

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
April 18, 2024**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 22, 2023, to each and every member of said Board said date being at least five days prior to this April 18, 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, Dr. Alfred E. McNair, Jr., Mr. Chip Morgan, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Dr. J. Walt Starr. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alfred McNair, President. Trustee Jeanne Luckey introduced Dr. Marcus Thompson, President of Jackson State University, who provided the invocation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- President McNair asked everyone to join him in wishing Trustee Dr. Steven Cunningham happy birthday.
- On behalf of the IHL Board, President McNair welcomed Dr. Tracy Cook to his first board meeting as President of Alcorn State University.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

- President McNair welcomed the following Student Government Association members: President-Elect Kristian Bryant from Alcorn State University; President Haley Elizabeth Rooks from Delta State University; President-Elect Hayden Kirkhart from Delta State University; President Jason Johnson from Jackson State University; President-Elect Caleab Pickens from Jackson State University; President Ellie Herndon from Mississippi State University; President-Elect Carson McFatrige from Mississippi State University; President Cajanique Ollie from Mississippi Valley State University; President Sara Austin Welch from the University of Mississippi; President-Elect Hannah Watts from the University of Mississippi; Vice President-Elect Jack Jones from the University of Mississippi; President Jonathan Jenkins from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg Campus; and President-Elect Braxton Ruddox from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg Campus.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On motion by Trustee Starr, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on March 21, 2024.

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**CONSENT AGENDAS**

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agendas.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the modification of existing academic degree programs as follows:  
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
- 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

2. **MSU** – Approved the modification of existing academic units as follows:

Reorganize and Rename

- 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  
Effective date: May 2024
- 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

3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the degrees to be conferred in Spring 2024 provided each candidate has met all requirements for the degree.

Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
<b>Alcorn State University</b>				
<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		
<i>Graduate</i>				
	Master of Arts in Teaching	3		

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	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		
	<b>Total Undergraduate Degrees</b>		<b>305</b>	
	<b>Total Graduate Degrees</b>		<b>95</b>	
	<b>Total Degrees</b>			<b>400</b>
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<b>Delta State University</b>				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	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		
	<i>Graduate</i>			
	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		
	<b>Total Undergraduate Degrees</b>		<b>265</b>	
	<b>Total Graduate Degrees</b>		<b>115</b>	
	<b>Total Degrees</b>			<b>380</b>

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<b>Jackson State University</b>				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	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		
	<i>Graduate</i>			
	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		
	<b>Total Undergraduate Degrees</b>		<b>519</b>	
	<b>Total Graduate Degrees</b>		<b>298</b>	
	<b>Total Degrees</b>			<b>817</b>

**Mississippi State University**

	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	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		
	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		

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	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		
	<b>Total Undergraduate Degrees</b>		<b>3,113</b>	
	<b>Total Graduate Degrees</b>		<b>637</b>	
	<b>Total Degrees</b>			<b>3,750</b>

**Mississippi University for Women**

*Undergraduate*

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

*Graduate*

Master of Arts	
Master of Arts in Teaching	4
Master of Business Administration	6
Master of Education	3
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**

*Undergraduate*

Bachelor of Arts	53
Bachelor of Science	68
Bachelor of Secondary Education	3
Bachelor of Social Work	7

*Graduate*

Master of Arts	2
Master of Arts in Teaching	9
Master of Business Administration	8

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<b>Institution</b>	<b>Degree to be Conferred</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Master of Science	5		
	Master of Social Work	5		
	<b>Total Undergraduate Degrees</b>		131	
	<b>Total Graduate Degrees</b>		29	
	<b>Total Degrees</b>			160

**University of Mississippi**

*Undergraduate*

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
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

*Graduate*

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

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	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		
	<b>Total Undergraduate Degrees</b>		<b>2,555</b>	
	<b>Total Graduate Degrees</b>		<b>841</b>	
	<b>Total Degrees</b>			<b>3,410</b>
<b>University of Mississippi Medical Center</b>				
	<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		
	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		
	<b>Total Undergraduate Degrees</b>		<b>194</b>	
	<b>Total Graduate Degrees</b>		<b>541</b>	
	<b>Total Degrees</b>			<b>735</b>

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<b>University of Southern Mississippi</b>				
<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		
	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		
	<b>Total Undergraduate Degrees</b>		<b>1,419</b>	
	<b>Total Graduate Degrees</b>		<b>509</b>	
	<b>Total Degrees</b>			<b>1,928</b>
<b>System Total Undergraduate Degrees</b>			<b>8,816</b>	
<b>System Total Graduate Degrees</b>			<b>3,122</b>	
<b>System Total Degrees</b>				<b>11,952</b>

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

**FINANCE**

4. ASU – Approved the request to enter a lease agreement with the Alcorn State University Foundation Development LLC (ASU Foundation) for 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 will construct the improvements at its expense and will assume advertising licensing rights on the scoreboard



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and ribbon boards (subject to University's approval of content and agreements) and retain advertising revenue for the term of the lease. The term of the lease is 5 years (2024-2029) with one additional five-year renewal option subject to IHL Board approval. The lease amount is \$1 per year paid to the University by the ASU Foundation. This is a revenue generating lease agreement. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

5. **UM** – Approved the budget escalations for FY 2024 for Auxiliary Enterprises 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.

**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	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 204,856,558</b>	<b>\$ 6,815,440</b>	<b>\$ 211,671,998</b>

6. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter 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 respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) complicated by pulmonary air leaks who are failing on conventional ventilation. The term of the agreement is eighteen (18) months, from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025. The estimated cost of the agreement is \$370,000. This agreement will be funded by patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
7. **UMMC** – Approved the request 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. 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

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May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2027. 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. This agreement is funded by general funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

**REAL ESTATE**

8. **JSU** – Approved the initiation of GS 103-331B, JOC – University Place Improvements EEF, and the appointment of Engineering Resource Group as the design professional. The project scope will include building improvements such as, but are not limited to, mechanical, structural, and interior/exterior cosmetics as funds permit. The proposed project budget is \$1,750,000. Funds are available from SB 3000, Laws of 2023 – EEF (\$1,750,000.00).
9. **USM** – Approved the initiation of GS 114-033, Executive Education Center, and the appointment of Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A., as the design professional. 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 will create spaces to house USM’s Executive Education Center and related facilities and will also provide corporate training, conferences, seminars, receptions, and other meeting spaces to serve the campus and community. The proposed project budget is \$4,800,000. Funds are available from HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$4,800,000.00).
10. **MSU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 205-357, Hand Chemical Laboratory HVAC Controls Upgrade, and the appointment of Engineering Resource Group as the design professional. This project will replace the HVAC controls in a phased approach to minimize downtime of laboratories in the Hand Chemical Lab and is a time-sensitive project due to the current Hand Lab HVAC controls being obsolete and malfunctioning. The proposed project budget is \$1.5 million. Funds are available from University Designated Funds (\$1,500,000.00).
11. **UM** – Approved the initiation of IHL 207-512, Residential Colleges Apartment Renovations, and the appointment of CDFL Architects + Engineers, P.A. as the design professional. 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. The proposed project budget is \$2,538,025.00. Funds are available from Internal Funding (\$2,538,025.00).
12. **UM** – Approved the initiation of IHL 207-513, South Oxford Center 3rd Floor Psychology Renovation, and the appointment of McCarty Architects, P.A., as the design professional. 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 proposed project budget is \$1,430,000.00. Funds are available from Internal Funding (\$1,430,000.00).

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13. **UMMC** – Approved the initiation of IHL209-587, MIND Center and Geriatric Clinic, and the appointment of Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC as the design professional. This project will renovate the second, third and fourth floors of the UP Belhaven Building located at 1405 North State Street, Jackson, MS. The proposed project budget is \$4 million. Funds are available from MIND Center Centralized MIND & Geriatric Clinic Fund (\$4,000,000).
14. **UMMC** – Approved the initiation of IHL 409-008, Roof Repair and Replacement FY 24, and the appointment of Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A. as the design professional. 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 Wiser Hospital (W) and the low roof of the Adult Hospital. The proposed project budget is \$2,250,000.00. Funds are available from HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$2,250,000).
15. **JSU** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 103-220B, C.F. Moore Plaza Improvements, from \$1,200,000 to \$1,423,158.77 for an increase of \$223,158.77. The Board also approved the request 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. The C.F. Moore Plaza Improvement project, a continuation of the GS103-220 C.F. Moore Building Demolition Project, consists 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. Funds are available from SB 2971, Laws of 2021 (\$1,200,000); and SB 3065, Laws of 2019 (\$223,158.77).
16. **JSU** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 103-295, Electrical Infrastructure Repairs, from \$1,241,806.89 to \$1,636,806.89 for an increase of \$395,000. The Board also approved the request 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. The escalation in the project budget is required in response to emergency storm damage and underground electrical conduit repairs needed because of the June 2023 severe weather event. Funds are available from HB 1649, Laws of 2018 (\$356,806.89); SB 3065, Laws of 2019 (\$880,000.00); and SB 2971 Laws of 2021 (\$400,000.00).
17. **USM** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for IHL 214-024, Gulf Park Language & Speech Therapy Center, from \$7,900,000 to \$12,400,000 for an increase of \$4,500,000; to modify the project scope, to add the USM Foundation as a funding source, and to approve the exterior design. The addition of this funding source will allow for the budget increase. The project comprises the new construction of a two-story facility (approximately 25,250 square feet) on the Gulf Park Campus. Funds are available from 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

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(\$4,500,000). A copy of the rendering is included in the bound *April 18, 2024 Board Working File*.

18. **ASU** – Approved the request to name the Agricultural Extension and Research Complex as the “Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr. Agricultural Extension and Research Center.” 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, Alcorn’s president Dr. Walter Washington, appointed Dr. Harness to lead the planning, designing and construction of the facility.
19. **JSU** – Approved the exterior design of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) Exterior Improvements project. Exterior improvements include the painting of all exterior spaces, installation of new awnings and signage, and the replacement of the main entrance door. A copy of the rendering is included in the bound *April 18, 2024 Board Working File*.
20. **UM** – Approved the exterior design of the IHL 207-502, New Parking Structure. 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. A copy of the rendering is included in the bound *April 18, 2024 Board Working File*.
21. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a Bargain Sale Agreement (Purchase Contract) for improved real property contiguous to the University in Oxford, MS owned by Diane T. Scruggs and Richard F. Scruggs, Co-Trustees of the Diane T. Scruggs Living Trust. The property includes an executive-style, single-family home and 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. 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. A Phase I Environmental assessment was completed, and no recognized environmental conditions were identified. A lead paint 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. The University received two independent appraisals. The first for \$17,655,000 and the second for \$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. 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. The University will fund the purchase price with Internal R&R funds, without external financing terms. Upon the execution of the purchase contract and a successful closing, the Board approved the request to name the home located on this real property “The Scruggs Home at Ole Miss” in recognition of the

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generous in-kind contribution by the seller to the University. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

22. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a purchase-sale agreement for the sale of +/- 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. 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. The University received two independent appraisals. The first appraisal was \$260,000 and the second appraisal was \$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. The Seller (State of Mississippi through the Department of Finance and Administration) 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. A Phase I Environmental assessment is not required for the sale of property. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

**LEGAL**

23. **ASU** – Approved the request to enter 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 approval by the Office of the Attorney General.

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Schedule of Legal Fees for Academia

<b>Nonimmigrant Petitions and Processes</b>	
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
 <b>Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Faculty</b>	
Special Handling labor certification	\$3000
(If position must be readvertised)	\$2500
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-\$2500
Immigrant petition (I-140)	\$2500
 <b>Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty</b>	
Labor certification	\$6000
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-\$2500
Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment	\$3000
Immigrant petition	\$2500
 <b>Permanent Residence Process: Extraordinary Ability/Outstanding Professors and Researchers and National Interest Waiver</b>	
Immigrant petition	\$8000
EA, OP/OR, or NIW RFE or NOID: case by case determination up to	\$2500
 <b>Adjustment of Status (any Employment-Based Permanent Residence Matter)</b>	
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
 <b>Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal</b>	
Employment Authorization Renewal per individual	\$ 750
Advance Parole Renewal per individual	\$ 750

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**Marriage Based Permanent Residence**

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

**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

24. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter 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.
25. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter 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

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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.

26. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter 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 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.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

27. **Sabbatical**

**University for Southern Mississippi**

- 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



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- 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

**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

28. ASU – Approved the request to bestow one honorary degree at its May 11, 2024 commencement ceremonies. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.

**REGULAR AGENDAS**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Presented by Trustee Hal Parker, Chair

Trustee Gee Ogletree pulled Items 1a and 1b from the agenda for consideration at a later date. On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Cummings, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1c as submitted on the Academic Affairs Agenda. On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Martin, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Starr, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3.

1. **SYSTEM** – 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  
**(THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.)**
  - 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  
**(THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.)**
  - c. **MUW** – Approved the request to add the following new academic unit:  
Proposed unit title: The Women’s College at Mississippi University for Women  
Unit location: Academic Affairs  
Effective date: February 2024

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2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to add the following new institutes/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
  - 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
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to add the following new academic degree programs:
  - a. **ASU** – STEM Master of Business Administration (MBA)  
CIP code: 52.1301  
Total credit hours: 30  
Effective date: August 2024
  - b. **MSU** – Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Cybersecurity  
CIP code: 15.1212  
Total credit hours: 120  
Effective date: August 2024
  - c. **MSU** – Master of Applied Data Science (MADS)  
CIP code: 30.7001  
Total credit hours: 30  
Effective date: August 2024
  - 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
  - e. **MSU** – Master of Science in Engineering (MSEng)  
CIP code: 14.0101  
Total credit hours: 30 to 33  
Effective date: August 2024
  - f. **UM** – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Political Science  
CIP code: 45.1001  
Total credit hours: 120  
Effective date: July 2024
  - g. **UM** – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Psychology  
CIP code: 42.0101  
Total credit hours: 120  
Effective date: August 2024

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**FINANCE AGENDA**

Presented by Trustee Tom Duff, Chair

On motion by Trustee Duff, seconded by Trustee Rader, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #1 and #2 as submitted on the Finance Agenda. Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on items #3 - #5 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 Mr. Duff, seconded by Dr. Starr, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #3 - #5. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #3 - #5 on the Finance Regular Agenda. Trustee Martin recused himself from discussing or voting on item #6 on the Finance Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. After Trustee Martin left the room, on motion by Mr. Duff, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee Martin absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #6. Trustee Martin returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #6 on the Finance Regular Agenda.

1. **USM** – Approved the request for 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 net present value savings must equal or exceed 3% of the refunded bonds to pursue the refunding transaction. The maximum par amount for combined funding is \$70,000,000:
  - New Money, max par is \$35,000,000 -
    - Reed Green Coliseum (IHL #208-301)
  - Refunding, max par is \$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).

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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. The Board also approved the following documents: IHL Amending Resolution, Ground Lease, Lease Agreement, Preliminary Official Statement, and Continuing Disclosure Agreement. The following are the professionals: Financial Advisor – Hilltop Securities; Bond Counsel – Butler Snow LLP; and Underwriters – Raymond James & Associates, Inc., and Wells Fargo Bank National Association. 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. The funding source is various Athletic revenues, sales and hotel tax revenues and rental revenues from the residence halls. 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. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with Ellucian to replace the existing Student Information System. The current system will reach its end of life in December 2027 and a replacement needs to be in place ahead of this date. 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. The contract amount is \$38,370,125 for licenses and implementation, plus additional consulting costs not to exceed \$432,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$38,802,125. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services, the Board also approved the request to allow prepayment of installment payments. Funds are available from Internal R&R Funds (implementation) and E&G Funds (licensing). 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.
3. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter 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 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). The term of the agreement is five (5) years, from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2029. 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. This agreement will be funded by patient revenue. 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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4. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to enter an agreement for strategic procurement assessment with NIGP Consulting, powered by Periscope Holdings, Inc. for Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi University for Women, and Mississippi Valley State University. The assessment will address the effectiveness of each of the institution’s procurement functions, to include Procurement Policy and Process Review, Customer Service Level Review, and Procurement Organizational and Staff Analysis. The term of the agreement is May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. The estimated cost of Strategic Procurement Assessment for five institutions is \$294,000 plus travel estimated at \$4,500 per university location. The Board approved a cost up to \$350,000. 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. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
5. **UMMC** – Approved the request to amend the new Pharmacy Distribution Services Agreement with Morris and Dickson Co., LLC (M&D) to extend the term and to add or remove delivery locations under the agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available. 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. The total estimated cost over the five (5) year and six (6) month term remains unchanged at \$800,000,000. The agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
6. **SYSTEM** – Approved the student health insurance policy with UnitedHealthcare Student Resources for use by the system. The contract will 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 maintaining health insurance coverage that meets Affordable Care Act and visa requirements. The policy terms may vary from university to university 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. 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. 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. Legal Staff has reviewed the

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proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

**REAL ESTATE 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 leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. After Trustee Ogletree left the room, on motion by Trustee Morgan, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Real Estate Agenda. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #1 on the Real Estate Regular Agenda.

1. **UM** – Approved the initiation of a fourth phase energy savings performance contract (ESPC) project with Trane U.S. Inc. to upgrade and replace house lighting at the Gertrude Ford Center for the Performing Arts. 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 construction period will be 180 days from the execution date of the contract, with a subsequent guaranteed energy savings performance period of 20 years. The total contract amount is \$349,335. The following items are also noted: 1) 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. 2) Upon contract execution, an initial payment in the amount of \$44,673 is due to cover applicable engineering, drafting, mobilization, and other preconstruction expenses, to include the full cost of the required Mississippi Material Purchase Certificate. Funds are available from Internal R&R Funds. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

**LEGAL AGENDA**

Presented by Trustee Gee Ogletree, Chair

On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to move item #1 to the Executive Session Agenda.

1. **UMMC** – Settlement of Tort Claim Number 3561. **(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION.)**

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**INFORMATION AGENDAS**

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

1. **UM** – Intent to offer an existing degree program by distance learning:  
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

**FINANCE**

3. **SYSTEM** – 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. 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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**REAL ESTATE**

4. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the March 21, 2024 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. **(See Exhibit 1.)**

**LEGAL**

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

**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

6. **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: Dr. Tyrone Jackson, President of Mississippi Delta Community College and Delta State alumnus

*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: Dr. Tyrone Jackson, President of Mississippi Delta Community College and Delta State alumnus

**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

*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

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**University of Mississippi**

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 11, 2024  
Location: The Grove  
Speaker: Wright Thompson, Award-Winning Senior Writer for ESPN and Author of Two Bestselling Books

**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, M

7. **SYSTEM** – The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for review at the Board Office.
  - a. **MSU** – On 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.

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- 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 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.

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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hal Parker at approximately 2:00 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. The Committee discussed the Academic Affairs items on the April Board meeting agenda.

**No action was taken.**

2. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Starr, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, McNair, Morgan, and Rader absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Mr. Hal Parker (Chair), Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Tom Duff (via Zoom), Ms. Jeanne Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Gee Ogletree, and Dr. Walt Starr. Dr. Ormella Cummings, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Dr. Alfred McNair, Mr. Chip Morgan, and Mr. Gregg Rader were absent.

**HEALTH AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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

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

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

Discussion of prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital.

Discussions of prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital including the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands and the location, relocation or expansion of a medical service.

**During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed:**

The Committee discussed the prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital.

**No action was taken.**

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The Committee discussed the prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital including the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands and the location, relocation or expansion of a medical service. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee Cummings, Duff, Morgan, and Parker absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to open session.

3. On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustee Cummings, Duff, Morgan, and Parker absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Dr. Steven Cunningham (Chair), Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Ms. Jeanne Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Dr. Alfred McNair, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Dr. Walt Starr. Dr. Ormella Cummings, Mr. Tom Duff, Mr. Chip Morgan, and Mr. Hal Parker were absent.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Commissioner Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr. welcomed Dr. Crystal Cook, the new First lady of Alcorn State University.
- President McNair announced the next Board meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2024.
- President McNair invited the university presidents to report on current activities on their campuses.
- President McNair passed the gavel to President-Elect Bruce Martin who will begin his term on May 8, 2024. Trustee Martin presented President McNair with a plaque commemorating his year of service as Board President.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Trustee Starr, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Duff, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Morgan and Rader absent and not voting, 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 and receipt of privileged legal advice regarding the settlement of litigation pending against the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**During Executive Session, the following matter was discussed and voted upon:**

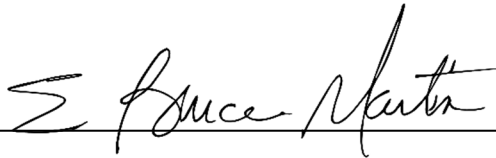
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On motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Cummings, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the settlement of IHL Tort Claim No. 3561 styled as *The Estate of Korey Griffin, with Rozena Griffin, mother of decedent, acting on behalf of the Estate vs. UMMC, et al.*, as recommended by counsel.

**On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, 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 Cunningham, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



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President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



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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 March 21, 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 MARCH 21, 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.**

## **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.

Total Project Budget: \$2,031,900.00



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## JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

### 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

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

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## 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.

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

## MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

## 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.

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

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

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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.

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

## 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

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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 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

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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.

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

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**

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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.

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.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 87.00**

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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 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**

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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**