

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
March 15, 2001**

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 15, 2001, at 2:40 p.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on March 5, 2001, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this March 15, 2001 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Mr. J. Roy Klumb, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carl Nicholson, President, and opened with prayer by Dr. Neely.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

**RESOLVED,** That the Minutes of the meeting held on February 15, 2001, stand approved.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT (UC)**

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

**RESOLVED,** That consent to be considered is granted to all items not previously placed on the agenda and hereinafter reported.

**CONSENT AGENDA (CA)**

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

**RESOLVED,** That the consent agenda be approved as hereinafter reported.

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**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**  
Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell  
Commissioner of Higher Education

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves the **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** items as submitted in the following report on Administration/Policy. **CONSENT AGENDA** items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Ross, and unanimously passed by those present. **REGULAR AGENDA** items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present.

**Jackson State University**

1. (UC) Approved request to award an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, to Dr. Rod R. Paige, United States Secretary of Education, during Spring Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 12, 2001.

**Mississippi State University**

2. (UC) Approved request to bestow the following honorary degrees at the Saturday, May 12, 2001, Commencement ceremony: Hunter W. Henry–Doctor of Science and G. V. “Sonny” Montgomery–Doctor of Laws.

**Mississippi University for Women**

3. (CA) Approved request to bestow an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters on Mr. Ted Turner at the Saturday, May 12, 2001, Commencement ceremony.

**Mississippi Valley State University**

4. (CA) Approved request to bestow the honorary degree, Doctor of Philosophy Honoris Causa, on the world renowned blues musician Mr. Riley “B.B.” King at the Saturday, May 12, 2001, Commencement or at a special ceremony in late May or early June.

**University of Southern Mississippi**

5. (CA) Approved request to bestow the honorary degree, Doctor of Philosophy Honoris Causa, on the Honorable Edythe Evelyn Gandy at the Friday, May 11, 2001, Commencement.

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6. (CA) Emergency approval of foreign travel was granted by Commissioner Thomas D. Layzell per *Board Policy* 705.0103 for the following:

**Delta State University**

Applegate, Rusty	Toronto, Canada
Giger, Chris	Toronto, Canada

**Jackson State University**

Henry-Brown, Rita	Minsk, Belarus
Liddell, L. Frances	Minsk, Belarus

**Mississippi State University**

Buddington, Karyl	London, England
Buddington, Randal K.	London, England
Dunne, James A.	Hamburg, Germany
Hargreaves, John	San Juan, Puerto Rico
LeMay, Stephen A.	Toronto, Canada

**University of Mississippi**

Albritton, Robert B.	Bangkok, Thailand
Buchannon, Robin C.	Honolulu, Hawaii
Falconer, Allan	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Wilson, Kelly	Uppsala, Sweden
Yang, Xiao-bin	Beijing, China

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Price, Janet	Lima, Peru
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**University of Southern Mississippi**

Blaylock, Reginal	Hawaii
Lotz, Jeff	Hawaii
Ogle, John	Hawaii
Perkins, Louise	Sweden and Norway
Stuck, Kenneth	Hawaii

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7. (RA) Approved the System Plan of Excellence: A Plan and a Process for the Mississippi Public University System, Volume II. A copy of the plan is included in the *March 15, 2001 Board Working File*.
8. (RA) Approved proposed amendment to the *Board Policies and Bylaws* establishing a Quality Assurance Policy for Beginning Principals as amended. The amendment creates a new section in the Academic Affairs policies, as follows:

**507: QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY FOR BEGINNING PRINCIPALS**

Each institution will assure that its graduates:

- have completed a principal preparation program which is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE); passed the entrance and exit requirements, and successfully completed a supervised internship experience in a K-12 setting;
- have sufficient leadership knowledge in all areas included on their principal certificate;
- can demonstrate successful leadership in bringing students from diverse cultural, ethnic, international, and socio-economic groups to high levels of learning;
- are able to use telecommunication and information technologies as tools for learning; and
- can maintain an environment conducive to learning.

Within the first two years after graduation, the university will provide additional training to any graduate who is employed as a building principal/assistant principal and is judged by the employing Mississippi school district and the university school district liaison to need additional training to be an effective principal/assistant principal. Additional training will be provided at no cost to the principal/assistant principal or to the school district. This training will consist of an individualized plan with specified leadership outcomes agreed upon between the school district and the university.

Before remediation is requested by the school district, there must be at least two formal assessments, documentation of professional development provided by the school, a copy of the professional improvement plan, and a written explanation of the superintendent's rationale for referring the building principal/assistant principal to the university.

The Quality Assurance Policy does not apply in situations where the principal/assistant principal has been given an unreasonable number of assignments, or when other contextual arrangements exist which conflict with the idea of minimal and necessary support for beginning principal/assistant principals. ~~Since personal motivation is an important determinant of behavior, assistance from the university does not of itself assure improved performance for the principal/assistant principal in his/her current role.~~

This policy will take effect with the 2002 education graduates.

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**INSTRUCTION/STUDENTS**

Presented by Dr. William McHenry

Assistant Commissioner of Academic Affairs

On motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as submitted in the following report on Instruction/Students.

**University of Mississippi**

1. (CA) Approved the following degrees for May Commencement 2001:

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS	
Bachelor of Arts	319
Bachelor of Science	44
Bachelor of Fine Arts	10
Bachelor of Music	7
Bachelor of Public Administration	0
Bachelor of Social Work	22
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	
Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering	15
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering	7
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	6
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering	2
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	5
Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering	5
Bachelor of Engineering	3
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION	
Bachelor of Arts in Education	146
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science	29
Bachelor of Arts in Leisure Management	9
Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences	49
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY	
Doctor of Pharmacy	55
Pharmaceutical Sciences	60
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	
Bachelor of Business Administration	171
Bachelor of Science in Journalism	1
SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY	
Bachelor of Accountancy	61
COURT REPORTING	
Bachelor of Court Reporting	0

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GRADUATE SCHOOL	
Master of Arts	27
Master of Science	47
Master of Fine Arts	2
Master of Accountancy	12
Master of Taxation	4
Master of Business Administration	34
Master of Education	42
Master of Music	0
Master of Social Science	0
Specialist in Education	6
Doctor of Arts	1
Doctor of Education	2
Doctor of Philosophy	24
LAW SCHOOL	
Juris Doctor	101
<b>TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE</b>	<b>1026</b>
<b>TOTAL GRADUATE</b>	<b><u>201</u></b>
<b>TOTAL DEGREES</b>	<b><u>1328</u></b>

**System Administration**

2. **(CA) Information item.** The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) program was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2001, in Jackson. Chaired by Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck, HEADWAE is an annual program of the state legislature that honors faculty and students for academic excellence in Mississippi's 38 public and private colleges and universities. The program is funded by corporate sponsors. HEADWAE faculty and student honorees for 2000-2001 are as follows:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Student Honoree</b>	<b>Faculty Honoree</b>
Alcorn State University	Kitonya Grushon White	Patrick Emeka Igbokwe
Delta State University	Jason W. Umfress	Dana Townes Lamar
Jackson State University	Megan Lynette Richmond	Debasis Mitra
Mississippi State University	Jenny M. Reeves	Robert C. Cooper
Mississippi University for Women	Chris M. Sansing	Mitzi C. Green
Mississippi Valley State University	Erika Windham	Barbara J. P. Washington
University of Mississippi	Nic Lott	Faye W. Gilbert
University Medical Center	Katherine Simpson Barker	Rob Rockhold
University of Southern Mississippi	Lucy Kenna Pope	Stella D. Elakovich

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**PERSONNEL**

Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell  
Commissioner of Higher Education

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves the **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** item as submitted in the following report on Personnel. **CONSENT AGENDA** items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present.

The Personnel Report for March 1, 2001, is composed of **62 regular personnel actions** in the following categories:

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Jackson State University**

Johnson, Demethria  
Manzoul, Mahmoud  
Quinn, Regina  
Sublet, Brittney

**Mississippi State University**

Foster, George S., Jr.  
Miller, James E.  
Wood, H. Alan

**Mississippi University for Women**

Bryson, Nancy Nunn

**University of Mississippi**

Ingene, Charles A.

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Brown, Susan  
Cloy, J. Anthony  
Deggins, Nicole  
Fox, Ervin  
Sandoval, Victor

**University of Southern Mississippi**

Stewart, John W, III

**CHANGE OF STATUS**

**Mississippi State University**

Crowe, Thomas A. (UC)

**University of Mississippi**

Wells, Barbara G.

**University of Southern Mississippi**

McFall, Linda W.

**TERMINATION**

**Delta State University**

Everett, Terry  
Fryant, Traci  
McClain, Wendy  
Nichols, Rhonda Gail  
Sullivan, Charles  
Sweet, David M.  
Sweet, Susan Shepherd

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**Mississippi State University**

Altig, Ronald G.  
Fisher, Thomas H.  
McCarty, Jack R.  
Vasudev, Rev

**EMERITUS/EMERITA STATUS**

**University of Southern Mississippi**  
Bowers, Richard H.

**Mississippi University for Women**

Frank, David H.  
Hudnall, Jarrett  
Howell, Nora  
Pederson, Rockie

**SABBATICAL LEAVES**

**Mississippi State University**

Berk, Michael A.  
Boyd, Robert L.  
Creevy, Patrick J.  
Eglin, Judith  
George, Anita P.  
Haque, Zahur Z.  
Jacobs, Paul F.  
Jones, James D.  
Lestrade, John P.  
Lestrade, Patricia  
Mabry, Donald J.  
Maynor, Natalie  
Mixon, Jamie B.  
Morse, Linda W.  
Myers, Gary L.  
Varco, Jac J.  
Wise, Dwayne A.

**University of Mississippi**

Dilley, Lawrence  
Hall, Alfred L., II

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Benesek, John  
Desaiah, Durisala  
Hughes, Shelley  
Lemos, Luciano B.  
Wahba, Albert J.  
Yost, William F.

**University of Southern Mississippi**

Holaday, Margot

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Nordan, Rita W.

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Scott, Cynthia K.

**ATHLETICS**

Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell  
Commissioner of Higher Education

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Dr. Magee, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves the **CONSENTAGENDA** items as submitted in the following report on Athletics.

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**EMPLOYMENT**

**Alcorn State University**  
McKenzie, John

**University of Southern Mississippi**  
Restrepo, Santiago

**APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL**

**Mississippi Valley State University**  
Hardy, Lonza, Jr.

**TERMINATION**

**Delta State University**  
Hudspeth, Mark

**University of Southern Mississippi**  
Wommack, Robert David

**CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

**Jackson State University**  
Asberry, Darrell  
Gerals, David  
Hughes, Robert  
Kelley, Robert  
McGee, Ben  
Reed, Ronald  
Roberts, Carl

**LEGAL**

Presented by Mr. Chuck Rubisoff  
Special Assistant Attorney General

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

**RESOLVED**, That upon review and recommendation of the Office of the Attorney General, the Board hereby approves the **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** item as submitted in the following Legal report. **CONSENT AGENDA** items were approved on a separate motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Griffis, and unanimously passed by those present. **REGULAR AGENDA** items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Magee, and unanimously passed by those present.

**Mississippi State University**

1. (UC) Approved the proposed settlement of the case styled *Georgia Smith vs. Mississippi State University*.

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**University of Mississippi**

2. (RA) Approved employment of the law firm of Jones, Tullar & Cooper to assist the University with pharmaceutical patent applications. Eric S. Spector of this firm will be providing patent application drafting and prosecution at the hourly rate of \$240.

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3. (CA) **Information item.** Approved payment of legal fees to outside counsel in relation to litigation and other matters, as follows:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by McGlinchey Stafford (Statements dated 9/25/00, 10/23/00, 11/21/00, 1/2/01, and 1/2/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements in the amounts of \$3,602.62; \$3,971.70; \$6,489.93; \$528.86; and \$4,510.45, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with “employment matters”.)

**TOTAL DUE ..... \$19,103.65**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statements dated 2/5/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements in the amounts of \$2,758.50 and \$1,733.90 represent services and expenses in connection with a the “general” file and “U. S. Attorney Audit,” respectively.)

**TOTAL DUE ..... \$4,492.40**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Adams and Reese (Statement dated 1/22/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Lampton* case.)

**TOTAL DUE ..... \$2,665.11**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bennett Lotterhos Sulser & Wilson (Statement dated 2/5/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Shack* case.)

**TOTAL ..... \$15,594.83**

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Dogan and Wilkinson (Statement dated 2/2/01) from the funds of The University of Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the forest lands.)

**TOTAL DUE ..... \$3,918.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bryan, Nelson, Randolph and Weathers (Statement dated 2/1/01) from the funds of The University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Krystek* case.)

**TOTAL DUE ..... \$263.89**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hale and Dorr (Statement dated 2/15/01) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with RAMP.)

**TOTAL DUE ..... \$43.26**

4. **(CA) Information item.** Approved payment of legal fees to outside counsel in relation to patent work for universities, as follows:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Needle & Rosenberg (Statements dated 1/31/01) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with a patent for a "Medical Gas Utility Stand" - \$51.74; "Methods for Stabilization and Renaturation of Proteins Using Nucleolar Protein B23" - \$59.69 and \$653.04.)

**TOTAL DUE ..... \$764.47**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Piper Marbury Rudnick & Wolfe (Statements dated 11/9/00, 11/9/00, 11/9/00, 11/13/00, and 11/30/00) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with patent applications for "Aerodynamic Truck Flaps" - \$325.70; "Improved Soilless Sod" - \$1,466.20; "Multi-Component Process Analyzer and Controller" - \$220.00; "Methods for Maize Transformation Coupled with Adventitious Regeneration..." - \$2,419.40; and "Apparatus and Method High Temperature Viscosity and Temperature Measurements" - \$1,072.48.)

**TOTAL DUE ..... \$5,503.78**

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Cooper & Dunham (Statements dated 6/30/00 and 9/30/00) from the funds of The University of Mississippi. (These statements in the amounts of \$215.15 and \$5,909.73 represent services and expenses in connection with various pharmaceutical statements.)

**TOTAL DUE ..... \$6,124.88**

5. **(CA) Information item.** Approved, upon review and recommendation of the Office of the Attorney General, the Litigation Report for March 1, 2001. The report is included in the bound *March 15,2001 Board Working File*.

6. **(RA)** Approved the amendment to the *Board Policies and Bylaws*–Retention and Payment of Outside Counsel for Educational Building Corporations, as follows:

**1102.03 RETENTION AND PAYMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL – EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATIONS**

- A. **Request for Outside Counsel - Educational Building Corporations.** A request for outside counsel to assist and advise educational building corporations should be submitted by a University in the same manner as provided in Section 1102.01. If outside counsel is intended to serve as bond counsel for the issuance of bonds, the proposed maximum fee payable to bond counsel must be disclosed at the time the request is made.
- B. **Payment of Outside Counsel - Educational Building Corporations.** Payment of fees to outside counsel relating to bond issues must be specifically approved by the Attorney General and the IHL Board of Trustees prior to disbursement. Payment of other fees to outside counsel may be made in accordance with Section 1102.02.

6. **(RA) Information item.** Accepted the following amendment to the *Board Policies and Bylaws* for a first reading–Section 301.0702, to authorize the Commissioner to apply for and receive grants on behalf of the Board.

**301.0702 DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER**

- A. To serve as system executive officer of the university system and to perform such services assigned by the Board as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the Board was established, namely the management and control of the several state institutions of higher learning and other like bodies presently existing and any which may be hereafter created by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi.
- B. To maintain an office for the Board and be responsible for efficient functioning of the Board’s staff.
- C. To conduct constant inquiry and studies into the problems of higher education.

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- D. To survey and study carefully the organization, management, and all other affairs of each institution under the control of the trustees, and report all findings to the Board.
- E. To recommend such changes as will increase efficiency and economy in the operation of each institution.
- F. To compile and distribute to responsible officials copies of the laws, rules, and regulations for the governance of the state institutions of higher learning.
- G. To employ such other personnel as may be required from time to time to carry out the functions of the Board and may assign to the personnel so employed such functions and duties and may delegate to other personnel such powers as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the Board was established.
- H. To make those financial decisions that are commensurate with the efficient management of the Board office and in support of the activities of the various institutions.
- I. **The Commissioner is authorized to apply for and receive grants on behalf of the Board. The Commissioner is further authorized to execute any and all documents relating thereto on behalf of the Board. Applications for grants and awards of grants shall be reported to the Board.**
- J. The Commissioner is authorized to conduct the day-to-day administrative affairs of the Board and staff of the Board.

**FINANCE/FINANCIAL AID/FOREIGN TRAVEL**

Presented by Mr. Jim Rhodes

Assistant Commissioner of Finance and Administration

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as submitted in the following report on Finance/Financial Aid/Foreign Travel. **REGULAR AGENDA** items were approved on separate motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3 WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**

**University of Mississippi**

- 1. **(RA)** Approved escalation to the Intercollegiate Athletic Budget due to Music City Bowl revenues, as follows:

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Object of Expenditure	Current Budget 2000-2001	Budget Revision #1	Revised Budget 2000-2001
Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$6,063,509	\$218,000	\$6,281,509
Travel & Subsistence	\$2,702,951	\$211,400	\$2,914,351
Contractual Services	\$7,689,776	\$91,700	\$7,781,476
Commodities	\$1,599,585	\$116,000	\$1,715,585
Merchandise for Resale	\$97,523	\$0	\$97,523
Capital Outlay:			
Other than Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$350,202	\$65,000	\$415,202
Subsidies, Loans & Grants (Transfers)	\$3,089,144	\$90,000	\$3,179,144
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$21,592,690</u></b>	<b><u>\$792,100</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,384,790</u></b>

2. **(RA)** Approved escalation to the Auxiliary Enterprises Budget funded from additional auxiliary revenues, as follows:

Object of Expenditure	Current Budget 2000-2001	Budget Revision #1	Revised Budget 2000-2001
Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$6,383,222	(\$20,000)	\$6,363,222
Travel & Subsistence	\$106,406	\$0	\$106,406
Contractual Services	\$6,016,991	(\$54,409)	\$5,962,582
Commodities	\$1,862,302	\$108,000	\$1,970,302
Merchandise for Resale	\$3,007,170	\$35,409	\$3,042,579
Capital Outlay:			
Other than Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$873,172	(\$69,000)	\$804,172
Subsidies, Loans & Grants (Transfers)	\$2,016,127	\$450,000	\$2,465,127
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$20,264,390</u></b>	<b><u>\$450,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,714,390</u></b>

**System Administration**

3. **(UC)** Request approval of the proposed revisions to the contract and note, addendum, rules and regulations and application documents for the Nursing Education Loan/Scholarship Program (NELS) and for the Nursing Teacher Stipend Program (NTSP) whereby the “full-time” and “part-time” status of NESL and NTSP recipients will be determined and certified by the Dean or Department Chair of the Nursing Program in which the individual student/recipient is enrolled. **(THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.)**
4. **(CA)** Approved the following report on Foreign Travel:

**Mississippi State University**

Amburgey, Terry L.  
Barnes, Hoyt Michael

Hilo, Hawaii  
Hilo, Hawaii

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Berry, John T.	Birmingham, England
Berryhill, George (Student)	Penang, Malaysia
Bridges, Susan	Ottawa, Canada
Eddington, David	Malaga, Spain
Engelland, Brian T.	Grenoble, France
Jackson, Donald C.	Penang, Malaysia
Jamil, Hasan	Montreal, Canada; Sydney, Australia; and Auckland, New Zealand
Kanter, Dwight G.	San Juan, Rio Piedras, Lajas, Puerto Rico
Lanford, Leland S.	San Juan, Rio Piedras, Lajas, Puerto Rico
LeJeune, B. J.	Honolulu, Hawaii
Meloche, Christa R.	San Salvador Island, Bahamas
Miller, Vivien	Humblebaek, Denmark
Morales, Arturo	Puebla, Mexico
Neelamegam, Jothi P. (Student)	Ottawa, Canada
Nicholas, Darrel D.	Nara, Japan
Panuska, Bruce C.	San Salvador Island, Bahamas
Piercy, Rodney B.	Lipari, Italy
Ritchie, Liesel A.	Banff, Alberta, Canada
Roberts, Adam K.	Humacao, Puerto Rico
Sanders, Michael G.	Hilo, Hawaii
Vaughn, Rayford B.	Ottawa, Canada
Wang, Changlu	Beijing, Guangzhou and Changsha, China
Willeford, Kenneth O.	Upsala, Sweden
Wills, Gene D.	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Zhu, Jianping	Montreal, Canada

**Mississippi University for Women**

Moore, Barbara	Toronto, Canada
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**University of Mississippi**

Bass, Henry	s'Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands
Byrnes, Brett	Australia and New Zealand
Cassidy, Judith	Palermo, Italy
Dussias, Paola E.	Bristol, England
Elam, Rick	Vancouver, Canada
Ferguson, Robert Jason	Waldorf, Germany
Foran, Christy	Plymouth, England
Gates, Kathryn F.	Waldorf, Germany
Hale, Emmette F.	New Castle, United Kingdom

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Harrington, Mary	New Castle, United Kingdom
Huggett, Duane (Student)	Plymouth, England
Husni, Samir	Stockholm, Sweden
Khan, Ikhlas	Cairo, Egypt
Mullen, Christopher	Cape Town, South Africa
Peterson, Bethany	Plymouth, England
Raspet, Richard	s'Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands
Slaton, William (Student)	s'Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands
Sparks, Larry	New Castle, United Kingdom
Thurlow, Richard B.	Waldorf, Germany
Urgo, Joseph	Leon, Spain
Vinson, Michael C.	Toronto, Canada
Walker, Larry A.	Cairo, Egypt
Wang, Sam S. Y.	Cairo, Egypt
Watt, Jeffery R.	Modena and Rome, Italy
Willett, Kristine	Plymouth, England
Zarzeski, Marilyn	Athens, Greece and Palermo, Italy

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Badr, Ahmed	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Doddato, Theresa M.	Chengdu, China and Copenhagen, Denmark
Esposito, Domenic P.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Geissler, William B.	Paris, France and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Halaris, Angelos	Iguassu Falls, Brazil
Hall, John E.	Taipei, Taiwan
Harisdangkul, Valee	Barcelona, Spain
Ho, I. K.	Taipei, Taiwan
Kendig, Ronald J.	Cancun, Mexico
Lineaweaver, William	Ludwigshafen, Germany and Timisoara, Romania
Lohmeier, Thomas E.	Sydney, Australia
Parent, Andrew D.	Toronto, Canada
Patel, Ramesh B.	Los Ranos, Philippines
Peirce, Anne G.	Copenhagen, Denmark
Rajkowska, Grayzna	Whistler, British Colombia, Canada
Ross, Ian B.	Toronto, Canada
Sewell, Patrick E.	Eclinborough, Scotland
Stockmeier, Craig	Whistler, British Colombia, Canada
Taybos, George	Montreal, Quebec Providence, Canada
Waltman, Patricia A.	Sydney, Australia
Williams, Mark D.	Cancun, Mexico

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Zhang, Feng  
Zhang, John

Timisoara, Romania  
Muskoka Sands, Ontario, Canada; Sidney, Australia; and  
Shanghai, China

**University of Southern Mississippi**

Barbor, Kenneth E.  
Faas, Richard W.  
Flanagan, James  
Gillespie, Jeanne  
Huang, Faqing  
Hudson, Tim  
Jensen, Geoffrey  
Mauritz, Kenneth  
Mays, Michael  
Miller, Mark  
Mountz, David  
Palmer, Jesse  
Paprzycki, Marcin  
Unnold, Yvonne  
Weist, Andrew  
Wheeler, Marjorie

United Kingdom  
Puerto Rico  
Ireland  
Spain  
Canada  
Mexico  
Vietnam  
Germany  
Ireland  
Jamaica  
Germany  
Hungary  
Poland  
Mexico  
Vietnam  
United Kingdom

5. **(RA) Information item.** Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2000. A copy of the report is included in the *March 15, 2001 Board Working File*.

**FACILITIES**

Presented by Mr. John Bowman, Assistant Commissioner  
of Construction and Physical Affairs

On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, it was

**RESOLVED**, That the Board hereby approves the **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** items as submitted in the following report on Facilities. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** item #5 was approved on a separate motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting. **CONSENT AGENDA** items were approved on a separate motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Ross, and unanimously passed by those present. **CONSENT AGENDA** item #6 was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded

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by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present. **REGULAR AGENDA** items were approved on a separate motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Mr. Crawford abstaining from item #18. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #30 WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**

**Alcorn State University**

1. (UC) Approved schematic design documents for **GS #105-198, Preplanning Fine Arts Facility-Natchez**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The project will construct a new facility housing art classrooms, exhibit spaces, music rooms, and a 600 seat auditorium. The estimated cost of construction is \$10,000,000. Funds are available for planning in the amount of \$100,000 from H.B. 1675, Laws of 1999.
2. (UC) Approved preplanning documents for **GS #101-197, Business Administration Building-Natchez**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The new facility will contain classrooms, faculty offices, a learning resource center, and seminar spaces. Funds are available in the amount of \$9,500,000 from S.B. 3315, Laws of 2000.

**Delta State University**

3. (CA) Approved contract documents, authorize the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **GS #102-172, Court of Governors Renovation**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The project will allow for mechanical renovations and replacement of bathroom fixtures in two of the buildings in this four building complex. Funds are available from H.B. 1675, Laws of 1999.
4. (CA) Approved contract documents, authorize the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **GS #102-173, Storm Drainage** and **GS #102-176, Water Tower Repair**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The storm drainage project will increase capacity of the existing system to accommodate increased water volume. The water tower repairs will allow the University to maintain water quality standards. Funds are available from H.B. 1675, Laws of 1999.

**Jackson State University**

5. (UC) Approved request to enter into a lease agreement with E-Center Foundation in regard to a 192,600 square foot building, formerly owned by the Allstate Corporation, to house the Mississippi e-Center@JSU. The facility will provide a state of the art center to enhance the University's computer science and information technology programs and also will be used for teaching, teacher training, and attracting technology-based companies.

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6. **(CA)** Approved contract documents and authorize the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **IHL #203-133, Renovation of J. Y. Woodard Building**, contingent upon the University providing adequate documentation. The project provides temporary space for the new School of Engineering. Funds are available in the amount of \$500,000 from University improvement funds.
7. **(CA)** Approved design development documents for **GS #103-194, Mechanical Expansion**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The project provides a new chiller for the North Chilled Water Loop. Funds are available in the amount of \$900,000 from S.B. 3315, Laws of 2000.
8. **(RA)** Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$127,550 to the low bidder, Howell's Nursery and Landscape, Inc., for **GS #103-176, Landscaping Liberal Arts Building**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available in the amount of \$127,350 from S.B. 3120, Laws of 1996. Bids were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
1. Howell's Nursery & Landscape, Inc.	\$127,550	1. (\$ 3,080) 2. (\$ 8,200)
2. P & F Construction Co.	\$128,000	1. (\$ 4,200) 2. (\$ 5,100)
3. Baton Rouge Turf & Landscape, Inc.	\$128,298	1. (\$ 4,020) 2. (\$ 9,150)
4. Stewart Environmental Const. Co.	\$130,930	1. (\$ 2,975) 2. (\$10,250)
5. Thompson Tree & Spraying Serv. Inc.	\$143,500	1. (\$ 6,000) 2. (\$ 7,000)
6. Pinehaven Nursery & Garden Center Inc.	\$147,522	1. (\$ 5,170) 2. (\$ 9,224)
7. Bounds Construction Co.	\$149,150	1. (\$ 3,900) 2. (\$ 6,500)
8. Barry Landscape	\$149,608	1. (\$ 6,600) 2. (\$ 9,355)
9. Heritage Nursery & Landscape, Inc.	\$179,999	1. (\$ 2,000) 2. (\$ 4,700)

9. **(RA)** Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$134,180 to the low bidder, Benchmark Construction Company, for **GS #103-191, Dalton Street Gatehouse Project**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available in the amount of \$134,180 from S.B. 3120, Laws of 1996. Bids were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
1. H & T Construction Co., Inc.	\$100,105	1. (\$29,892) 2. (\$ 1,028)
2. Benchmark Construction Co.	\$134,180	1. (\$43,800) 2. (\$ 2,125)

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3. Wilkinson Construction Co.	\$141,536	1. (\$56,224) 2. (\$ 5,470)
4. Bulldog Construction Co., Inc.	\$142,000	1. (\$73,000) 2. (\$ 1,500)
5. Bounds Construction	\$145,000	1. (\$41,000) 2. (\$ 950)
6. Pinnacle Construction, LLC	\$158,000	1. (\$65,000) 2. (\$ 2,000)
7. Coleman Hammonds Construction	\$173,000	1. (\$52,000) 2. (\$ 850)

**Mississippi State University**

10. (UC) Approved the sale of a 2.974 acre parcel of property on Barr Avenue to the Mississippi State University Foundation for the agreed upon sale price of \$192,500. The parcel was appraised at \$185,000 and at \$200,000.
11. (UC) Approved the resolution designating W. Daniel Bryant as agent for the University for the purpose of obtaining and administering certain federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 and to file them with the Governor's Authorized Representative. A copy of the resolution is included in the *March 15, 2001 Board Working File*.
12. (CA) Approved construction documents and authorize the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **IHL #205-189, Renovation of Cresswell and Hathorn Halls**. The scope of the renovation includes ADA accessibility improvements; new electrical, plumbing, and air conditioning. New communications systems will be added as well as energy, lighting, and security improvements. Funds are available from MSU EBC bonds in the amount of \$6,850,000.
13. (CA) Approved purchase of equipment from Marconi Communications as a sole source for the upgrade and expansion of the ATM/Ethernet Network. The cost of the purchase is \$330,063.58. Funds are available from the MSU Department of Information Technology Services Educational and General Accounts.
14. (CA) Approved design development documents for **GS# 113-079, Gulf Coast Research and Extension Building**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The project provides an extension building which will house meeting rooms and offices for the Extension program. Funds are available in the amount of \$750,000 from H.B. 1843, Laws of 1997, and in the amount of \$300,000 from S.B. 3254, Laws of 1998, for a total budget of \$3.75 million.

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15. (CA) Approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$96,000 and twenty-two (22) days to the contract time for **GS #105-271, Landscape Architecture Building**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The change order necessitates an increase in the budget of \$199,912. Funds are available in the amount of \$3,458,011 from H.B. 1675, Laws of 1999, and in the amount of \$199,912 from S.B. 3254, Laws of 1998, for a total project budget of \$3,657,923.
16. (RA) Approved initiation of **IHL #205-186-E, Davis Wade Stadium: UpperDeck Bleachers**. This project will install 7,200 bleacher seats in the upper deck. Funds are available in the amount of \$302,000 from MSU EBC bonds.
17. (RA) Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$126,146 to the low bidder, Mandal's, Inc., for **GS #105-276, Bowen Hall–Emergency Roofing**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available from H.B. 1675, Laws of 1999. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid
1. Mandal's, Inc.	\$126,146
2. Daniel's Roofing Company	\$199,557
3. Graham Roofing, Inc.	\$205,616

18. (RA) Approved request to accept ownership of the historic Grand Opera House and the Marks-Rothenberg Building in downtown Meridian upon transfer from the current owners, The Grand Opera House of Mississippi, Inc., and to designate a proposed performing arts, education and conference center in the Marks-Rothenberg Building as the downtown campus of the MSU Meridian Campus upon successful completion of funding. MSU will serve as facilitator of a community-based project to secure local, state, federal, and private funds to restore and renovate these historic buildings and create an education and conference center to encourage economic development and revitalization of the downtown area. MSU will formally accept the facilities with total support for renovation coming from external sources and an endowment of \$5 million for program operation.
19. (RA) Approved request to dedicate and convey to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., an easement for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining communication facilities and services through University property.

**Mississippi University for Women**

20. (CA) Approved Change Order #2 for **Puckett House Renovation, GS #104-126**, in the amount of \$8,180.91 with no change to the contract time and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings.

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The change will provide additional shoring under the front porch, install new window sashes, replace rotten wood window sills, remove and replace wood flooring and install a new arch window. Funds are available in the amount of \$550,000 from S.B. 3254, Laws of 1998.

**Mississippi Valley State University**

21. **(RA)** Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$203,700 to the lowest bidder, Ralph McKnight & Son, for the Greek Pavilion. The project constructs a pavilion for use by campus fraternities. Funds are available from Federal Funds through the Empowerment Zone.

**University of Mississippi**

22. **(UC)** Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$909,300 (base bid and Alternates #3, #4, and #5) to the low bidder, Panola Construction, Inc., for **IHL #207-200, Old Chemistry Renovation**. Funds are available from a private donation. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternates
1. Panola Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,188,000	1. (\$ 69,000) 2. (\$ 30,000) 3. (\$134,700) 4. (\$134,700) 5. (\$ 9,300)
2. Seiler Building Corporation	\$1,307,000	1. (\$ 78,100) 2. (\$ 21,500) 3. (\$185,000) 4. (\$157,700) 5. (\$ 13,700)
3. Hooker Construction, Inc.	\$1,313,000	1. (\$ 87,000) 2. (\$ 15,000) 3. (\$153,000) 4. (\$147,000) 5. (\$ 90,000)
4. Pryor & Frazier Construction, Inc.	\$1,381,000	1. (\$ 63,000) 2. (\$ 21,000) 3. (\$146,000) 4. (\$135,000) 5. (\$ 3,000)
5. Mast Construction, Inc.	\$1,569,000	1. (\$ 85,000) 2. (\$ 22,000) 3. (\$182,000) 4. (\$187,000) 5. (\$ 18,000)

23. **(RA)** Approved initiation of **IHL #207-202, Renovations to ZTA House** for Family and Consumer Sciences and approval of the selection of Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, P.A., as

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project design professionals. The project will renovate approximately 12,806 square feet of space to be used by the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Funds are available in the amount of \$850,000 from University generated funds.

24. **(RA)** Approved initiation of **IHL #207-201, Physical Plant Office Building** to be constructed on the west side of campus in the proximity of the new physical plant shops. Funds are available in the amount of \$878,250 from University sources.

**University of Mississippi Medical Center**

25. **(CA)** Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$77,590 to the low bidder, Wilkinson Construction, for **IHL #209-426, Corridor Ceiling Replacement**. The project will replace asbestos ceiling tiles. Funds are available from Hospital Allocation Patient revenues.
26. **(CA)** Approved Change Order #2 for **Cooling Tower Screen Wall, IHL #209-413**, in the amount of \$671 with an increase in contract time of thirty-four (34) days. The change will provide labor and material to form, pour, and finish approximately six feet of concrete curb. Funds are available from the Medical Center EBC.
27. **(CA)** Approved Change Order #1 for **Perinatal Courtyard Landscape Design, IHL #209-381 “A”**, in the amount of \$12,300 with an increase of 144 calendar days to the contract time. The change will provide for the addition of a retaining wall and french drains. Funds are available from the Medical Center EBC.
28. **(RA)** Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$1,734,500 (base bid and Alternates #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5) to the low bidder, Fountain Construction Inc., for **IHL #209-433, Orthopedic Renovations Medical Towers Project**. Funds are available from interest income. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternates
1. Roy Anderson Corp.	\$1,223,000	1. \$140,000 2. \$ 21,000 3. \$400,000 4. \$ 40,000 5. \$ 45,000
2. Buckland Corp.	\$1,180,000	1. \$108,000 2. \$ 18,000 3. \$364,000 4. \$ 45,000 5. \$ 42,000

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3. Bounds Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,149,000	1. \$147,000 2. \$ 17,500 3. \$375,000 4. \$ 43,000 5. \$ 47,000
4. Benchmark Construction Corporation	\$1,267,726	1. \$147,898 2. \$ 24,638 3. \$382,835 4. \$ 31,913 5. \$ 42,781
5. Coleman Hammond Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,307,000	1. \$132,000 2. \$ 19,500 3. \$377,000 4. \$ 60,000 5. \$ 48,000
6. C. E. Frazier Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,170,000	1. \$130,500 2. \$ 16,000 3. \$350,000 4. \$ 43,500 5. \$ 40,500
7. Fountain Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,195,000	1. \$140,300 2. \$ 22,300 3. \$279,700 4. \$ 44,800 5. \$ 52,900
8. Harris Constructors Inc.	\$1,125,000	1. \$189,000 2. \$ 24,000 3. \$377,000 4. \$ 44,000 5. \$ 45,000
9. McMillan-Pitts Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,207,000	1. \$114,000 2. \$ 17,000 3. \$380,000 4. \$ 44,000 5. \$ 52,000
10. J. A. Moss Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,147,000	1. \$139,000 2. \$ 18,000 3. \$349,000 4. \$ 52,000 5. \$ 54,000
11. Wilkinson Construction, Inc.	\$1,100,000	1. \$179,749 2. \$ 20,536 3. \$406,488 4. \$ 48,557 5. \$ 54,467

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12. W. H. Soon Construction Co. Inc.	\$1,188,000	1. \$145,900
		2. \$ 24,700
		3. \$368,000
		4. \$ 47,500
		5. \$ 44,500

**University of Southern Mississippi**

- 29. (CA) Approved construction document phase, authorize the advertisement for the receipt of bids, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings for **GS #108-189, Marsh Hall and Mannoni PACHVAC Upgrade**. Funds are available in the amount of \$1,020,000 from H.B. 1675, Laws of 1999.
- 30. (RA) Purchase of property entitled Jordan Apartments located at 3102 Pearl Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, said property containing 0.228 acres more or less and being known as the Jordan Apartments. The average of two appraisals is \$156,500 and the purchase price is \$140,000. Funds are available from the University's Plant Fund. **(THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.)**
- 31. (RA) Approved resolution authorizing the S.M. EBC to undertake the financing of projects on the campuses of the University through the issuance of revenue bonds; approving financial analysis pertaining to the financing of such bond financing; approving the maximum principal amount of \$6,000,000 for such revenue bonds; and approving the following: Salomon Smith Barney, as financial advisor; Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, P.A., as bond counsel; and the underwriter to be supplied later. A copy of the resolution is included in the *March 15, 2001, Board Working File*.

**System Administration**

- 32. (UC) Approved request to award oil, gas and mineral lease to Waller Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$5,110.13 (\$37.50 per net mineral acre) on certain properties located in Monroe County, MS.

**BOARD DINNER**

Mr. Carl Nicholson thanked Dr. Ronald Mason, President of Jackson State University, and his faculty and staff for hosting the March 15, 2001 Board dinner.

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**PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL**

Presented by Dr. Horace Fleming, Secretary

In the absence of Chairman Bristow, the meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by Horace Fleming. Chairman Bristow was hosting an accrediting team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools at Alcorn State University.

1. Dr. William McHenry briefed the Presidents' Council on the Mississippi Adult Workers as Lifelong Learners, and a report is being finalized for submission to the Academic Council in April.
2. The Council went into Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. No action was taken.
3. Commissioner Layzell briefed the Presidents' Council on the agenda for this month's Board meeting.
4. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS**

1. Dr. Layzell thanked all of the people who sent cards, flowers, and expressions of sympathy and goodwill towards himself and Joan during the last two or three weeks.
2. Mr. Crawford thanked Dr. Clyda Rent, President of Mississippi University for Women, for the presentation of the University's mission statement at the March 14, 2001, Planning, Budget & Financial Affairs Committee.
3. Dr. Ronald Mason, President of Jackson State University, announced that a reception for the Legislature is being held at 5:30 today located at the Holiday Inn on Highway 80.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. On March 5, 2001 Mr. Nicholson sent a memo regarding the appointment of members to the Procurement Issues Committee and the Capital Improvements Committee. Those appointments are as follows:

<u>Procurement Issues</u>	<u>Capital Improvements</u>
Dr. Magee, Chair	Mr. Klumb, Chair
Mr. Colbert	Ms. Garrett
Dr. Neely	Mr. Griffis
Ms. Whitten	Mr. Ross
2. Dr. Charles Lee, Vice President for Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine of Mississippi State University, gave an update on the collaborative effort between Alcorn State University and The University of Southern Mississippi concerning the Gulf Coast Research and Extension Building.

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3. Dr. Clinton Bristow, President of Alcorn State University, announced that there will be a dedication ceremony on March 29 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in Raymond, MS for the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center.
4. Mr. Ross initiated a discussion of the NCAA and the Confederate Flag issue. On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to endorse a change in the flag.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning, Budget & Financial Affairs Committee  
Wednesday, March 14, 2001**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Crawford, Chair. The following item was discussed:

1. **MUW Mission**

Dr. Clyda Rent presented Mississippi University for Women's mission statement for information purposes.

**No action was taken.**

The following Committee members were present: Mr. Crawford (Chair), Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Ross. Mr. Colbert, Mr. Griffis, and Ms. Whitten were absent.

**Academic Affairs Committee  
Thursday, March 15, 2001**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Colbert, Chair. The following item was discussed:

1. **Quality Assurance Policy**

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the Quality Assurance Policy amended as follows:

~~Since personal motivation is an important determinant of behavior, assistance from the university does not of itself assure improved performance for the principal/assistant principal in his/her current role.~~

**No further action was taken.**

The following Committee members were present: Mr. Colbert (Chair), Mr. Crawford, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten.

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**Building/Facilities Committee**

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The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Klumb, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **Initiation of Projects at MSU and UM**

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the initiation of projects at MSU and UM.

2. **Contract Awards at JSU, MSU, MVSU, UM & UMMC**

On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the award of contracts at JSU, MSU, MVSU, UM, and UMMC.

3. **Ownership of Opera House at MSU**

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Mr. Crawford abstaining, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the request to accept ownership of the Historic Grand Opera House and the Marks-Rothenberg Building in Downtown Meridian.

4. **Easement at MSU**

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve granting of an easement to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

5. **Purchase Apartments at USM**

**THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**

6. **Resolution for USM**

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve a resolution authorizing S. M. EBC to undertake the financing of projects on the campuses of the University through the issuance of its revenue bonds; approving the financial analysis pertaining to such bond financing; approving the maximum principal amount of such revenue bonds; and approving the financial advisor, underwriter and bond counsel for such revenue bonds.

7. **Other Business (UC ITEMS)**

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the following Unanimous Consent agenda items:

**Alcorn State University**

- a. Schematic design documents for GS #101-198, Preplanning Fine Arts Facility in Natchez;
- b. Schematic design documents for GS #101-197, Preplanning Business Administration Building in Natchez;

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- c. Sale of 2.974 acre parcel on Barr Avenue to the Mississippi State University Foundation for \$192,500; and
- d. Resolution Designating W. Daniel Bryant as agent for the University for the purpose of obtaining and administering certain federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 for storm related damage.

**No further action was taken.**

The following Committee members were present: Mr. Klumb (Chair), Mr. Crawford, Mr. Colbert, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten.

**Planning, Budget & Financial Affairs Committee  
Thursday, March 15, 2001**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Crawford, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **UM Budget Escalations**  
On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Klumb, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the budget escalations at UM.
2. **System Plan of Excellence**  
On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the System Plan of Excellence: A Plan and a Process for the Mississippi Public University System, Volume II.
3. **Nursing Education Loan/Scholarship Program and the Nursing Teacher Stipend Program**  
**THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**
4. **NISSAN Scholarships**  
**THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**
5. **Quarterly Financial Reports**  
The Committee received the Quarterly Financial Reports for information purposes.
6. **MUW Audit**  
On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board accept the MUW Independent Audit.
7. **Budget**  
The Committee received an update on the status of ongoing budget discussions at the Capitol.

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8. **Other Business**

Dr. Horace Fleming, President of The University of Southern Mississippi, announced that Dr. Lynda Gilbert, Vice President for Business and Finance, is moving to Texas. Dr. Linda McFall, the Interim Vice President for Business and Finance, was also introduced.

**No further action was taken.**

The following Committee members were present: Mr. Crawford (Chair), Mr. Colbert, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten.

**Legal Committee  
Thursday, March 15, 2001**

The Committee was brought to order by Dr. Magee, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **Employment of Counsel at UM**

On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve employment of the Law Firm of Jones, Tullar & Cooper as patent counsel.

2. **EBC Policy**

On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the amendment to the *Board Policies and Bylaws*—Retention and Payment of Outside Counsel for Educational Building Corporations.

3. **Executive Session**

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee **voted to go into Executive Session**, for the reason later reported by the Chair in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of a settlement at Mississippi State University.

**On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.**

The following report on the Executive Session was given by the Chair:

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On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Ms. Whitten, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the settlement of the case styled *Georgia Smith vs. Mississippi State University*.

**No further action was taken.**

The following Committee members were present: Dr. Magee (Chair), Mr. Crawford, Mr. Colbert, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten.

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The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Nicholson, Chair.

**Executive Session**

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Newton, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Whitten, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee **voted to go into Executive Session**, for the reason later reported by the Chair in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of Jackson State University lease; and  
Discussion of the *Ayers* settlement agreement.

**THE AYERS IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE WAS RECESSED AT  
2:30 P.M. IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THE BOARD MEETING.**

**THE BOARD MEETING CONVENED AT 2:40 P.M. AND CONDUCTED  
BUSINESS AS SET FORTH IN PAGES 1-26, 32, and 33 OF THESE MINUTES.**

**On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present, the BOARD VOTED TO RECESS THE BOARD MEETING AT 3:20 P.M. TO CONTINUE THE AYERS IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE.**

**THE AYERS IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 4:00 P.M.**

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(continued)**

**On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.**

The following report on the Executive Session was given by the Chair:

A motion was made by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Dr. Neely, to recommend that the Board approve the lease between Mississippi E-Center Foundation as lessor and Jackson State University as lessee. **The motion passed on a 10-0 vote, with Mr. Thomas Colbert and Mr. Roy Klumb absent and not voting.** Board members voting for the motion were Mr. William Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Dr. D. E. Magee, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten.

A motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Whitten, to authorize the Board counsel to draft language consistent with the discussion by the Board. Further, when agreement is reached with the private plaintiffs and the United States Department of Justice, the President of the Board is authorized to sign on behalf of the Board. **The motion passed on a 10-0 vote, with Mr. Thomas Colbert and Mr. Roy Klumb absent and not voting.** Board members voting for the motion were Mr. William Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Dr. D. E. Magee, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten.

**No action was taken.**

The following Committee members were present: Mr. Nicholson (Chair), Mr. Crawford, Mr. Colbert, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten.

**ON MOTION BY MR. CRAWFORD, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, WITH MR. COLBERT AND MR. KLUMB ABSENT AND NOT VOTING, THE BOARD VOTED TO RECONVENE THE BOARD MEETING.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting, the Board **voted to go into Executive Session**, for the reason later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

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Discussion of *Ayers* settlement agreement; and  
Discussion of Jackson State University lease agreement with Mississippi E-Center Foundation.

**On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting, the Board voted to return to Open Session.**

The following report on the Executive Session was given by the President:

A motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Ross, to authorize the Board counsel to draft language consistent with the discussion by the Board. Further, when agreement is reached with the private plaintiffs and the United States Department of Justice, the President of the Board is authorized to sign on behalf of the Board. **The motion passed on a 10-0 vote, with Mr. Thomas Colbert and Mr. Roy Klumb absent and not voting.** Board members voting for the motion were Mr. William Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Dr. D. E. Magee, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten.

A motion was made by Dr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Ross, to approve the lease between Mississippi E-Center Foundation as lessor and Jackson State University as lessee. **The motion passed on a 10-0 vote, with Mr. Thomas Colbert and Mr. Roy Klumb absent and not voting.** Board members voting for the motion were Mr. William Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Dr. D. E. Magee, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten.

**No further action was taken.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn.

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