach to the reasonable satisfaction of the party providing the Breach Notice. If the breach is not cured within that period, then the party providing the Breach Notice will then have the right to notify the other party that the Master Terms and Conditions or the applicable Order Form has been

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terminated (the“Termination Notice”), and the Master Terms and Conditions or the applicable Order Form will be deemed terminated as of the date specified in the Termination Notice provided that the date so specified shall not be earlier than thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the Breach Notice.

Termination of the Master Terms and Conditions. Whether terminated for cause or expiration, termination of the Master Terms and Conditions shall terminate all Order Forms under the Master Terms and Conditions.

Expiration of Term License, Managed Cloud, or Cloud Software. With regard to the Software identified on a License Order Form, a Managed Cloud Order Form, or a Cloud Software Order Form, unless terminated earlier in accordance with Section 15.1 or any other section of these Master Terms and Conditions, the term of Client’s license to use or access the Software or Managed Cloud will begin and end on the dates provided for in the applicable Order Form. Upon expiration or termination of the applicable Order Form Term, Client shall immediately cease use of or access to the Software and/or Managed Cloud.

Availability of Funds. It is Client’s intent to make all payments due under any Order Form(s) if funds are legally available therefor. If, despite Client’s efforts, sufficient funds are not appropriated and budgeted or are otherwise legally unavailable by any means whatsoever in any fiscal period for payments due under an Order Form, then Client will immediately notify Ellucian of such occurrence and Ellucian will notify Client that Ellucian will cease providing the Cloud Software, Term License, Subscription Services, Professional Services and/or Software Support Services (as applicable), effective on the last day of the fiscal period for which Client’s appropriations were received (the “effective date of termination”). Upon the effective date of termination, Client will pay to Ellucian the fees for all such licenses/services through the effective date of termination, as follows: (i) for Cloud Software, Client will pay Ellucian for all Cloud Software fees up to and including the effective date of termination that have not then been paid by Client (or, if applicable, Ellucian will refund any Cloud Software fees prepaid by Client for any periods following the effective date of termination); (ii) for Term Licenses, Client will pay Ellucian for all Term Licenses up to and including the effective date of termination that have not then been paid by Client (or, if applicable, Ellucian will refund any Term License fees prepaid by Client for any periods following the effective date of termination); (iii) for Subscription Services, Client will pay Ellucian for all Subscription Services up to and including the effective date of termination that have not then been paid by Client (or, if applicable, Ellucian will refund any Subscription Services fees prepaid by Client for any periods following the effective date of termination); (iv) for Professional Services rendered on a fixed fee basis, Client will pay Ellucian for such fixed fee services based upon the level of effort that Ellucian provided through the effective date of termination, as if such fixed fee services had instead been time-and-materials services; (v) for Professional Services rendered on a time-and-materials basis, Client will pay Ellucian for such time-and-materials services based upon the applicable services rates provided in the Order Form, multiplied by the number of person-hours of time-and-materials services that Ellucian expended on the

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time-and-materials services through the effective date of termination; (vi) for Software Support Services, Client will pay Ellucian for all Software Support Services up to and including the effective date of termination that have not then been paid by Client (or, if applicable, Ellucian will refund any Software Support Services fees prepaid by Client for any periods following the effective date of termination); and (vii) Client will pay Ellucian for any reimbursable travel and living expenses incurred by Ellucian through the effective date of termination.

Contract Amount: \$38,370,125 for licenses and implementation.
Additional consulting costs not to exceed \$432,000
Total not to exceed amount = \$38,802,125

Funding Source for Contract: Internal R&R Funds (implementation) and E&G Funds (licensing)

Contractor Selection Process: UM employed “CampusWorks”, a third party who specializes in this particular service, to aid us in the selection process. A 61 member evaluation and selection committee combined with 68 subject matter experts gathered 1,783 system requirements that were incorporated in the RFP. The RFP was released following the state procurement guidelines. Bid responses were collected, almost 5,500 pages in all, which the committee reviewed and scored. UM had (4) vendors respond to the bid. A complete product review was conducted with each prospective vendor through the over 240 hours of software demonstrations to thoroughly evaluate all submitted responses. 2,939 total session attendees from campus attended the demos, which is a cumulative count of UM representatives at each session times the number of sessions hosted. Through the selection process, which included assessments, software demonstrations, and thorough evaluations from our committee of 129 members including subcommittee members, Ellucian was selected as the vendor of choice for the student information system.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CARDINAL HEALTH 105, LLC

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a Purchase Agreement with **Cardinal Health 105, LLC** (Cardinal Health) for the ability to purchase the autologous cell therapy products, Yescarta® and Tecartus®, from Kite Pharma Inc. (Kite Pharma) through Cardinal Health’s third-party logistics title model program. The third-party logistics title model program will allow UMMC to purchase the therapies through Cardinal Health though they will be provided by Kite Pharma. The autologous cell therapy products are immunological therapies that utilize a patient’s immune system to destroy their cancer cells. Specifically, Yescarta® is a

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genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy treatment for adult patients with various types of lymphoma such as Large B cell, diffuse large B cell (DLBCL), primary mediastinal large B-cell and others. Tecartus® is also a genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy treatment for adult patients who have relapsed or refractory mantle cell lymphoma as well as relapsed or refractory B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL).

Contractor's Legal Name: Cardinal Health 105, LLC

History of Contract: This is a new agreement for the ability to provide autologous cell therapy products, Yescarta® and Tecartus®, to UMMC's patients. After the patient's T cells have been harvested by UMMC and sent to Kite Pharma, Kite Pharma will modify the patient's T cells to develop the autologous cell therapy product. UMMC will then purchase the therapy through Cardinal Health and the therapy will be provided by Kite Pharma. UMMC is entering a separate no cost agreement with Kite Pharma for the products that treat some forms of lymphoma and acute lymphoblastic leukemia. There are several CAR-T therapies currently on the market and research is underway to apply CAR-T cell therapy in all cancer types. UMMC offers one CAR-T therapy, Kymriah, manufactured by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, to its patients. UMMC is working on agreements with other manufacturers to offer additional CAR-T therapies in the future.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new purchase agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is for the ability to purchase Kite Pharma's autologous cell therapy products, Yescarta® and Tecartus®, through Cardinal Health's third party logistics title model program. These autologous cell therapy products are immunological therapies that utilize a patient's immune system to destroy their cancer cells. The therapies are utilized in patients who have not responded to standard therapy or who have relapsed. Specifically, Yescarta® is a genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy treatment for adult patients with various types of lymphoma such as Large B cell, diffuse large B cell (DLBCL), primary mediastinal large B-cell and others. Tecartus® is also a genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy treatment for adult patients who have relapsed or refractory mantle cell lymphoma as well as relapsed or refractory B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL).

Scope of Work: Under this agreement, Cardinal will provide the third-party logistics services, including title transfer and billing, for autologous cell therapy products manufactured by Kite Pharma.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is five (5) years, from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2029.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

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- by either party upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party;
- by Cardinal Health if UMMC has breached the agreement by its usage of the purchased products; and
- by either party if a force majeure event renders a party unable to provide required services for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days.

Contract Amount: The estimated cost of the agreement is \$4,950,000.00 over the five (5) year term. UMMC has included an additional five percent (5%) annually for potential price increases. UMMC has calculated the total cost based upon a projection of ten (10) patients over the five (5) year term, five (5) Yescarta® patients and five (5) Tecartus® patients.

Funding Source for Contract: This agreement will be funded by patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: Yescarta® and Tecartus® can only be purchased from Cardinal, they cannot be purchased directly from Kite Pharma. The CAR-T treatments Yescarta® and Tecartus® qualify as clinical commodities under Miss Code Ann. §31-7-1, which are exempted from procurement requirements under §31-7-13.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. **SYSTEM- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NIGP CONSULTING, POWERED BY PERISCOPE HOLDINGS, INC.**

Agenda Item Request: The IHL System requests approval to enter into an agreement for strategic procurement assessment with **NIGP Consulting, powered by Periscope Holdings, Inc.**

Contractor's Legal Name: Periscope Holdings, Inc., dba NIGP Consulting

History of Contract: This is a new contract.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a professional services agreement.

Purpose: To provide strategic procurement assessment of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University.

Scope of Work: NIGP Consulting shall provide Strategic Procurement Assessment Services to address the effectiveness of each of the institution's procurement function, to

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include Procurement Policy and Process Review, Customer Service Level Review, and Procurement Organizational and Staff Analysis.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025.

Termination Options: Either party may terminate this agreement with 10 days' prior written notice.

Contract Amount: Strategic Procurement Assessment for five institutions of \$294,000 plus travel estimated \$4,500 per university location. Approval is requested up to \$350,000.

Funding Source of Contract: Contractual costs will be shared amongst the IHL institutions based upon each institution's proportionate share of the assessment. E&G funding sources will be the primary means for these payments.

Contractor Selection Process: Pursuant to Board Policy 707.01, institutions are reviewed annually for compliance with state law, Board policies, and best practices for contracting and procurement. The Board office solicited a proposal from NIGP Consulting to assist institutions in reviewing current policies and procedures. NIGP Consulting demonstrated familiarity with state of Mississippi laws as well as university purchasing practices.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

5. **UMMC – REQUEST TO AMEND A PHARMACY DISTRIBUTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MORRIS & DICKSON CO, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its new Pharmacy Distribution Services Agreement with **Morris and Dickson Co., LLC** (M&D) to extend the term. The agreement is for wholesale pharmacy distribution services. Additionally, UMMC requests permission to amend the agreement to add or remove delivery locations under the agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available.

Contractor's Legal Name: **Morris and Dickson Co., LLC**

History of Contract: On April 16, 2020, the Board approved the current Pharmacy Distribution Services Agreement with M&D for wholesale pharmacy distribution services. UMMC requests approval to extend the term because a new Request for Proposal (RFP) is in process and there will be time needed to transition if a different vendor is selected. The agreement will expire on April 30, 2025, unless amended.

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Specific Type of Contract: This Addendum #1 to the Pharmacy Distribution Services Agreement.

Purpose: The Purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to provide for primary pharmaceutical wholesale distribution services. Such distributors are essential to providers in that they supply drugs at discounted rates (wholesale), ensure a constant supply of pharmaceutical products, and eliminate the need for providers to warehouse large quantities of pharmaceutical products.

Scope of Work: Under the agreement, M&D will continue to:

- warehouse pharmaceuticals as necessary;
- provide for the addition of drugs to its inventory as needed or required by UMMC;
- provide deliveries on a schedule that meets UMMC's needs;
- provide up to four (4) emergency deliveries per month at no charge per UMMC pharmacy location;
- provide a method for electronic ordering and payment; and
- provide reports to UMMC that will assist UMMC in analyzing and adjusting, as necessary, its pharmaceutical purchases. (Information should be formatted to begin on this line)

Term of Contract: The amended term of the agreement is five (5) years and six (6) months, from May 1, 2020, through October 31, 2025. The original term of the agreement was for a term of five (5) years beginning May 1, 2020. This first amendment will add six (6) months to the term.

Termination Options: The termination options include the following:

- by agreement of the parties;
- by UMMC upon thirty (30) days' written notice with or without cause;
- if M&D refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of the contract or otherwise fails to timely satisfy the contract provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of the contract, and fails to cure the breach within ten (10) days of receiving written notice from UMMC;
- immediately upon M&D's breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that M&D, its officers, directors and employees:
 - are not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
 - have not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs,

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- are not, nor have ever been included on the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list;
- are not, to the best of its knowledge, under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in M&D being excluded from participation in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and
- if M&D is to receive any patients' personal health information, M&D represents and warrants that it has implemented safeguards to ensure that the privacy and confidentiality of patients' personal health information is protected.
- in the event of a reduction in or no funds available; and
- in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties cannot agree upon renegotiated terms within thirty (30) days.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost over the five (5) year and six (6) month term remains unchanged at \$800,000,000.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with M&D.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

6. SYSTEM– REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY WITH UNITED HEALTHCARE STUDENT RESOURCES

Agenda Item Request: The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning’s Executive Office (IHL) requests approval of a student health insurance policy for use by the system. The insurer will be **UnitedHealthcare Student Resources**.

Contractor’s Legal Name: **United Healthcare Student Resources** (“UnitedHealthcare”). IHL’s broker for this line of coverage is Holland Insurance.

History of Contract: This is a renewal of the current policy.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a contract for student health insurance.

Purpose: The purpose of the contract is to provide an insurance option for students to purchase directly, or for universities to purchase as a benefit for certain classes of student workers or employees. The goal of the system approach is to lower premium costs while

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maintaining health insurance coverage that meets Affordable Care Act and visa requirements. The system SHIP has been utilized primarily by Mississippi State, Ole Miss, and USM, although it is available to all system students. The recommended policy provides gold-level coverage with an in-network annual deductible of \$250. UnitedHealthcare is rated “A+” by A.M. Best Company. The quote also includes optional dental and vision coverage, which students may elect to purchase.

Scope of Work: The insurer will provide student health insurance coverage and related services during the policy year in exchange for the payment of premiums by students or universities. The policy will be available for students at all system universities with the exception of UMMC, which maintains its own student health insurance program.

Term of Contract: The policy terms may vary from university to university so as to have an effective date that coincides with the termination dates of each university’s current policies. The most common policy inception date has been August 15th, so while dates may vary, a common term is expected to be August 15, 2023, to August 15th, 2024.

Termination Options: The insurance coverage requires receipt of premium payments and premiums can only be refunded in the situation where the insured enters the armed forces. There are not other termination options for either party, other than the termination date of the policy.

Contract Amount: The premium will be \$2,314 per policy per year for a student, a student’s spouse, or one child, which includes broker commission and all fees. The premium for two or more children is \$4,228. If 3,050 participants are insured, the aggregate annual premium range would be approximately \$6,942,000. The aggregate premium will vary based upon the number of participants. Enrollment for 2023-2024 totals 3,017.

Funding Source for Contract: Students will directly pay the premium for their policy, except for some student workers. Universities may elect to pay or supplement the premium cost for certain classes of student workers, such as graduate assistants, as an employment benefit or part of its payment structure. Expenditures for student health insurance by universities are determined by each university.

Contractor Selection Process: In 2023, IHL conducted a competitive RFP process which utilized a Student Health Insurance Committee to select Holland Insurance Company as our broker for a three-year term. Our broker approached markets for quotes, including Aetna, UnitedHealthCare, and Wellfleet. The UnitedHealthcare quote had the lowest premium.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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Note: Project numbers beginning with the prefix "GS" designate projects that the Bureau of Building provides management oversight for and are funded partially or wholly with state Bureau of Building bond revenues. Project numbers beginning with the prefix "IHL" designate projects that are funded from university self-generated sources including but not limited to donations, fees, and grants.

Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects

The Board must approve the initiation of a project for the construction of new facilities, repairs and renovations to existing facilities and requests for a capital outlay with a total project budget exceeding \$1,000,000 regardless of how the projects are financed. It is the intent of the Board that its appropriate staff under the direction of the Commissioner shall be involved in all phases of building projects requiring approval by the Board. All construction, repairs, and renovation projects with a total budget of \$1,000,000 or less may be approved by the Institutional Executive Officer. However, all projects utilizing any state bond funds, including Ayers funds, must be initiated with STAFF approval from the Office of Real Estate and Facilities. No further approvals are required by IHL staff for projects of \$1,000,000 or less unless the budget changes. All budget changes for these projects must be reported to the Office of Real Estate and Facilities.

Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval

When funding has been secured from whatever source, each institution shall bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects. This request shall include a detailed description of the work to be accomplished, the total budget, the funding source and the design professional recommended to the Board for approval.

After the Board has granted approval of both the initiation of a project and the appointment of a design professional, no further Board action or approval is required for the completion of the project if the following conditions are met:

- 1. The detailed description of the work to be accomplished, as specifically approved by the Board within the project initiation, has not changed.*
- 2. The total project budget has not increased beyond the amount specifically approved by the Board as part of the project initiation;*
- 3. The funding source has not changed from that specifically approved by the Board as part of the project initiation; and*
- 4. The design professional previously approved by the Board has not changed.*

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If the above four conditions have been met, the Board's Real Estate and Facilities staff, through the Commissioner, shall have the authority to approve any and all necessary documents related to the completion of the subject construction project, including the approval of construction documents, the advertisement and receipt of bids, the approval of a bid, the award of a contract and any change orders.

Prior to the commencement of construction, the Board must approve the exterior design of the major buildings that have aesthetic impact on the overall campus, regardless of the cost of the project. This requirement applies to all buildings and facilities on an institution's property even if the land is leased to an institution's affiliated entity or a private developer.

Board Policy §905(A), Real Estate Management

Prior Board approval is required for the execution of all easements or non-oil, non-gas and non-mineral leases in an amount greater than \$100,000. The Commissioner is authorized to approve leases (other than oil, gas and mineral leases) or easements in amounts equal to or less than \$100,000. The Commissioner may further delegate the Commissioner's approval authority regarding easements and leases to the applicable IEO or his/her designee(s) provided that the requirements of Policy 707.01 D. are met. Board approval is required for timber sales in an amount greater than \$500,000. For timber sales of an amount \$500,000 or less, the Chair of the Real Estate Committee is authorized to approve sales on behalf of the Board upon satisfactory legal review and recommendation from the Commissioner. Board approval prior to the execution of the contract is required for all other land contracts requiring an aggregate total expenditure of more than \$250,000. Requests for approval of land contracts shall include property descriptions, terms of purchase, lease or sale and intended use of the property. An institution acquiring or disposing of real property shall receive two independent appraisals. The purchase price of property to be acquired shall not exceed the average of the two appraisals. The sale price of real property shall be no less than the average of the two appraisals.

Board Policy §905(B), Real Estate Management

Prior to Board consideration of the purchase or acceptance of real estate from any source, a Phase I or more detail Environmental Report shall be completed by qualified personnel and submitted to the Board's Real Estate and Facilities Office. In the event hazardous substances are confirmed as having existed in the past or as presently existing, the Board reserves the right to cancel the transaction without liability, or to permit the other party or parties to remove the hazardous substances at its or their expense in a manner sufficient to receive a "no further action" letter from the State's Department of Environmental Quality.

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APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUESTS

1. UM – APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH TRANE U.S. INC. FOR PHASE IV – HOUSE LIGHTING UPGRADE AT GERTRUDE FORD CENTER

Agenda Request: The University of Mississippi (UM) requests approval to initiate a fourth phase energy savings performance contract (ESPC) project with Trane U.S. Inc. for house lighting at the Gertrude Ford Center.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Trane U.S. Inc. (Trane)

Specific type of contract: This is Phase 4 of the Energy Savings Performance Contract.

Purpose: In accordance with Mississippi Code Section 31-7-14, UM is seeking approval to initiate a fourth phase of a multi-phase ESPC with Trane to upgrade and replace the house lighting at the Gertrude Ford Center for the Performing Arts. Specifically, the project will replace 245 existing specialty house-lighting fixtures in the main performance hall and studio theater with new LED lighting fixtures to match the current design and lumen output. The proposed \$349,335 scope of lighting improvements will yield a guaranteed annual average energy cost savings of \$17,081, with a 20-year cumulative energy cost savings of \$341,630. The project will also yield a guaranteed annual average operational cost savings of \$6,942, with a 20-year cumulative operational cost savings of \$138,839. Combined, the 20-year cumulative total guaranteed cost savings is \$480,469.

The above energy cost savings are based on a guaranteed annual reduction in energy consumption of 109,179 kWh, to include a reduced electrical demand of 626 kW. The operational cost savings are based on a reduction in material costs for replacing burnt out bulbs and fixtures over the 20-year term of the project.

For reference, the house lighting in the main performance hall and studio theater were inadvertently omitted from the scope of the Phase 2 ESPC campus-wide LED lighting project since they are considered specialty theater lighting. However, since more than 25% of these fixtures are currently burned out, they need to be replaced. While the cost of this project may appear high at about \$1,425 per fixture, it should be noted that the material cost alone for the specialty fixtures accounts for over half of the project cost; and considering the difficulty in physically accessing the individual fixtures in the large performance hall, the total proposed cost was determined to be reasonable.

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Scope of the Project: The proposed project will upgrade 245 existing house-lighting fixtures in the Gertrude Ford Center performance hall and studio theater to modern, high-efficiency LED fixtures. The fixtures will be upgraded with Tier 1 lighting products with equivalent aesthetics, light levels, color, uniformity, and a 10-year parts and labor warranty.

History: In November 2021, pursuant to the requirements of Mississippi Code 31-7-14, UM issued Request for Proposals (RFP) #679 to seek proposals from qualified energy services providers interested in developing a multi-phase energy savings performance contract (ESPC) program with UM at the Oxford campus. In January 2022, Trane was selected as the most qualified energy services provider and immediately mobilized to investigate energy savings opportunities across campus. A Phase 1 ESPC project, in the amount of \$6,174,316, to upgrade HVAC controls in three campus buildings was approved by the Board in October 2022 and completed construction in June 2023. A Phase 2 project, in the amount of \$10,310,118, to upgrade lighting and lighting controls in 97 campus buildings was approved by the Board in February 2023 and is currently under construction. A Phase 3 project, in the amount of \$3,553,850, to purchase energy efficient equipment in support of project #207-498 was approved by the Board in August 2023. This request seeks Board approval to execute a Phase 4 project, in the amount of \$349,335, to upgrade and replace the house lighting in the Gertrude Ford Center.

Terms of Contract: The construction period will be 180 days from the execution date of the contract, with a subsequent guaranteed energy savings performance period of 20 years.

Termination Options: Either party may terminate the agreement without cause upon 10-day written notice for: (1) lack of funding appropriation, (2) force majeure, (3) changes in law, (4) damage to equipment or premises, (5) concealed or unknown conditions, (6) asbestos and hazardous materials, (7) irreconcilable claims for equitable adjustment, or (8) for UM's convenience.

Either party may terminate the agreement for default of the other party upon written notice and after applicable cure period.

Contract Amount: The total contract amount is \$349,335. The following items are also noted:

- The construction amount includes \$24,500 (7.0%) in contingency, which will revert to UM at the end of the construction period if not used.
- Upon contract execution, an initial payment in the amount of \$44,673 is due to cover applicable engineering, drafting, mobilization, and other preconstruction

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expenses, to include the full cost of the required Mississippi Material Purchase Certificate.

Funding Source: Internal R&R Funds

Staff Recommendation: *The Attorney General's Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.*

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1. **UMMC – APPROVAL TO SETTLE TORT CLAIM**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking board approval for settlement of tort claim number 3561.

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1. UM – INTENT TO OFFER AN EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAM BY DISTANCE LEARNING

Board Policy 509 states: “All distance learning courses and programs shall be in accord with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Principles of Accreditation and Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions Interregional Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education.

Unless otherwise provided, all Board and university policies, standards, and guidelines for on and off campus instruction apply to distance learning.”

In accordance with Board policy, the University of Mississippi submits the intent to offer an already approved degree program by distance learning to the Board for information.

Degree program title: **Educational Specialist (EdS) in Curriculum and Instruction**

Total credit hours: 30

CIP Code, Sequence: 13.0301, 3072

Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0

Effective date: August 2024

2. MSU – INTENT TO OFFER A CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Certificate program title: **ENGAGE VR Creator**

Responsible academic unit: College of Professional and Continuing Studies

Level: post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 6

CIP code: 11.0804

Effective date: January 2024

Program summary: The ENGAGE VR Creator certificate is an industry-recognized program designed to empower students with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the dynamic world of virtual reality (VR) content creation. In a rapidly evolving digital landscape, the ability to craft immersive VR experiences is a valuable asset with applications across diverse industries. The ENGAGE VR has been adopted by leading organizations across various business verticals, including KPMG, Pfizer, 3M, Stanford University, Lenovo, HSBC, KIA, and many more. ENGAGE, one of the fastest-growing platforms in the Metaverse, collaborates with over 180 global enterprises to bring virtual strategies to life.

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

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1. SYSTEM – MVSU MEETS 10% OTHER-RACE ENROLLMENT THRESHOLD FOR AYERS ENDOWMENT

In accordance with the *JAKE AYERS, JR. ET AL. and United States of America v RONNIE MUSGROVE, GOVERNOR, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, ET AL.* Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”), publicly and privately funded endowments were created for the benefit of Alcorn State University (ASU), Jackson State University (JSU) and Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU). The endowments were to “remain under the control of the Board until such time as the historically black university attains a total headcount other-race enrollment of 10% and sustains such a 10% other-race enrollment for a period of three consecutive years.” (See Section IV “Endowment” of the Settlement Agreement) Per notice by the IHL Office of Strategic Research, MVSU has met the other-race threshold of the Settlement Agreement and has maintained a 10% other-race enrollment for three (3) consecutive years: Academic Year 2021-2022 (15.0%), Academic Year 2022-2023 (14.9%), and Academic Year 2023-2024 (10.9%).

Therefore, the Board, in accordance with the Settlement Agreement shall transfer to MVSU its pro rata share of 28.3% of the existing public endowment principal as of FY 2024 or \$19,810,000.

Also, in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the Board shall transfer to MVSU’s private foundation, MVSU’s pro rata share of 28.3% of the existing private endowment principal as of FY 2024 or \$293,357.80. Any subsequent donations will be made to MVSU’s private foundation.

	Public	Private	Total
	Endowment	Endowment	
Principal Balance as of FY2024	\$ 19,810,000.00	\$ 293,357.80	\$ 20,103,357.80
MVSU Pro rata share 28.3%	\$ 19,810,000.00	\$ 293,357.80	\$ 20,103,357.80

Pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, the principal of the endowments shall never be invaded.

Upon transfer of the endowment principal, MVSU shall have the discretion to direct the investment of the public endowment principal and expend the income while MVSU’s foundation shall have the discretion to direct the investment of the private endowment principal and expend the income. The investment income may only be expended for sound academic purposes such as faculty compensation, academic program enhancements and student scholarships upon submission to and the approval of the Board of Trustees of an annual budget for these funds.

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

Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval

When funding has been secured from whatever source, each institution shall bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects. This request shall include a detailed description of the work to be accomplished, the total budget, the funding source and the design professional recommended to the Board for approval.

After the Board has granted approval of both the initiation of a project and the appointment of a design professional, no further Board action or approval is required for the completion of the project if the following conditions are met:

- 1. The detailed description of the work to be accomplished, as specifically approved by the Board within the project initiation, has not changed.*
- 2. The total project budget has not increased beyond the amount specifically approved by the Board as part of the project initiation;*
- 3. The funding source has not changed from that specifically approved by the Board as part of the project initiation; and*
- 4. The design professional previously approved by the Board has not changed.*

If the above four conditions have been met, the Board's Real Estate and Facilities staff, through the Commissioner, shall have the authority to approve any and all necessary documents related to the completion of the subject construction project, including the approval of construction documents, the advertisement and receipt of bids, the approval of a bid, the award of a contract and any change orders.

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

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ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

1. ASU-GS 101-328 – ASU DORMITORY RENOVATIONS

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$5,141,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Paul Jackson & Son, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 12, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Burriss Wagnon Architects

General Contractor: Paul Jackson & Sons, Inc.

Project Budget: \$5,675,000.00

2. ASU-IHL 201-259 – AG POULTRY PROCESSING FACILITY RENOVATION & INCINERATOR SHED

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$15,762.00 and thirty (30) additional days to the contract of Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 20, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: replaced the ceramic tile cove base with a Schuler Dilex metal cove; removed the existing chain link fencing and relocated it to another area; metal roofing cost was increased; and thirty days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to latent job site conditions; user/owner requested modifications; and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$15,762.00.

Project Initiation Date: May 19, 2022

Design Professional: Vernell Barnes Architect, PLLC

General Contractor: Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC.

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Total Project Budget: \$2,031,900.00

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3. JSU-GS 103-317 – JOC DORMS (UNIVERSITY POINTE)

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Vernell Barnes Architect, PLLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 20, 2024

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

Design Professional: Vernell Barnes Architect, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,400,659.20

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

4. MSU-GS 113-156 – ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE – WASTE COLLECTION 7& CONVEYANCE

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 15, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 15, 2024

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

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Design Professional: Neel-Schaffer, Inc.
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: \$1,900,000.00

**5. MSU-IHL 205-320B – PATTERSON ENGINEERING IDEE LAB – PHASE 2
(INDUSTRY LBABS)**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by CDFL Architects and Engineers.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 12, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 12, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

Design Professional: CDFL Architects and Engineers

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$5,000,000.00

6. MSU-IHL 205-328A – NEW RESIDNCE HALL SITE AND FOUNDATIONS

Approval Request #1: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$230,892.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Roy Anderson Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 15,2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: increased the drilled pier length.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$248,436.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 6, 2022

Design Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture

General Contractor: Roy Anderson Corporation

Phased Project Budget: \$5,600,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$103,500,000.00

**7. MSU-IHL 205-352 – 13kV FEEDER CIRCUIT FOR SOUTH CAMPUS
MECHANICAL PLANT**

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,298,639.00 to the apparent low bidder Weaver Electric, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 1, 2024

Project Initiation Date: October 19, 2023

Design Professional: Atwell & Gent, P.A.

General Contractor: Weaver Electric, Inc.

Project Budget: \$2,500,000.00

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8. MUW- IHL 204-137 – MUW REPAIRS AND WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Pryor & Morrow

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 15, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

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Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 15, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

Design Professional: Pryor & Morrow

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,091,425.00

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9. UM-GS 107-324 – ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE – WATER COLLECTION/CONVEYANCE

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by W.L. Burle Engineers

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 27, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 27, 2024

Project Initiation Date: February 16, 2023

Design Professional: W.L. Burle Engineers

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$850,000.00

10. UM-IHL 207-473.2 (PH2) FIELD – PKG B

Approval Request #1: Change Order #3R1

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$124,959.87 and ten (10) additional days to the contract of D C Services, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 29, 2024

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Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: added 180 linear feet of 2” water line; added 100 linear feet of a gas line to replace the original tie-in when asphalt was removed; added flexible storm drainage piping to the outflow structure at the SW corner of the site; added undercut and backfill to replace unsuitable soil at the new east parking lot; added site originally documented in PH4 drawings to be in the PH 2 site contract including fencing, asphalt striping, storm drainage and pipe bollards; and ten (10) days to the contract for adverse weather delays.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$342,083.26.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: D C Services, LLC

Phased Project Budget: \$2,919,898.04

Total Project Budget: \$32,000,000.00

11. UM-IHL 207-473.2 (PH2) FIELD – PKG D

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2R1

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$62,173.77 and ten (10) additional days to the contract of Sports Contractors Unlimited, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 29, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: added a windscreen at the bullpens; added a rubber mat at the home bullpen plyo wall; added fencing at the outfield walkway retaining wall; added a padding base at the bottom of the walls and fences; replaced the backstop wall padding with that of different foam density; and ten (10) days to the contract for adverse weather delays.

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

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$69,069.25.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021
Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: Sports Contractors Unlimited, LLC
Phased Project Budget: \$1,700,484.88
Total Project Budget: \$32,000,000.00

12. UM-IHL 207-473.2 (PH2) FIELD – PKG E

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2R1

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$12,836.09 and ten (10) additional days to the contract of Acoustics & Specialties, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 29, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: material for the camera pedestals and poles for the backstop wall, camera wells, and camera platform; installed three (3) camera pedestals, a camera pole at the backstop and additional bench support brackets for the added wood at the front benches; added a temporary press box stair and viewing platforms; and ten (10) days to the contract for adverse weather delays.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$105,916.23.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021
Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: Acoustics & Specialties, LLC
Phased Project Budget: \$272,702.05
Total Project Budget: \$32,000,000.00

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13. UM-IHL 207-473.2 (PH2) FIELD – PKG G

Approval Request #1: Change Order #3R2

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$92,838.96 and ten (10) additional days to the contract of Advanced Electric Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 2, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: added electrical underground bore from two (2) 6” conduit from an existing riser pole to an existing sectionalizing cabinet; added electrical underground bore for two (2) 6” conduit from an existing riser pole to a new pad-mounted transformer; and ten (10) days to the contract for adverse weather delays.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$342,083.26.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Advanced Electric Company, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$2,310,688.90

Total Project Budget: \$32,000,000.00

14. UM-IHL 207-473.3 (PH2) FIELD – PKG H

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2R2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$40,697.13 and ten (10) additional days to the contract of W&W Construction.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 29, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: added foundations for posts at the midspan of the bleacher raker beams; added a concrete pad for the centerfield camera platform; added waterproofing around the elevator pit; added a concrete

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retaining wall along the outfield walking path to the seating area to accommodate a wider path; and ten (10) days to the contract for adverse weather delays.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$105,916.23.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: W&W Construction

Phased Project Budget: \$1,887,174.44

Total Project Budget: \$32,000,000.00

15. UM-IHL 207-473.3 (PH2) FIELD – PKG J

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1R3

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$140,437.64 and ten (10) additional days to the contract of Steel Fab, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 2, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: revised steel to modify the beam sizes, reducing some tube sections and increasing W section sizes; added welding requirements; added shear studs in the second floor slab; reduced the plate thickness for the box beams; increased the column base plate dimensions at three (3) locations; added miscellaneous steel including lintels, curtain wall supports, countertop supports, elevator pit ladder and plates, wall bracing steel plate frames at the concourse doors; added site handrails to the steel package ; and ten (10) days to the contract for adverse weather delays.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; latent job site conditions; and days for work as indicated herein due to weather delays.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$105,916.23.

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Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021
Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: Steel Fab, Inc.
Phased Project Budget: \$3,777,444.68
Total Project Budget: \$32,000,000.00

16. UM - IHL 407-001 – JIM AND THOMAS DUFF CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

Approval Request #1: Change Order #9

Board staff approved Change Order #9 in the amount of \$120,950.54 and fifty-nine (59) additional days to the contract of W.G. Yates & Sons Construction.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 1, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #9 includes the following: credit for signal level testing of the bi-directional amplifier system not needed; changes to reroute cable tray pathways; added an elevator control room in the north penthouse; new ceiling trim was added to accommodate the light fixtures; two (2) trees were removed and an old concrete slab removed due to site changes; wall mounted speakers were relocated; additional waterproofing flashing was added; FRP panels were added in the custodial equipment closet; revised the grade elevations and added electrical yard weeps; revisions to the west underground utilities; existing water lines were replaced due to corrosion; relocated the control damper and extended the supply duct to provide access; added raceways and sleeves for equipment racks moved from the first floor to the second floor; a damaged south gas line was replaced and rerouted; fifty-nine days to the contract of which ten (10) were due to extreme weather conditions .

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; latent job site conditions; weather-related delays and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Nine (9) change orders for a total amount of \$1,848,982.30.

Project Initiation Date: January 16, 2012
Design Professional: McCarty Architects
General Contractor: W.G. Yates & Sons Construction

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Phased Project Budget: \$153,356,476.95

Project Budget: \$175,200,000.00

17. UM - IHL 407-006 – MARTINDALE COLE – ROOF REPLACEMENT

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the credit amount of \$12,000.00 and eighty-four (84) additional days to the contract of E. Cornell Malone Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 15, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: added twenty-one (21) days to the contract time for weather-related delays; added sixty-three (63) days to the contract time for skylight delivery days; deduct from the contract amount for liquidated damages for forty-eight (48) days and eighty-four (84) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to weather-related delays; user/owner requested modifications and eighty-four (84) days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Nine (9) change orders for a total amount of \$1,848,982.30.

Project Initiation Date: May 19, 2022

Design Professional: Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC

General Contractor: E. Cornell Malone Corporation

Project Budget: \$1,820,000.00

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18. UMMC-IHL 209-579 – UMMC COLONY PARK

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$35,676.27 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Codaray Construction, LLC.

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Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 1, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: removed organic debris under the HDPE storm drainpipe in the south parking lot; installed Geo-Grid and fabric to bridge the remaining organic debris under the south parking lot.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

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

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Design Professional: Cooke Douglas Farr Lemons Architects + Engineers, P.A.

General Contractor: Codaray Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$105,914,527.00

19. UMMC- IHL 409-005 – NEW SCHOOL OF NURSING

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$58,787,000.00 to the apparent low bidder AnderCorp, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, March 29, 2024

Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: AnderCorp, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$65,000,000.00

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1. SYSTEM - REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Armstrong Law, LLC (statements dated 2/19/24 and 2/19/24) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,000.00 and \$1,750.00, represent services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,750.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 3/1/24 and 3/1/24) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$500.00 and \$32.28, represent services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 532.28

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 3/7/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$4,595.30, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,595.30

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush (statement dated 3/14/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,003.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,003.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 3/1/24 and 3/1/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,000.00, \$5,150.00, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,150.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, PLLC (statement dated 3/20/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$243.75, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 243.75

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24 and 3/19/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$6,595.50, \$96.00, \$2,176.00 and \$13,364.00, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 22,231.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statement dated 3/15/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$8,549.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,549.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 3/4/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$3,600.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,600.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statement dated 3/1/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$533.00, represents services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 533.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 3/18/24, 3/19/24 and 3/19/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$96.00, \$871.00 and \$288.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,255.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 3/5/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,050.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,050.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by McDonald Hopkins, LLC (statement dated 3/28/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$87.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

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TOTAL DUE.....\$ 87.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 3/12/24 and 3/25/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,500.00 and \$4,460.00, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,960.00

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 2/29/24, 2/29/24 and 3/7/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “IP and Regulatory Matters” - \$832.00; “A Y161F Hemagglutinin Substitution Increases Thermostability and Improves Yields of 2009 H1N1 influenza A Virus in Cells” - \$150.00; and “IP and Regulatory Matters” - \$1,024.00).

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,006.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose (statement dated 3/7/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Medium Voltage Line Impedance Stabilization Network” - \$1,620.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,620.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush (statements dated 2/21/24, 2/21/24 and 2/21/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “General” - \$943.00; “AiM Registration of Trademark” - \$2,836.00; and “Happy Healthy” - \$483.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,262.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy (statements dated 3/7/24/ 3/7/24 and 3/7/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Engineering of the Production of a Conformational Variant of Occidiofungin that has Enhanced Inhibitory Activity Against Fungal Species” - \$118.50; “Drugs

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Conjugated with Hexose Phosphate and Methods of Making and Using Same” - \$75.00; and
 “Thienyl-Dibenzoazepines and their Derivatives as Donor for Xanthene-Based Short-Wave
 Infrared Dyes” - \$618.50.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 812.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated
 2/22/24, 2/22/24 and 2/22/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements
 represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property
 matters: “Unsymmetric CCC-NHC Pincer Metal Complexes and Methods of Use Thereof” -
 \$38.00; “Wood Dimensional Ability Enhancement by Metal Ion Modification” - \$4,436.50; and
 “Novel Catalysis and Process for Liquid Hydrocarbon Fuel Production” - \$443.50.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,918.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated
 1/23/24, 1/29/24, 1/29/24, 1/29/24, 1/29/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/28/24 and 2/28/24) from the
 funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements represent services and
 expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Oil
 Dispersant Patent” - \$177.00; “Covestro Patents” - \$183.00; “Self-Repairing Oxetane-
 Substituted Chitosan Polyurethane Networks” - \$3,010.00; “Phenylphosphine Oxide Epoxy
 Polymer and Atomic Oxygen Stable Epoxy Polymer” - \$1,391.00; “An Automated Mechanism
 to Position Aquaculture Equipment” - \$632.50; “Phenylphosphine Oxide Epoxy and Atomic
 Oxygen Stable Epoxy Polymer” - \$54.00; “Oral Suction Device” - \$822.00; “Covestro Patents” -
 \$136.50; and “Self-Repairing Oxetane-Substituted Chitosan Polyurethane Networks” - \$576.00,
 respectively).

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,982.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy (statements
 dated 2/8/24, 2/9/24, 2/9/24, 2/12/24, 3/7/24 and 3/7/24) from the funds of the University of
 Southern Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the
 following patents or intellectual property matters: “Spray Delivery of Peptide Amphiphile
 Supramolecular Polymers for Tissue Regeneration Applications” - \$2,620.00; “T-Belt” -
 \$350.00; “Gulf Blue” - \$1,715.00; “US Provisional Patent Application No. 63/522,625” -
 \$2,560.00; “Trauma Belt for Non-Tourniquetable Hemorrhage Control” - \$1,170.00; and
 “Conjugated Polymer Sensors Using the Inner Filter Effect” - \$490.00, respectively).

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,905.00

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1. **SYSTEM – 2024 SPRING COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE**

Alcorn State University

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 11, 2024
Location: Davey L. Whitney Health, Physical Education and Recreation Complex
Speaker: Mr. Montell Jordan, Author, Pastor, Grammy Award Winning Artist, and 2023 Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Time/Date: 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 11, 2024
Location: Davey L. Whitney Health, Physical Education and Recreation Complex
Speaker: Mr. Montell Jordan, Author, Pastor, Grammy Award Winning Artist, and 2023 Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Delta State University

Graduate Studies & College of Business & Aviation

Time/Date: 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 10, 2024
Location: Bologna Performing Arts Center
Speaker: TBD

College of Arts and Sciences; College of Education & Human Sciences; School of Nursing

Time/Date: 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2024
Location: Bologna Performing Arts Center
Speaker: TBD

Jackson State University

Graduates

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 3, 2024
Location: Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center
Speaker: Judge Carlton Reeves, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson State University Alum

Undergraduates

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 4, 2024
Location: Veteran's Memorial Stadium
Speaker: Senator Laphonza Butler, U.S. Congress for California, Jackson State University Alum

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Mississippi State University

Starkville Campus

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Commencement

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Location: Humphrey Coliseum

Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony (Ph.D. and Ed.D.)

Time/Date: 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Location: Bettersworth Auditorium, Lee Hall

Meridian Campus

Time/Date: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Location: MSU Riley Center

Speaker: Dr. Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University

Starkville Campus

College of Business, College of Education

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Location: Humphrey Coliseum

Speaker: Dr. Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University

College of Arts and Sciences; College of Architecture, Art and Design; College of Professional and Continuing Studies

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Friday, May 10, 2024

Location: Humphrey Coliseum

Speaker: Dr. Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University

Academic Affairs, Bagley College of Engineering, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Forest Resources, College of Veterinary Medicine

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2024

Location: Humphrey Coliseum

Speaker: Dr. Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University

Mississippi University for Women

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Nursing and Health Sciences (ASN, BSN and DNP)

Time/Date: 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2024

Location: Rent Auditorium, Whitfield Hall

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College of Business and Professional Studies, School of Education
College of Nursing and Health Sciences (Health & Kinesiology and Speech-Language Pathology)

Time/Date: 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2024
Location: Rent Auditorium, Whitfield Hall

Mississippi Valley State University

Time/Date: 8:00 a.m., Saturday, May 4, 2024
Location: R.W. Harrison Sports Complex
Speaker: Mr. Archie Tucker, Sr., Southeast Area Director, United States Department of Agriculture

University of Mississippi

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 11, 2024
Location: The Grove
Speaker: TBA

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Time/Date: 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 24, 2024
Location: Mississippi Coliseum

The University of Southern Mississippi

Graduate Students – All Colleges

Time/Date: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Location: Bernard Reed Green Coliseum, Hattiesburg, MS

Undergraduates – College of Business and Economic Development
College of Education and Human Sciences

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 10, 2024
Location: Bernard Reed Green Coliseum, Hattiesburg, MS

Undergraduates – College of Arts and Sciences

College of Nursing and Health Professions

Time/Date: 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2024
Location: Bernard Reed Green Coliseum, Hattiesburg, MS

Gulf Coast Campus

Graduates and Undergraduates – All Colleges

Time/Date: 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 11, 2024
Location: Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi, MS

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2. SYSTEM – COMMISSIONER’S NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL

The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for review in the Board Office.

- a. **MSU** – On March 18, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and RMR Investment Company, LLC for approximately 1,250 square feet of space located at 101 G.T. Thames Drive, Starkville, MS to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of the grant awarded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is 3 years effective on the date of approval and execution of the agreement through March 30, 2027. The monthly cost is \$1,848.96 payable on the first day of each month, plus a one-time renovation fee in the amount of \$4,608 for painting. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- b. **MSU** – On March 18, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University (Lessor) and Columbus Orthopaedic Clinic, P.A. (Lessee) for approximately 1,340 square feet of space in the MSU Student Health Center where Lessee will provide physical therapy, occupational therapy and other related services. Lessee will pay monthly rent to the University in the amount of \$2,680 per month. The initial term of the agreement is three years, effective July 1, 2024, with an option to be renewed annually for up to 4 additional one-year terms. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- c. **MSU** – On April 2, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved a Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University (“University”) and the Mississippi State University Foundation, Inc. (“Foundation”) to lease the Randy J. Cleveland Engineering Student Center (Walker Hall Annex Building) and surrounding property for the purpose of renovation of the existing building, as well as construction of a 2,600 square foot two-story addition. The term of the lease is 24 months, or until completion of the project, with an option to renew the lease for one additional year with the mutual consent of both parties. The Foundation will provide consideration in the form of renovation and construction of improvements on the property at no cost or other expense to the University, and all improvements made to and on the property shall be owned “free and clear” by the University upon termination of the lease. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the

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agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- d. **USM** – On March 18, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved a Lease Agreement between the University of Southern Mississippi (Lessor) and Tech Boone, LLC (Lessee) for approximately 234 square feet of space in the R.C. Cook University Union where Lessee will provide computer and mobile device repair services and sales of mobile phones and associated services. Lessee will pay monthly rent to the University in the amount of \$528.33 per month. The initial term of the agreement is one year, effective upon approval and execution of the agreement, with automatic renewal for an additional one-year term unless notice of non-renewal is issued by either party 30 days prior to the expiration of the then-current term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.