

# Board Book

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MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE  
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

# Board Meeting Outline

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

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Health Affairs Committee | June 19, 2024, 3:00p | IHL Board Room  
**IHL Board Meeting** | June 20, 2024, 9:00a | IHL Board Room

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
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**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 22, 2023, to each and every member of said Board said date being at least five days prior to this May 16, 2024 meeting. At the above-named place the following members were present to wit: Dr. Ormella Cummings, Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Ms. Jeanne Carter Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Mr. Don Clark, Jr. was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bruce Martin, President. Trustee Ormella Cummings introduced Donald C. Simmons, Jr., Ph.D., Director, Pastoral Care & Chair, Medical Ethics, at North Mississippi Health Services who provided the invocation.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

- On behalf of the IHL Board, President Martin welcomed three new IHL trustees for their first meeting: Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. The fourth trustee, Mr. Don Clark, Jr., was unable to participate.
- President Martin also welcomed the following Student Government Association members: President Carson McFatridge from Mississippi State University and President Hannah Watts from the University of Mississippi.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on April 18, 2024.

**CONSENT AGENDAS**

On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agendas.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

1. **UM** – Approved a modification to an existing academic unit as follows:  
Reorganizing  
Unit: Department of Health, Exercise Science and Recreation Management  
Effective date: July 2024



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**FINANCE**

2. **MSU** – Approved the request to escalate the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) FY24 Education and General budget to address the financial impact of larger class sizes, and increased clinical caseloads and patient visits which significantly increased expenses. Increased tuition of \$1,700,000 and increased hospital income of \$1,600,000 will provide the source of revenue for additional expenses.

Mississippi State University - College of Veterinary Medicine General Budget Revisions by Major Object			
Category	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Revised Budget
Salaries	\$ 31,966,696.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 32,416,696.00
Wages	-	-	
Fringe Benefits	8,054,713.00	\$ 157,500.00	\$ 8,212,213.00
<b>Total Salaries, Wages, and Fringe B</b>	<b>40,021,409.00</b>	<b>607,500.00</b>	<b>40,628,909.00</b>
Travel and Subsistence	184,975.00	-	184,975.00
Contractual Services	4,860,999.00	\$ 1,132,250.00	5,993,249.00
Commodities	4,596,359.00	\$ 1,210,250.00	5,806,609.00
Capital Outlay			
Non-Equipment	161,286.00		161,286.00
Equipment	1,242,936.00	\$ 350,000.00	1,592,936.00
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>1,404,222.00</b>	<b>350,000.00</b>	<b>1,754,222.00</b>
Mandatory Transfers			
Debt Service	-	-	-
Matching	-	-	-
Other	934,603.00	-	934,603.00
<b>Total Mandatory Transfers</b>	<b>934,603.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>934,603.00</b>
Non-Mandatory Transfers			
Auxiliary Support	-	-	-
Building Projects	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total Non-Mandatory Transfers</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Increase in Fund Balance	-	-	-
<b>Total Uses of Funding</b>	<b>\$ 52,002,567.00</b>	<b>3,300,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,302,567.00</b>

3. **UM** – Approved the request to enter into a Professional Services Agreement and subsequent Statement of Work with Huron to implement the Workday Human Capital Management (HCM), Payroll, Financials (FIN), and Adaptive Planning, which will replace the current SAP software in use. The current SAP platform will reach its end of life in December, 2027 and should be replaced ahead of this date. The term of the Agreement begins June 1, 2024, and the term of the Statement of Work is June 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028. This will include all phases of work. The Professional Services Agreement does not have a contract amount. The contract amount for the Statement of Work (effective June 01, 2024) is \$20,785,000 for implementation and managed services with up to \$2,400,000 for Additional Services. The total not to exceed amount for this agreement is \$23,185,000. The agreement will be funded by Internal R&R Funds (implementation and additional services). Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
4. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Pricing and Rebate Agreement with W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. (Gore) for the purchase of endoprosthesis and vascular stent products. These products are for the treatment of complex arterial and vascular stenosis in adult and

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pediatric patients. The Board also approved the request to allow the institution to add or remove products covered by the agreement without requiring prior submission for Board approval, so long as there is adequate funding remaining. The term of the agreement is two (2) years, from June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2026. The total estimated cost over the two (2) year term is \$10,575,000. UMMC has included funds for a projected twenty percent (20%) annual growth in volume. This agreement will be funded by hospital 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.

**REAL ESTATE**

5. **MVSU** – Approved the initiation of GS 106-265, Campus Roofing (Lackey Re-Roof) and the appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner PLLC, as the design professional. The project will replace and/or repair the roof of the Lackey recreation building and provide a more weather tight roofing system. This project will also remediate any damages inside the building due to water infiltration. The estimated project budget is \$1.250 million. Funds are available from SB 3000, Laws of 2023 (\$1,250,000.00).
6. **UM** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for IHL 207-490, Research Laboratory Facilities Masterplan and Design, from \$300,000 to \$1,250,000 for an increase of \$950,000. The need for research laboratory facilities on campus for multiple schools has grown significantly in the recent past. Funds are available from University Internal Funds (\$1,250,000).
7. **UM** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for IHL 407-011, UM Early Learning and Evaluation Center, from \$1,000,000 to \$32,775,000 for an increase of \$31,775,000. The Board also approved the request to add internal university funds and federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education as funding sources. The project consists of the development of a comprehensive 54,000 GSF state-of-the-art early learning and evaluation center where clinical and educational services are integrated for all children ages birth to 6 years old. The new center will be constructed at the south side of the University’s South Oxford Center and utilize existing spaces within the SOC to serve additional needs for the center. Funds are available from SB 3002, Laws of 2022 (\$10,000,000); University Internal Funds (\$21,415,000); and US Department of Education Award #S215K230087 (\$1,360,000). The funding source has been certified by the University as in accordance with guidelines set forth of said funds for this project.
8. **MSU** – Approved the request to demolish and delete from inventory Buildings # 1198 (Residence), #1247 (Warehouse), #1268 (Storage), and #1271 (Storage) in Starkville, MS. Building #1198 is a residence that was constructed in 1902 and is in Oktibbeha County. Buildings #1247, #1268, and #1271 were all built in the early 80’s and are storage buildings. All the buildings are in poor condition and are not cost-effective to repair. The approval letter has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History stating Buildings #1198, #1247, #1268, and #1271 are not eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities.

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9. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a sublease (the “Sublease”) between Saint Anthony Club of Mississippi, Inc. (“Sublandlord”) and Pi Kappa Phi Alpha Lambda Housing Corporation (“Subtenant”) for the use of premises, currently leased to the Sublandlord by the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi (“IHL”), for a fraternity residential facility chapter house affiliated with the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity (“Pi Kapp premises”) from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. Sublandlord currently has a sublease for the premises leased to Pi Kappa Alpha (“Pi Kappa Alpha premises”) through June 30, 2027, because the Pi Kappa Alpha premises provides more space for its members. The Sublandlord will sublease the Pi Kapp premises to Subtenant since Sublandlord intends to occupy the Pi Kappa Alpha premises during the term of the Sublease. The Subtenant currently has a sublease for the Pi Kapp premises through July 31, 2024. This would be the second sublease between the Sublandlord and Subtenant. The sublease would be for 307 Fraternity Row on the University of Mississippi campus in Oxford. The term will commence on August 1, 2024, and end on July 31, 2025. The basic rent would be twelve (12) equal payment of \$13,750 per month. There is a security deposit in the amount of \$20,000. The total sublease amount is \$165,000. 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.
10. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a lease agreement with West Oxford Gallery, LLC to provide dedicated individual and collaborative workspaces to be utilized for The University of Mississippi’s Project Encompass. The leased space consists of 6,475 square feet located at 2653 West Oxford Loop in Oxford, Mississippi. The lease will be for 48 months, commencing on June 1, 2024, and ending at 12:00 midnight on May 31, 2028. The lease provides the option to extend for one (1) renewal year commencing at the expiration of the original term. The lease is for \$19.78 per square foot (\$128,076) annually to be paid in four (4) installments in June of each year. The total amount of the 48-month lease will be \$512,304. The one-year renewal option would be for \$19.78 per square foot (\$128,076) annually. Funds are available from Internal R&R. 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.
11. **USM** – Approved the request to purchase real property and improvements located at 506 N. 36th Avenue, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, from the Estate of Jean Dansby Tabor. The University received two independent property appraisals in the amount of \$125,000 and \$130,000, respectively. The purchase price is \$127,500 which is the average of the two appraisals. The subject property is a 0.27-acre parcel, or lot 2 of block 3 in the Southern Heights subdivision in Hattiesburg, MS. A +/-1,326 SF residence is located on the property. The purchase contract is between the University as Buyer, and the Estate of Jean Dansby Tabor as Seller, to acquire the real property and improvements. A Phase I Environmental Report was completed by the university. No recognized environmental conditions were identified. A copy of the property description and all legal documentation are on file with the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities. 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.

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**LEGAL**

12. **MSU** – Granted retroactive approval to enter into a contract with the law firm of Conley Rose, P.C. to perform services necessary in assisting the University with various intellectual property matters, specifically in the area of patents, analysis of intellectual property, prosecution of patent applications, trademark registration applications, copyright registration applications, preparing and negotiating agreements and other related intellectual property and commercialization issues. At its April 2024 meeting, the IHL Board granted approval for MSU to enter into a contract for legal services with Conley Rose effective May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2026. In preparing for the April Board meeting, it was discovered that the University’s previous contract with Conley Rose expired on April 30, 2023, and a renewal had mistakenly not been sought. Accordingly, MSU and Conley Rose did not have a contract in place from May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Inasmuch as Conley Rose continued to perform requested services for MSU during this period, the Board granted retroactive approval of a contract for the period during which there was no active contract. The hourly rates are unchanged from the previous year’s contract at \$290 for attorneys and \$175 for paralegal services, as are the flat-fee rates for provisional filings (not to exceed \$5,000 per filing) and non-provisional filings (not to exceed \$15,000 per filing). The maximum amount payable was unchanged at \$75,000. This firm, at all times relative to this contract, carried professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$5 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$5 million. This retroactive contract has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
13. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a contract with the law firm of Phelps Dunbar, LLP to perform services necessary in the practice areas of employment law, commercial law and real estate law. The term of the contract is two years beginning June 15, 2024 through June 14, 2026. The hourly rates are \$285 for attorneys and \$105 for paralegal services with a maximum amount payable of \$150,000 over the two year term of the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance in the amount of \$10 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$20 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

14. **Change of Status**

**Mississippi State University**

Robert Leslie Potts, Jr., *from* Interim Vice President for Finance & Administration (CFO); salary of \$270,000.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Vice President for Finance & Administration (CFO); salary of \$315,000.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective May 1, 2024

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**REGULAR AGENDAS**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Presented by Trustee Hal Parker, Chair

On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Academic Affairs Agenda. On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Stephenson, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4.

1. **STATE** – Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §37-129-1, based on the evaluation of annual reports documenting compliance with the state nursing accreditation standards, the Board approved the accreditation of the Mississippi Nursing Degree Programs as indicated below.

SCHOOL OF NURSING	PROGRAM TYPE	ACCREDITATION STATUS
Alcorn State University	ASN BSN MSN DNP	<b>Continuing Accreditation With Conditions<sup>1</sup></b> <b>Continuing Accreditation With Conditions<sup>2</sup></b> <b>Continuing Accreditation With Conditions<sup>3</sup></b> Continuing Accreditation
Belhaven University	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
Blue Mountain Christian University	BSN	Initial Accreditation (Approved August 18, 2022)
Coahoma Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	ADN	<b>Continuing Accreditation With Conditions<sup>4</sup></b>
Delta State University	BSN MSN DNP	Continuing Accreditation Continuing Accreditation Continuing Accreditation
East Central Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
East Mississippi Community College	ADN	<b>Continuing Accreditation With Conditions<sup>5</sup></b>
Hinds Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Holmes Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Itawamba Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Jones County Junior College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Meridian Community College	ADN	<b>Continuing Accreditation With Conditions<sup>6</sup></b>
Mississippi College	BSN MSN	Continuing Accreditation Full Accreditation
Mississippi Delta Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Mississippi University for Women	ASN BSN MSN DNP	Continuing Accreditation Continuing Accreditation Continuing Accreditation Continuing Accreditation
Northeast Mississippi Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Northwest Mississippi Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Pearl River Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation

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Southwest Mississippi Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
University of Mississippi Medical Center	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
	MSN	Continuing Accreditation
	DNP	Continuing Accreditation
University of Southern Mississippi	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
	DNP	Continuing Accreditation
William Carey University	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
	MSN	Continuing Accreditation

<sup>1</sup>**Alcorn State University**

- **REASON:** ADN Program non-compliant with IHL Standard IV. Curriculum 2. State Specific Requirement. a. Undergraduate student-to-faculty ratios must be: 1. No more than 15 to 1 for total enrollment.
- **CONDITION:** must satisfactorily address the area(s) of concern/deficiency through the development of a performance improvement plan by 06/30/2024.

<sup>2</sup>**Alcorn State University**

- **REASON:** BSN Program non-compliant with ACEN Standard 5 Outcomes, Criterion 5.1. There is lack of evidence that faculty analyze assessment data to improve end-of-program student learning outcome achievement.
- **CONDITION:** Follow-Up Report must be submitted by July 15, 2025 to ACEN.

<sup>3</sup>**Alcorn State University**

- **REASON:** MSN Program non-compliant with IHL Standard V. Outcomes. 2. State Specific Requirement. c. Certification Pass Rates: 1. Annual nurse practitioner certification exam pass rates for all test takers (1<sup>st</sup> and repeat) will be 80 percent or above over a three-year period.
- **CONDITION:** must satisfactorily address the area(s) of concern/deficiency through the development of a performance improvement plan by 06/30/2024.
- **REASON:** MSN/ Post-Masters Certificate Program non-compliant with ACEN Standard 6. Outcomes, Criterion 6.2. There is lack of evidence that the expected level of achievement for first-time test-takers during the same 12-month period on the certification examination has been met.
- **CONDITION:** Follow-up Report with onsite visit Fall 2024 (September 24-25, 2024).

<sup>4</sup>**Copiah Lincoln Community College**

- **REASON:** ADN program is non-compliant with IHL Standard II. Faculty and Staff. 2. State Specific Requirement. f. All full-time nursing faculty must implement an annual professional development plan, which includes ten (10) contact hours of continuing education each academic year. Part-time and adjunct faculty must satisfy the professional development requirements in accordance with their designated FTE.
- **CONDITION:** must satisfactorily address the area(s) of concern/deficiency through the development of a performance improvement plan by 06/30/2024.

<sup>5</sup>**East Mississippi Community College**

- **REASON:** ADN Program non-compliant with IHL Standard V. Outcomes. 2. State Specific Requirement. b. Degree Completion Rates: Expected levels of achievement for program completion are determined by the faculty and reflect program demographics, academic progression, program history, best practices, and will be within 150 percent of the stated program length over a three-year period.
- **CONDITION:** must satisfactorily address the area(s) of concern/deficiency through the development of a performance improvement plan by 06/30/2024.

<sup>6</sup>**Meridian Community College**

- **REASON:** ADN Program non-compliant with IHL Standard V. Outcomes. 2. State Specific Requirement. b. Degree Completion Rates: Expected levels of achievement for program completion are determined by the faculty and reflect program demographics, academic progression, program history, best practices, and will be within 150 percent of the stated program length over a three-year period.

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- **CONDITION:** must satisfactorily address the area(s) of concern/deficiency through the development of a performance improvement plan by 06/30/2024.
2. **MSU** – Approved the request to add the following new academic units.
    - a. 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
    - b. 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
  3. **MSU** – Approved the request to add the following new academic degree program.  
Bachelor of Science (BS) in Artificial Intelligence  
CIP code: 11.1002  
Total credit hours: 120  
Effective date: August 2024
  4. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy Section 600 Student Affairs and Admissions for first reading. (**See Exhibit 1.**)

**FINANCE AGENDA**

Presented by Trustee Jeanne Luckey, Vice President

Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on items #1 - #3 on the Finance Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. After Trustee Ogletree left the room, on motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Parker, with Trustees Clark and Ogletree absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #1 - #2 as submitted on the Finance Agenda. Trustee Martin recused himself from discussing or voting on item #3 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 and with Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustees Clark, Martin, and Ogletree absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #1 - 3 on the Finance Regular Agenda. Trustee Martin Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #3 on the Finance Regular Agenda. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #5. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #6. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by

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Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #7.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to purchase cyber liability and incident response insurance coverage with Lloyds of London – Beazley Syndicate (Beazley). The purpose of the contract is to protect the IHL system from cyber liability risks and response costs through transferring some of that risk to an insurer. The breach response coverage also provides expert assistance and access to a network of contractors with pre-negotiated rates. The contract is a one-year insurance policy beginning May 26, 2024, and terminating May 26, 2025. The cost will be approximately \$520,162.50 for the one-year policy. The IHL Self-Insured Tort Plan pays the premium and allocates an appropriate premium share to each insured participant. The share for each participant, other than UMMC, is built into the annual assessment of the Tort Plan, and the Tort Plan invoices UMMC for its share. 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.
2. **UMMC** – Approved the request to amend the Participation Agreement with Cardinal Health 110, LLC and Cardinal Health 112, LLC (collectively, Cardinal) to extend the term of the agreement. The agreement is for pharmaceutical distribution services in support of UMMC Specialty Pharmacy’s 340b contract pharmacy business. The amended term of the agreement is ten (10) years, from June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2029. The original term of the agreement was five (5) years, beginning June 1, 2019. The amendment will extend the term by five (5) years. The total estimated cost over the amended term is \$57,900,000. The estimated cost of the original agreement was \$22,889,220. UMMC anticipates the need for an additional \$35,000,780 for the remainder of the term. Wholesale distribution costs are based upon a markup established between the provider and the distributor. Markups, in the wholesale pharmaceutical industry, means the percentage of available discounts a provider can achieve based upon the provider’s purchase volume of pharmaceuticals products. The more a provider spends on pharmaceuticals, in total, the greater the percentage discount or markup the provider will receive. The estimated cost of this agreement is dependent upon several variable factors, which include but are not limited to UMMC’s average monthly purchase volume, increase in the number of contract pharmacy locations, drug availability, variance in the cost of manufacturing, manufacturer restrictions and number of emergency deliveries incurred for reach location. Costs incurred under this drug wholesaler agreement will be directly tied to revenues at the individual script level, and only those claims which result in positive net revenue back to UMMC after drug costs and all fees will be processed. The agreement will be funded directly through revenues generated by the contract pharmacy business. 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.
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to renew the property insurance coverage with Affiliated FM Insurance Company (AFM). Additionally, the wind and flood coverage for the gulf coast (referred to as a Difference in Conditions or “DIC” policy) includes a number of markets which share the risk. The purpose of the contract is to insure the system’s properties in the most cost effective manner while meeting each university’s individual coverage needs. This will be a one-year insurance policy running from May 31, 2024, to



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May 31, 2025. The AFM premium is approximately \$11,090,053 for 2024-2025. Premium amounts may increase or decrease through the term of the policy as universities add or decrease their insured values. The DIC coverage will be approximately \$2,750,000 although our broker continues to negotiate for a lesser amount between this submission and the board meeting. Together, the approximate premiums total \$13,840,053. Should the insuring structure change between submission of this item and board approval, this submission will be edited or replaced with a new item to clarify such substantive changes. Each university and the Board Office pays its respective share of the premium which is billed and paid directly between the insurance company and the insured. If this structure changes, this item will be edited or replaced to clarify any substantive changes. 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.

4. **SYSTEM** – Approved the overview of the FY 2025 appropriations from the Legislature and the final allocation of Education & General Support appropriations to the eight universities along with Legislative earmarks, subsidiary programs, agricultural units, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center. **(See Composite Exhibit 2.)**
5. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed increases in resident and non-resident tuition rates at all institutions, except Delta State University, and the proposed resident and non-resident tuition rates for certain professional schools at Alcorn State University, the University of Mississippi, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and the University of Southern Mississippi effective FY 2025. As defined by Board Policy 702 Tuition, Fees, and Other Student Charges, tuition can include student activity fees, capital improvement fees, and technology fees. **(See Composite Exhibit 3.)** The Board approved the proposed increases in room rates for Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi Valley State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi, effective FY 2025. **(See Exhibit 4.)** The Board approved the proposed increases to board rates for all institutions, except Jackson State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi, effective FY 2025. **(See Exhibit 5.)** The Board waived the requirement of a thirty-day review of the tuition, room, and board rates as required by Board Policy 702.04 Approval Process, subsection C Consideration of Requests.
6. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request that any FY 2025 salary increases should be based on one or more of the following: 1) meritorious performance, 2) market or equity adjustments, and 3) faculty/staff promotions. Salary increase decisions may be made at the discretion of the Commissioner (for the Executive Office) or the Institutional Executive Officer (for the campuses). These salary guidelines will apply to all Executive Office and university employees regardless of funding source or types of increases awarded.
7. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with Workday to replace the existing financial and human resources/payroll systems. The current SAP platform will reach its end of life in December 2027, and needs to be replaced ahead of this date. The Agreement will become effective following Board approval and signatures of both parties, with the software subscriptions beginning May 31, 2024, and ending on May 30, 2034. The contract amount for the software subscription is \$18,089,778 and \$155,000 for training. The total not to exceed amount for this agreement is \$18,244,778. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03,

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Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board approved the request to allow the institution to prepay for the purchase of training credits. Funds are available from E&G Funds (licensing and software subscription). 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.

**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA**

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Administration/Policy Agenda.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the following committee appointments by President Bruce Martin, in accordance with Board Policy 301.03 Board Committees.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Academic Affairs Committee – Jeanne Luckey, Chair  
Audit Committee – Teresa Hubbard, Chair  
Finance Committee – Hal Parker, Chair  
Health Affairs Committee – Dr. Steven Cunningham, Chair  
Legal Committee – Gee Ogletree, Chair  
Real Estate Committee – Gregg Rader, Chair

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

**Ayers Endowment Management**

1. Gregg Rader, Chair
2. Bruce Martin, Board President
3. Dr. Alfred Rankins, Commissioner
4. Dr. Tracy Cook, ASU President
5. Dr. Marcus Thompson, JSU President
6. Dr. Jerryl Briggs, MVSU President
7. Jeanne Luckey, Trustee
8. Teresa Hubbard, Trustee

**Diversity**

1. Dr. Ormella Cummings, Co-Chair
2. Dr. Steven Cunningham, Co-Chair
3. Jeanne Luckey

Note: The President is an Ex-Officio member of all committees. All trustees are members of the standing committees.

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**INFORMATION AGENDAS**

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

1. **SYSTEM** – Intent to offer certificate programs as follows:
  - a. JSU - Certificate program title: Public Health  
Responsible academic unit: Department of Health Policy and Management  
Level: post-baccalaureate  
Total credit hours: 18  
CIP code: 51.2201  
Effective date: May 2024
  - b. MSU - Certificate program title: Teach Mississippi  
Responsible academic unit: College of Education  
Level: post-baccalaureate  
Total credit hours: 12  
CIP code: 13.1205  
Effective date: May 2024
  - c. MSU - Certificate program title: Aquatic Animal Health  
Responsible academic unit: College of Veterinary Medicine  
Level: post-baccalaureate  
Total credit hours: 15  
CIP code: 51.2599  
Effective date: August 2024

**FINANCE**

2. **UMMC** – The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS), as contracting agent for UMMC, entered Order Forms to the agreement with Workday, Inc. On December 1, 2023, ITS as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Order Form 00417761.0 under the current Master Subscription Agreement with Workday, Inc. (Workday). Order Form 00417761.0 is for the annual Deployment Tenants. On January 12, 2024, ITS as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered four (4) Order Forms under the Master Subscription Agreement with Workday as follows:
  - Order Form 00423933.0 Amendment 1 is to reduce the Annual Expansion Rate per Additional FSE Worker Per SKU.
  - Order Form 00423605.0 is to increase the number of Permitted FSE Workers.
  - Order Form 00415015.0 is for the Help and Extend subscriptions.
  - Order Form 421301 is for Professional Consulting services.On February 14, 2024, ITS as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Order Form 431592.0 under the current Master Subscription Agreement with Workday. Order Form 431592.0 is for Training Credits. The term of each Order Forms is as follows:
  - Order form 00417761.0 is one (1) year beginning December 13, 2023, and ending December 12, 2024.
  - The term of Order Form 00423933.0 Amendment 1 to Order Form 00349778.0 is not revised and is in effect beginning January 12, 2024, and ending January 18, 2028.

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- The term of Order Form 00423605.0 is four (4) years beginning January 19, 2024 and ending January 18, 2028.
- The term of Order Form 00415015.0 is four (4) years beginning January 19, 2024, and ending January 18, 2028.
- The term of Order Form 421301 is for one (1) year, beginning January 12, 2024, and ending January 14, 2025.
- The term of Order Form 431592.0 is for one (1) year, beginning February 14, 2024, and ending February 13, 2025.

The total cost of the Master Subscription Agreement is \$27,015,294.60. The cost for each Order Form is as follows:

- Order form 00417761.0 is \$114,000.00.
- Order Form 423933.0 does not have a cost associated with it.
- Order Form 00423605.0 is \$12,607.00.
- Order Form 00415015.0 is \$1,645,391.00.
- Order Form 421301 is \$4,320.00.
- Order Form 431592 is \$36,210.00

**REAL ESTATE**

3. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the April 18, 2024 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. (See **Exhibit 6.**)

**LEGAL**

4. **SYSTEM** – The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. (See **Exhibit 7.**)

**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

5. **SYSTEM** – The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for review at the Board Office.
  - a. **MSU** – On April 16, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Aramark Educational Services, LLC to lease Perry Hall cafeteria and adjacent property, specifically described in Exhibit A to the Lease Agreement, and pursuant to the Food Services Management Agreement between the parties dated April 20, 2023. Aramark will make improvements to the property to benefit the University’s dining facilities. The term of the lease will begin the first date of entry for construction of the project and continue until completion and acceptance of improvements in accordance with the approved design documents. All such improvements made to and on the property shall revert back to and become the property of 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.

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- b. **MSU** – On April 22, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Access and Maintenance Easement Agreement between Mississippi State University (grantor) and the City of Starkville, Mississippi (grantee) to allow the City to construct and maintain a new interchange at the intersection of Old Mayhew Road and East Lee Boulevard adjacent to the MSU campus. The City will be responsible for all construction, maintenance, and repairs in the easement area. 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.
- c. **MSU** – On April 26, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved a Rent Agreement between Mississippi State University and BCR Investments, LLC for a 40' x 24' storage unit located at 1085 Stark Road in Starkville, MS to house research equipment and materials while not in use by the MSU Geosystems Research Institute. The term of the agreement is one year, effective May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025, at a cost of \$8,700 payable in quarterly installments of \$2,175 each. There is an option to extend the agreement for two one-year terms by mutual agreement of the parties. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- d. **MSU** – On April 17, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved the request for Mississippi State University to advertise and receive bids for the harvest of timber and to award contracts to the highest bidder who satisfies all additional bid requirements (Timber Sale 24-01 MF02012). This sale area is approximately 42 acres consisting of mainly pine sawtimber. The sale will be a final harvest sale sold for a lump sum to the highest bidder. The sale area is located on the Costal Plain Research Station located in Section 21, Township 6N, Range 12E, Newton County, MS. All timber must be cut and removed by December 31, 2025. The estimated timber volume is 4,373 tons. The Office of the Attorney General has reviewed the timber sales request and found the same to be in compliance with applicable law. It is compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.
- e. **MSU** – On April 22, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Boutwell Rental, LLC for approximately 3,832 square feet of space located at 6068 US Highway 49 in Hattiesburg, MS to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is 12 months effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025, at a total cost of \$54,000 payable in monthly installments of \$4,500 each due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and

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Service Contracts and 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- f. **MSU** – On April 22, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Litchfield Windriver, LLC for approximately 2,660 square feet of space located at 409 Briarwood Drive in Jackson, MS to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is 24 months effective May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2026, at a total cost of \$71,808 payable in monthly installments of \$2,992 each due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- g. **MSU** – On April 22, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Faulkner Inn, LLC for approximately 2,700 square feet of space located at 204 Cleveland Street in New Albany, MS to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is 24 months effective May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2026, at a total cost of \$62,400 payable in monthly installments of \$2,600 each due on the first of each month. There is an option to extend the lease for one additional year at the same monthly rate by agreement of all parties. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- h. **UM** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets that do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implementation and subsequently reported subsequently to the Board of Trustees. On April 12, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the revisions to the Mississippi Law Research Institute Budget, the Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute Budget, the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences Budget, the Mississippi Center for Supercomputing Research Budget, the Center for Manufacturing Excellence Budget, and the State Court Education Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2024. The Executive Office financial staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. These budget revisions contain no increases in total budget but rather reallocations among individual expense categories. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.
- i. **UM** – In accordance with Board Policy 1107 Enactment of Traffic Rules and Regulations, “the Board hereby delegates to the Commissioner of Higher Education the power to approve and authorize the enactment of such university traffic rules

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and regulations, which shall include university parking and traffic fines and fees, on behalf of the Board.” On April 16, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Parking and Traffic Rules and Regulations for 2024-2025. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs has reviewed and approved the documents.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

- President Martin announced the next Board meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2024.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, May 15, 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 May Board meeting agenda. **No action was taken.**
2. On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Clark and Cummings 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 (via Zoom), Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Ms. Jeanne Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Mr. Don Clark, Jr. and Dr. Ormella Cummings were absent.

**HEALTH AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, May 15, 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 and the quarterly clinical quality update. **No action was taken.**
2. Executive Session  
On motion by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustees Clark and Cummings 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 Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Heidelberg, with Trustees Clark and Cummings absent and

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not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reason reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

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

**During Executive Session, the following matter was discussed:**

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

On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustees Clark, Cummings, Cunningham, 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 Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustees Clark, Cummings, Cunningham, 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) (via Zoom), Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Ms. Jeanne Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Mr. Don Clark, Jr. and Dr. Ormella Cummings were absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Griffith, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Clark, Parker, and Rader absent and not voting, all Trustees 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 two Alcorn State University items consisting of a discussion regarding the job performance of a person holding a specific position at Alcorn State University.

Discussion of one Mississippi University for Women item consisting of a discussion regarding the job performance of a person holding a specific position at Mississippi University for Women.

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

Discussion of two University of Mississippi items consisting of a discussion regarding the job performance of a person holding a specific position at the University of Mississippi.

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

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



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On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Heidelberg, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the request for Dr. Tracy Cook, President of Alcorn State University, to continue to serve as a trustee/board member for Copiah-Lincoln Community College and to continue his contract with the Natchez-Adams School District serving as a board advisor and mentor to the leadership team.

On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following: That Mrs. Nora Miller, President of the Mississippi University for Women, be given a new four-year employment contract. The contract shall contain the same terms and clauses found in Mrs. Miller's current employment contract with the following exceptions. The contract shall have a start date of July 1, 2024, and an ending date of June 30, 2028. The contract will include a state salary of \$300,000 per year and a Mississippi University for Women Foundation salary supplement of \$5,000 per year, each to be paid pro rata. The dates of the standard multi-year clause shall be adjusted accordingly. The contract will contain the standard Institutional Executive Officer clause requiring cooperation in any NCAA investigation.

On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following:

1. That Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University, be given a new four-year employment contract. The contract shall contain the same terms and clauses found in Dr. Keenum's current employment contract with the following exceptions. The contract shall have a start date of July 1, 2024, and an ending date of June 30, 2028. The contract will include a state salary of \$500,000 per year and a Mississippi State University Foundation salary supplement of \$450,000 per year, each to be paid pro rata. The dates and salary of the standard multi-year clause shall be adjusted accordingly. In light of the Board's desire to retain Dr. Keenum as President of Mississippi State University, the contract will include a retention provision which, in keeping with the terms of the Retention Pay clause in Dr. Keenum's current contract, provides that if Dr. Keenum remains employed as President through the conclusion of June 30, 2025, Dr. Keenum is to be then paid a retention payment, such amount to be determined by the Mississippi State University Foundation, up to a maximum amount of \$800,000, and that retention payment will be provided in full by the Mississippi State University Foundation to Mississippi State University, and then to Dr. Keenum after June 30, 2025. And, that if Dr. Keenum remains employed as President through the ending date of his new four-year contract (through June 30, 2028), Dr. Keenum is to be then paid an additional retention payment, such amount to be determined by the Mississippi State University Foundation, up to a maximum amount of \$600,000, and that retention payment will be provided in full by the Mississippi State University Foundation to Mississippi State University, and then to Dr. Keenum after June 30, 2028. Mississippi State University shall be required to report to the Board of Trustees the full amount of all retention payments paid to Dr. Keenum within 30 days of any such payment being made to Dr. Keenum.

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2. That Dr. Glenn Boyce, Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, be given a new four-year employment contract. The contract shall contain the same terms and clauses as found in Dr. Boyce's current employment contract with the following exceptions. The contract shall have a start date of July 1, 2024, and an ending date of June 30, 2028. The contract will include a state salary of \$500,000 per year and a University of Mississippi Foundation salary supplement of \$450,000 per year, each to be paid pro rata. The dates and salary of the standard multi-year clause shall be adjusted accordingly. In light of the Board's desire to retain Dr. Boyce as Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, that such contract will include a retention provision which provides that if Dr. Boyce remains employed as Chancellor through the conclusion of the first two years of his new four-year contract (through June 30, 2026), Dr. Boyce is to be then paid a retention payment, such amount to be determined by the University of Mississippi Foundation, up to a maximum amount of \$400,000, and that retention payment will be provided in full by the University of Mississippi Foundation to the University of Mississippi, and then to Dr. Boyce after June 30, 2026. And, that if Dr. Boyce remains employed as Chancellor through the ending date of his new four-year contract (through June 30, 2028), Dr. Boyce is to be then paid an additional retention payment, such amount to be determined by the University of Mississippi Foundation, up to a maximum amount of \$400,000, and that retention payment will be provided in full by the University of Mississippi Foundation to the University of Mississippi, and then to Dr. Boyce after June 30, 2028. The University of Mississippi shall be required to report to the Board of Trustees the full amount of all retention payments paid to Dr. Boyce within 30 days of any such payment being made to Dr. Boyce.

**On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, 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 Hubbard, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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- Exhibit 1 Proposed amendments to Board Policy Section 600 Student Affairs and Admissions for first reading
- Composite  
Exhibit 2 FY 2025 appropriations and final allocation.
- Composite  
Exhibit 3 Proposed increases in resident and non-resident tuition rates at all institutions, except Delta State University, and the proposed resident and non-resident tuition rates for certain professional schools at Alcorn State University, the University of Mississippi, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and the University of Southern Mississippi effective FY 2025 for final approval.
- Exhibit 4 Proposed increases in room rates for Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi Valley State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi, effective FY 2025 for final approval.
- Exhibit 5 Proposed increases in board rates for all institutions, except Jackson State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi, effective FY 2024 for final approval.
- Exhibit 6 Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the April 18, 2024 Board meeting.
- Exhibit 7 Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.

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

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

### **SECTION 600 - STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ADMISSIONS**

#### **601 ADMISSION STANDARDS**

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

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

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

#### **602 FRESHMAN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS**

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

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

<u>Subject Area</u>		<u>Required<sup>1</sup> Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>		<u>Recommended<sup>2</sup> Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>
English	4	Units must require substantial communications skills (i.e. reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and	4	Units must require substantial communication skills (i.e. reading writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and

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

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<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Required<sup>1</sup> Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>	<u>Recommended<sup>2</sup> Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>
	<p><i>rather than specific hardware and/or software packages should be the focus of the course.</i></p> <p><i>A computer science course emphasizes computational thinking to solve problems. Courses will involve the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their applications, and their impact on society and should include focus on one or more of the following core concepts: computing systems, networks and the internet, data and analysis, algorithms and programming, and impacts of computing. Course equivalent or additional advanced elective may be acceptable for non-Mississippi residents.</i></p>	<p><i>than specific hardware and/or software packages should be the focus of the course.</i></p> <p><i>A computer science course emphasizes computational thinking to solve problems. Courses will involve the study of computers and algorithmic processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their applications, and their impact on society and should include focus on one or more of the following core concepts: computing systems, networks and the internet, data and analysis, algorithms and programming, and impacts of computing. Course equivalent or additional advanced elective may be acceptable for non-Mississippi residents.</i></p>
<b>Pre-High School Units</b>	<p><i>Courses taken prior to high school will be accepted for admission provided the course earns Carnegie credit and the content is the same as the high school course.</i></p>	
<b>Substitutions</b>	<p><i>Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Academic or Career Technical Dual Credit (DC), and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses may be substituted for each requirement in the College Preparatory Curriculum.</i></p>	
<b>Course Acceptance</b>	<p><i>A course may not be used to satisfy more than one requirement.</i></p>	
<b>Total Carnegie Units</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>

<sup>1</sup>High school Carnegie units **required for regular admission** to an IHL institution

<sup>2</sup>Recommended high school Carnegie units to enhance preparedness for college-level work

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

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

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## B. FULL ADMISSION FOR FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATES

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

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

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

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

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(4) ~~All students satisfying the NCAA Division I standards for student athletes who are “full-qualifiers” or “academic redshirts”.~~

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

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

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

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

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

Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

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

- A. **ACADEMIC PLACEMENT RESULTING FROM VARIOUS DEFICIENCIES**  
~~Those Mississippi residents who applied and failed to meet Full Admission Standards along with any Mississippi high school graduate regardless of academic performance may, as a result of review, be admitted to the summer or fall semester. The ACT is not a requirement in this category.~~  
Mississippi residents and graduates of any Mississippi high school who applied and failed to meet Full Admission Standards as a first-time undergraduate may, as a result of review, be admitted. The review shall involve a consideration of high school performance, ACT or SAT scores (if available), placement testing, special interests, and skills as well as other non-cognitive factors. The review shall result in full admission and placement in one of the following categories:



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

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

## 2. Full Admission with Academic Deficiencies

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

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

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

## ~~D. YEAR LONG ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM~~

~~This program is designed to assist those students admitted with academic deficiencies, as well as other volunteer students, with their freshman courses. The Year Long Academic Support Program will consist of classroom, individual, and~~

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~~computer-assisted instruction along with career counseling in a laboratory setting. The Program carries institutional credit.\*~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Full admission will be granted to all transfer students who have completed 30 or more transferrable hours at their previous institutions and have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on college-level coursework as determined by the admitting institution.
2. Full admission will be granted to all transfer students who have completed less than 30 transferrable hours at their previous institutions and meet the following criteria:

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- a) Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on college-level coursework as determined by the admitting institution; and
- b) Meet the requirements for first-time undergraduate admissions outlined in Policy 602 (sections A and B).

Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements for transfer students.

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

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

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

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

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

## F. OTHER FACTORS

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

(BT Minutes, X/2024)

## **603 APPLICANTS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER**

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

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Non-degree seeking students may enroll in a maximum of twelve (12) semester hours during a regular term, six (6) semester hours during a five-week summer term, or equivalent hours for alternate terms as determined by the admitting institution. To transition from non-degree-seeking to degree-seeking status, students must satisfactorily complete twelve (12) hours with a “C” or better average in the general education core. Once admitted to a degree program, a maximum of eighteen (18) semester hours credit earned as a non-degree-seeking student may be applied toward a baccalaureate degree if approved by the dean of the college or school from which the degree is sought.

Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

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

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

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

The following are documentation requirements for specific groups of applicants:

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

All applicants described in this section are subject to the requirements outlined in Policy 602 ~~Freshman Admission Requirements for University System Institutions (sections~~

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~~602.A and 602.B~~). Applicants in this section may validate the College Preparatory Curriculum in an alternate way. Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

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

## B. APPLICANTS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY; INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The following are documentation requirements for specific groups of applicants:

1. Domestic applicants who have not completed high school must submit the following:
  - a. Passing scores on a state approved high school equivalency examination; and
  - b. ACT or SAT scores.
  
2. International applicants who have completed an international high school or attended an international institution of higher learning (including those not accredited by or in candidate status with an accreditation body recognized by an appropriate U.S. Federal Agency) may be admitted in another admissions category or on the basis of the following:
  - a. Transcripts reflecting academic performance or a secondary school leaving form or
  - b. ACT or SAT scores.

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

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

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

## **608 INTERMEDIATE COURSES**

- A. All entering students admitted under Board Policy 602 enrolled at an IHL university with an ACT Mathematics subtest score of 16 or less will be required to take Intermediate Mathematics during their first year of enrollment. At the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, students whose Mathematics subtest score is 17, 18 or 19 may be required to take Intermediate Mathematics. Students with a minimum ACT Mathematics subtest score of 15 who have completed the Mississippi

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Department of Education approved mathematics transitional course with a grade of “80” or higher will not be required to take Intermediate Mathematics and should be enrolled in a college-level mathematics course during their first year of enrollment. Institutions may require ACT/SAT scores, ACCUPLACER, and/or other assessments for placement purposes prior to registration.

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

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

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## 610 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

### D.A. RESIDENCE REQUIRED

~~No student may be admitted to any community/junior college or institution of higher learning as a resident of Mississippi unless his/her residence has been in the State of Mississippi preceding his/her admission. Residence shall be as defined in Sections 37-103-7 and 37-103-13 unless excepted in Miss. Code Ann., §§ 37-103-1 through 37-103-29.~~

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

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

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

Miss. Code Ann., §§37-103-3 and 37-103-5, as amended.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

### B. RESIDENCE OF AN ADULT EVIDENCE OF RESIDENCY

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

Miss. Code Ann., §§37-103-3 and 37-103-5, as amended.

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(BT Minutes, X/2024)

## A.C. RESIDENCE OF A MINOR

~~For purposes of determining of whether a minor pays out of state or in-state tuition for attendance at universities and community and junior colleges, the residence of a person less than 21 years of age is that of the father, the mother or a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court in Mississippi. If a court has granted custody of the minor to one parent, the residence of the minor is that of the parent who was granted custody by the court. If both parents are dead, the residence of the minor is that of the last surviving parent at the time of that parent's death, unless the minor lives with a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court of Mississippi, in which case his/her residence becomes that of the guardian. A minor student who, upon registration at a Mississippi institution of higher learning or community college, presents a transcript demonstrating graduation from a Mississippi secondary school and who has been a secondary school student in Mississippi for not less than the final four years of secondary school attendance shall not be required to pay out-of-state tuition. This policy shall not apply to the residence of a person as it relates to residency for voter registration or voting.~~

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

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

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

## B.D. RESIDENCE OF AN ADULT

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

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-13, as amended.

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



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

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

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-11, as amended.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

## E. RESIDENCY PETITIONS

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

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

## F. LEGAL RESIDENCE OF A MARRIED PERSON

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

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-15, as amended.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

## G. CHILDREN OF FACULTY OR STAFF EMPLOYEES

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

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-9, as amended.

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(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

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

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

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

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

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

# COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 2

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## FY 2025 Education & General Campus Funds - Legislative Line Items

	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Percent</b>
ASU	\$1,830,168	\$1,831,775	\$1,607	0.1%
DSU	1,405,826	1,407,433	1,607	0.1%
JSU	1,285,826	1,287,433	1,607	0.1%
MSU	3,164,549	3,416,821	252,272	8.0%
MUW	205,215	206,822	1,607	0.8%
MVSU	50,826	52,433	1,607	3.2%
UM	2,194,055	2,182,805	-11,250	-0.5%
USM	2,600,826	2,602,433	1,607	0.1%
Other	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	12,737,291	12,987,956	250,665	2.0%



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## FY 2025 Education & General Campus Funds – Unrestricted Lump Sum

	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Percent</b>
ASU	\$23,023,876	\$24,558,214	\$1,534,338	6.7%
DSU	22,876,493	24,401,009	1,524,516	6.7%
JSU	43,530,026	46,430,918	2,900,892	6.7%
MSU	105,594,303	112,631,232	7,036,929	6.7%
MUW	18,319,091	19,539,896	1,220,805	6.7%
MVSU	15,776,170	16,827,512	1,051,342	6.7%
UM	95,362,444	101,717,508	6,355,064	6.7%
USM	91,563,091	97,664,963	6,101,872	6.7%
Other	-	-	-	0.0%
Total	416,045,494	443,771,252	27,725,758	6.7%



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## FY 2025 Education & General Campus Funds – Combined Allocation

	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Percent</b>
ASU	\$24,854,044	\$26,389,989	\$1,535,945	6.2%
DSU	24,282,319	25,808,442	1,526,123	6.3%
JSU	44,815,852	47,718,351	2,902,499	6.5%
MSU	108,758,852	116,048,054	7,289,202	6.7%
MUW	18,524,306	19,746,718	1,222,412	6.6%
MVSU	15,826,996	16,879,945	1,052,949	6.7%
UM	97,556,499	103,900,313	6,343,814	6.5%
USM	94,163,917	100,267,396	6,103,479	6.5%
Other	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	428,782,785	456,759,208	27,976,423	6.5%



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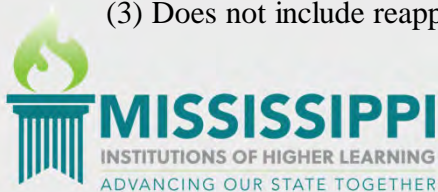
## FY 2025 Separately Budgeted Units

	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Student Financial Aid (1)	\$63,472,256	\$54,952,895	-\$8,519,361	-13.4%
University Medical Center	194,127,865	203,488,031	9,360,166	4.8%
UMMC - ARPA Funds (2)	6,000,000	0	(6,000,000)	-100.0%
UMMC - Capital Expense Funds (3)	3,000,000	100,000	(2,900,000)	-96.7%
Subtotal - UMMC	<u>203,127,865</u>	<u>203,588,031</u>	460,166	0.2%

(1) Overseen by the Postsecondary Financial Assistance Board

(2) Does not include reappropriations of \$55M in FY2024 and \$51,184,151 in FY2025 for School of Nursing and \$6M in FY2025 for Adolescent Psy Prg.

(3) Does not include reappropriation for the Asylum Hill Project: \$2,956,902 in FY 2024 and \$2,292,839 in FY 2025.



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## FY 2025 Agricultural Programs

	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Percent</b>
ASU - Agricultural Units	\$7,271,895	\$8,186,172	\$914,277	12.6%
MSU - Agricultural & Forestry Experiment Station	24,852,439	25,762,751	910,312	3.7%
MSU - Mississippi Cooperative Extension	33,456,867	34,786,601	1,329,734	4.0%
MSU - Forest & Wildlife Research Center	6,478,863	7,679,585	1,200,722	18.5%
MSU - College of Veterinary Medicine	19,988,518	39,409,580	19,421,062	97.2%

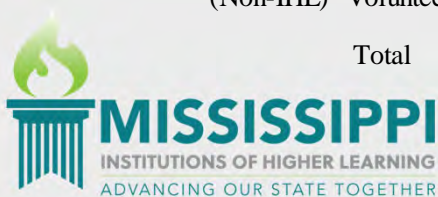


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## FY 2024 Subsidiary Programs

Inst.	Subsidiary	FY 2024	FY 2025	Change	Percent
Board	Executive Office	\$7,731,871	\$8,437,793	\$705,922	9.1%
JSU	Urban Research Center	531,744	546,028	14,284	2.7%
MSU	Advanced Vehicular Studies	4,846,578	4,939,876	93,298	1.9%
MSU	State Chemical Laboratory	3,249,285	1,900,735	-1,348,550	-41.5%
MSU	Water Resources Research Institute	351,676	353,177	1,501	0.4%
MSU	Stennis Institute	770,935	790,415	19,480	2.5%
UM	Law Research Institute	873,574	912,277	38,703	4.4%
UM	Mineral Resources Institute	357,902	374,112	16,210	4.5%
UM	Research Inst. of Pharmaceutical Sciences	3,848,817	5,574,169	1,725,352	44.8%
UM	Supercomputer	649,817	659,556	9,739	1.5%
UM	Small Business Center	316,834	359,281	42,447	13.4%
UM	Center for Manufacturing Excellence	3,212,363	3,260,458	48,095	1.5%
UM	State Court Education Program	2,050,389	2,072,909	22,520	1.1%
USM	Mississippi Polymer Institute	913,091	918,408	5,317	0.6%
USM	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	8,530,157	8,718,715	188,558	2.2%
USM	Stennis Center	357,377	363,616	6,239	1.7%
(Non-IHL)	Volunteer Commission	1,098,413	1,122,734	24,321	2.2%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,690,823</b>	<b>\$41,304,259</b>	<b>\$1,613,436</b>	<b>4.1%</b>





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## FY 2025 Ayers Budgets

	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Alcorn State University	\$0	\$0	\$0	-100.00%
Jackson State University	0	0	\$0	-100.00%
Mississippi Valley State University	0	0	\$0	-100.00%
Total <i>Ayers</i> Programs	0	0	0	-100.00%
Prior Year Reappropriations	2,886,269	0	-2,886,269	-100.0%
Total <i>Ayers</i> Appropriations	2,886,269	0	-2,886,269	-100.00%



# COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 3

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## FY 2025 Resident Tuition Request

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Approved FY 2024</b>	<b>Requested FY 2025</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
ASU	\$ 7,869	\$ 8,105	\$ 236	3.0%
DSU	8,435	8,435	-	0.0%
JSU	8,520	8,690	170	2.0%
MSU	9,665	10,052	387	4.0%
MUW	7,992	8,392	400	5.0%
MVSU	7,274	7,492	218	3.0%
UM	9,252	9,612	360	3.9%
USM	9,508	9,888	380	4.0%
<b>SYSTEM AVERAGE</b>	<b>8,564</b>	<b>8,833</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
UMMC	\$ 9,960	\$ 10,272	\$ 312	3.1%



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## FY 2025 Non-Resident Tuition Request

Institution	Approved FY 2024	Requested FY 2025	Difference	Percent Change
ASU (Does not include International Students)	\$ 7,869	\$ 8,105	\$ 236	3.0%
ASU (International Students)	9,069	9,305	236	2.6%
DSU (Does not include International Students)	8,435	8,435	-	0.0%
DSU (International Students)	9,466	9,466	-	0.0%
JSU	10,520	11,690	1,170	11.1%
MSU	26,430	27,487	1,057	4.0%
MUW	7,992	8,392	400	5.0%
MVSU	7,274	7,492	218	3.0%
UM	26,820	28,440	1,620	6.0%
USM	11,508	11,888	380	3.3%
<b>SYSTEM AVERAGE</b>	<hr/> 12,538	<hr/> 13,070	<hr/> 532	<hr/> 4.2%
UMMC	\$ 29,208	\$ 30,304	\$ 1,096	3.8%



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## FY 2025 Resident Tuition Request – Professional Schools

	Approved FY 2024	Requested FY 2025	Difference	Percent Change
<b>ASU</b>				
Graduate	\$ 8,583	\$ 8,840	\$ 257	3.0%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	8,827	9,092	265	3.0%
<b>MSU</b>				
Veterinary Medicine	29,170	29,170	-	0.0%
Master of Physician Assistant	31,400	31,400	-	0.0%
Master of Science in Nursing (new in FY2025)		39,500		
<b>MUW</b>				
MBA (36 hour program)	8,900	8,900	-	0.0%
RN to BSN (3 semesters: Fall, Spring & Summer)	8,780	8,780	-	0.0%
<b>USM</b>				
Certified Reg. Nurse Anesthesia (3 semesters: Fall, Spring & Summer)	26,770	27,840	1,070	4.0%



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## FY 2025 Resident Tuition Request – Professional Schools (cont.)

### UM-OXFORD

	Approved FY 2024	Requested FY 2025	Difference	Percent Change
School of Law (JD)	\$ 18,310	\$ 19,220	\$ 910	5.0%
Masters of Laws Program Air & Space Law and Online Certificate in Air & Space Law	23,664	24,024	360	1.5%
MBA and PMBA (resident & non-resident)	16,497	17,604	1,107	6.7%
School of Pharmacy: Pre-Pharm, EE1, EE2, & EE3	9,252	9,612	360	3.9%
School of Pharmacy: P1 & P2	26,010	26,370	360	1.4%
School of Pharmacy: P3 & P4	28,002	28,362	360	1.3%
Master of Accountancy Programs	10,764	11,124	360	3.3%
Other Online Degree Programs of Study	514	534	20	3.9%
Online M. Ed & Ed. S. in Educational Leadership	300	312	12	4.0%
Online BBA in General Business	514	401	(114)	-22.1%
M.S. in Dietary Supplements and Medical Cannabis (new in FY2025)		650		



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## FY 2025 Resident Tuition Request – Professional Schools (cont.)

### University of Mississippi Medical Center

	Approved FY 2024	Requested FY 2025	Difference	Percent Change
<i>Undergraduate Program (12 hours/semester)</i>				
SON, SHRP, SOD DH	\$ 9,960	\$ 10,272	\$ 312	3.1%
<i>Graduate (9 hours/semester)</i>				
SON, SHRP, SGSHS, SOPH	9,810	10,116	306	3.1%
<i>Doctorate (13.5 hours/semester)</i>				
SHRP - DHA	17,415	18,361	946	5.4%
<i>Professional</i>				
SHRP - DPT & OTD	22,700	23,500	800	3.5%
SGSHS-AuD <sup>1</sup>	22,700	23,500	800	3.5%
SOM - MD	34,600	35,700	1,100	3.2%
SOD - DMD	34,600	35,700	1,100	3.2%

<sup>1</sup> SGHS-AuD: Doctor of Audiology rate is for three semesters. Year 1 students are charged for 2 semesters at the same rate.  
Year 4 students will be charged hourly.



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## FY 2025 Non-Resident Tuition Request – Professional Schools

	Approved FY 2024	Requested FY 2025	Difference	Percent Change
<b>ASU</b>				
Graduate	\$ 8,583	\$ 8,840	\$ 257	3.0%
Doctor of Nursing Practice	8,827	9,092	265	3.0%
<b>MSU</b>				
Veterinary Medicine	51,464	51,464	-	0.0%
Master of Physician Assistant	56,400	56,400	-	0.0%
Master of Science in Nursing (new in FY2025)		65,654		
<b>MUW</b>				
MBA (36 hour program)	8,900	8,900	-	0.0%
RN to BSN (3 semesters: Fall, Spring & Summer)	8,780	8,780	-	0.0%
<b>USM</b>				
Certified Reg. Nurse Anesthesia (3 semesters: Fall, Spring & Summer)	32,770	33,840	1,070	3.3%



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## FY 2025 Non-Resident Tuition Request – Professional Schools (cont.)

### UM - OXFORD

	Approved FY 2024	Requested FY 2025	Difference	Percent Change
School of Law (JD)	\$ 38,720	\$ 41,500	\$ 2,780	7.2%
Masters of Laws Program Air & Space Law and Online Certificate in Air & Space Law	23,664	24,024	360	1.5%
MBA	37,287	39,402	2,115	5.7%
School of Pharmacy: Pre-Pharm, EE1, EE2, & EE3	26,820	28,440	1,620	6.0%
School of Pharmacy: P1 & P2	53,316	53,676	360	0.7%
School of Pharmacy: P3 & P4	57,444	57,804	360	0.6%
Master of Accountancy Programs	28,332	29,952	1,620	5.7%
Other Online Degree Programs of Study	514	534	20	3.9%
Online M. Ed & Ed. S. in Educational Leadership	300	312	12	4.0%
Online BBA in General Business	514	534	20	3.9%
M.S. in Dietary Supplements and Medical Cannabis (new in FY2025)		650		





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## FY 2025 Non-Resident Tuition Request – Professional Schools (cont.)

### University of Mississippi Medical Center

	Approved FY 2024	Requested FY 2025	Difference	Percent Change
<i>Undergraduate Program (12 hours/semester)</i>				
SON, SHRP, SOD DH	29,208	30,304	1,096	3.8%
<i>Graduate (9 hours/semester)</i>				
SON, SHRP, SGSHS, SOPH	28,776	29,872	1,096	3.8%
<i>Doctorate (13.5 hours/semester)</i>				
SHRP - DHA	46,535	46,926	391	0.8%
<i>Professional</i>				
SHRP - DPT & OTD	34,724	35,993	1,269	3.7%
SGSHS-AuD <sup>1</sup>	34,724	35,993	1,269	3.7%
SOM - MD	81,284	83,953	2,669	3.3%
SOD - DMD	81,284	83,953	2,669	3.3%

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Year 4 students will be charged hourly.



# COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 3

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## FY 2025 Student Activity Fee, Capital Improvement Fee and Technology Fee Request

Institution	Approved FY 2024			Requested FY 2025		
	Student Activity Fee	Capital Improvements Fee	Technology Fee	Student Activity Fee	Capital Improvements Fee	Technology Fee
ASU <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 480	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 480
DSU	50	120	-	50	120	-
JSU	170	105	-	170	105	-
MSU	50	100	-	50	100	-
MUW	-	100	-	-	100	-
MVSU	100	100	-	100	100	-
UM <sup>(2)</sup>	60	100	-	60	100	-
UMMC	-	-	-	-	-	-
USM	40	70	-	40	70	-

(1) ASU Technology Fee charged \$20 per credit hour up to full-time 12 hours; full-time max reflected above.

(2) UM Student Activity Fee charged \$2 per credit hour for the Fall and Spring semesters only (average 15 hours).

\* Fees are Annualized (Spring and Fall Semester)



# EXHIBIT 4

## May 16, 2024

### FY 2025 Student Room Rate Request Double Occupancy Average

Institution	Approved FY 2024	Requested FY 2025	Difference
ASU	\$ 6,436	\$ 6,436	\$ -
DSU	4,625	4,625	-
JSU	5,784	6,288	505
MSU	7,522	7,802	279
MUW	4,712	4,712	-
MVSU	4,549	4,686	137
UM	6,379	6,698	319
USM	6,265	6,324	59
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>5,784</b>	<b>5,946</b>	<b>162</b>



# EXHIBIT 5

## May 16, 2024

### FY 2025 Student Board Rate Request Most Expensive Meal Plan

Institution	Approved FY 2024 Rates	Requested FY 2025 Rates	Difference
ASU	\$ 4,309	\$ 4,624	\$ 315
DSU	3,802	4,106	304
JSU	4,972	4,972	-
MSU	4,586	4,886	300
MUW	3,675	3,860	185
MVSU	3,793	3,907	114
UM	4,596	4,596	-
USM	4,700	4,400	(300)
Average	4,304	4,419	115



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## **SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE APRIL 18, 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 WHICH STATES.**

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

## **JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **1. JSU-GS 103-220B – C.F. MOORE PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS**

#### **UNAPPROVABLE Request #1: Change Order #1**

Board staff **DID NOT** approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$49,813.43 and forty-nine (49) additional days to the contract of Womack Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: UNAPPROVED, May 1, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: replaced the existing catch basin; undercut and backfilled at the ADA ramp and stairs; and forty-nine (49) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: These changes were necessary due to latent job site conditions and days for work as indicated herein.

#### **UNAPPROVABLE Request #2: Change Order #2**

Board staff **DID NOT** approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$38,052.20 and twenty-one (21) additional days to the contract of Womack Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: UNAPPROVED, May 1, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: revised the grades and paving; demolition of existing footings and backfill; delays due to exploratory excavation to determine the existing concrete pilings, grade beams and concrete footings that would interfere with upcoming work; delays while installing underground rough in work and hauling off debris; and twenty-one (21) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: These changes were necessary due to latent job site conditions and days for work as indicated herein.

#### **UNAPPROVABLE Request #3: Change Order #3**

Board staff **DID NOT** approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$2,280.00 and seven (7) additional days to the contract of Womack Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: UNAPPROVED, May 1, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: added an additional lower rail in the handrails; and seven (7) days to the contract.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$90,145.63.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: Eley & Associates

General Contractor: Womack Construction

Total Project Budget: \$1,423,158.77

## 2. **JSU-GS 103-295 – ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS**

### **UNAPPROVABLE Request #1: Change Order #1**

Board staff **DID NOT** approve Change Order #1 in the credit amount of \$55,075.00 and sixty (60) additional days to the contract of McInnis Electrical.

Approval Status & Date: UNAPPROVED, May 1, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: changed the new 6” and 4” underground conduits to match the size of the existing underground conduits; added a ground wire to the underground primary circuits; provided 12” bas spacer for two (2) existing pad-mounted switch locations; modified the new underground conduit and reworked the existing underground conduits between the transformers; and sixty (60) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: These changes were necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; and days for work as indicated herein.

### **UNAPPROVABLE Request #2: Change Order #2**

Board staff **DID NOT** approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$286,574.00 and one hundred ninety-four (194) days to the contract of McInnis Electrical.

Approval Status & Date: UNAPPROVED, May 1, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: replaced five (5) power poles and overhead primary conductors adjacent to Blackburn Hall and Ayers Hall; replaced pole-mounted transformer service at Ayers Hall with the 225kVA pad-mounted transformer that was removed from service at B.F. Roberts; installed a new underground primary and secondary conductors for Ayers Hall; replaced pole-mounted transformer service at Blackburn Hall with a new 300kVA pad-mounted transformer; installed new underground primary and secondary conductors; replaced the damaged underground #2, 15kV conductors from SC7 to the pole at the northwest corner of F.D. Hall music building; and one hundred ninety-four (194) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: These changes were necessary due to weather that caused failure of some power poles, destruction of pole-mounted transformers and overhead primary and secondary services which caused a power outage of the south half of the campus. Emergency repairs and replacements to the power distribution system was repaired; and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$231,499.00.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: Schultz Wynne. P.A.

General Contractor: McInnis Electrical

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Total Project Budget: \$1,636,806.89

## MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

### 3. MSU-IHL 205-320B, PH 2 (INDUSTRY LAB) PATTERSON ENGINEERING IDEE LAB

#### **Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract**

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,789,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Craddock Construction Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 29, 2024

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: CDFL Architects and Engineers

General Contractor: Craddock Construction Company, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$2,500,000.00

Project Budget: \$5,000,000.00

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

#### **Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract**

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,219,900.00 to the apparent low bidder Upchurch Plumbing, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 1, 2024

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group

General Contractor: Upchurch Plumbing, Inc.

Project Budget: \$1,500,000.00

### 5. MSU- IHL 213-149 – BEDENBAUGH INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

#### **Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents**

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Belinda Stewart Architects.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 23, 2023

Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022

Design Professional: Belinda Stewart Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$1,500,000.00

### 6. MSU-IHL 413-001– BALLEW HALL RENOVATION

#### **Approval Request #1: Change Order #4**

Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$121,131.43 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Ethos Contracting Group, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 15, 2024

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Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: a sidewalk adjustment was done at the Landscape Architecture building; installed a concrete beam bore (vestibule) for the sprinkler line; secured an unstable wall; installed 300 amp/25KV blade switches at a riser pole; added additional electrical and communications boxes in several rooms; added Quazite fiber optic boxes at two existing buildings; masonry repair done for an upper roof wall; water intrusion for an upper roof wall; masonry repair for the west wall above the mechanical room; leak mitigation for a roof capstone; and credit for telepower poles to be deleted from the project.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of \$379,449.83.

Project Initiation Date: August 20, 2022

Design Professional: Belinda Stewart Architects

General Contractor: Ethos Contracting Group, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$13,000,000.00

## 7. **MSU-IHL 413-003 – DORMAN HALL RENOVATION**

### **Approval Request #1: Contract Documents**

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by JH&H Architects

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 15, 2024

### **Approval Request #2: Advertise**

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 15, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

Design Professional: JH&H Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$32,910,000.00

## MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

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

### **Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract**

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,595,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Tombigbee Contractors, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 6, 2024

Project Initiation Date: February 15, 2024

Design Professional: PryorMorrow Architects + Engineers + Interior Design

General Contractor: Tombigbee Contractors, LLC.

Project Budget: \$2,091,425.00



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9. **MVSU- GS 106-269 – JACOB ARON STUDENT UNION EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PH II**

**Approval Request #1: Change Order #2**

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$42,064.80 and thirty (30) additional days to the contract of Richard Womack Construction LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 29, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: abatement performed on floors and pipe fittings in Phase 2 and Phase 3 areas; and thirty (30) days to the contract.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$993,951.59.

Project Initiation Date: March 18, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects Professional Association

General Contractor: Richard Womack Construction LLC

Total Project Budget: \$25,755,000.00

10. **MVSU- IHL 206-028 – RICE-TOTTEN STADIUM TURF REPLACEMENT**

**Request #1: Contract Documents**

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by The Kelly Factory, PLLC

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 30, 2024

**Approval Request #2: Advertise**

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 30, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

Design Professional: The Kelly Factory, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$1,500,000.00

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

**Approval Request #1 (INTERIM):** In accordance with Board Policy §904 (B) Board Approval, *Interim Chair Approval* was granted by Mr. Chip Morgan, Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee on April 19, 2024, to approve the budget increase from \$2,000,000.00 to \$2,350,000.00 for an increase of \$350,000.00 for the ARPA Infrastructure – Water Source project.

Interim Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 19, 2024

Project Initiation Date: February 16, 2023

Design Professional: W.L. Burle Engineers

General Contractor: TBD

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Total Project Budget: \$2,350,000.00

## 12. UM-IHL 207-473.4 (PH4) STADIUM – PKG W

### **Approval Request #1: Change Order #1**

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$9,681.23 and ten (10) additional days to the contract of Upchurch Plumbing, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 11, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: added a French drain at the base of the elevator pit, routed to north/east and ten (10) days to the contract.

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: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$9,681.23.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Upchurch Plumbing, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$3,327,342.69

Total Project Budget: \$32,000,000.00

## 13. UM-IHL 207-473.4 (PH4) STADIUM – PKG Z

### **Request #1: Contract Documents**

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by McCarty Architects PA

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 26, 2024

### **Approval Request #2: Advertise**

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 26, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

Design Professional: McCarty Architects P.A.

General Contractor: ICM, LLC [Construction Manager Advisor]

Phased Project Budget: \$18,254,595.31

Total Project Budget: \$32,000,000.00

## 14. UM- IHL 207-497 – NEW STUDENT HOUSING

### **Approval Request #1: Design Development Documents**

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by McCarty Architects.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 18, 2024

Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022

Design Professional: McCarty Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$162,506,823.68

Total Project Budget: \$165,000,000.00

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## 15. UM- IHL 207-510 – SOC FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT

### **Approval Request #1: Schematic Development Documents**

Board staff approved the Schematic Development Documents as submitted by Corbett Legge & Associates PLLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 6, 2024

### **Approval Request #2: Design Development Documents**

Board staff approved the Waiver of Design Development Documents as submitted by Corbett Legge & Associates PLLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 6, 2024

Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022

Design Professional: Corbett Legge & Associates LLC

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,600,000.00

## 16. UM- IHL 207-511 – BROWN HALL HVAC RENOVATION

### **Approval Request #1: Schematic Development Documents**

Board staff approved the Schematic Development Documents as submitted by Corbett Legge & Associates PLLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 26, 2024

### **Approval Request #2: Design Development Documents**

Board staff approved the Waiver of Design Development Documents as submitted by Corbett Legge & Associates PLLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 26, 2024

Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022

Design Professional: Corbett Legge & Associates LLC

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$1,042,690.72

## UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

## 17. UMMC - IHL 209-579 – UMMC COLONY PARK

### **Approval Request #1: Change Order #3**

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$17,829.92 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Codaray Construction, LLC

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 29, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: widen the vestibule doors; added self-closers, smoke and draft positive latching to pre/recovery sliding doors; re-worked the existing storm drain pipe extension.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$1,848,982.30.

Project Initiation Date: May 19, 2022

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

General Contractor: Codaray Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$105,914,527.00

## 18. UMMC-IHL 209-581 – CHILDREN’S CANCER CLINIC RENOVATION

### Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$218,371.25 and thirty-one additional days to the contract of Fountain Construction Co., Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, April 24, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: rerouted existing pneumatic tubes to work with the floor plan; installed anodized aluminum caps to close the drywall system where terminating drywall at the exterior window wall glass; added baffle ceiling at the main entrance and over the nurse’s station; organized the existing wire and conduit entanglement overhead at the ramp near the clinic entrance; replaced three (3) broken and damaged windows; and thirty-one days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: These changes are necessary due to changes in requirements or recommendations by governmental agencies; errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; latent job site conditions; and use/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 \$218,371.25.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

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

General Contractor: Fountain Construction Co., Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$6,000,000.00

## 19. UMMC - IHL 409-003 – CAMPUS EMERGENCY UPGRADES

### Approval Request #1: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$20,950.77 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Fountain Construction Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 7, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: JCI Controls Integration and JCI CCTV allowances following the original quotes that were not enough to cover the extent of the work required.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$101,488.49.

Project Initiation Date: November 16, 2017 / May 19, 2022

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

General Contractor: Fountain Construction Company, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$6,700,000.00

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## 1. SYSTEM - REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statement dated 4/20/24) from the funds of Alcorn State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,595.84, represents services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,595.84**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 4/1/24 and 4/1/24) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$37.97 and \$2,960.00, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,997.97**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, PLLC (statements dated 3/19/24 and 4/16/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$150.00 and \$87.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 237.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 1/3/24, 4/9/24 and 4/17/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,048.00, \$1,632.60 and \$480.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,160.60**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush (statement dated 4/15/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$4,094.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,094.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mitchell McNutt (statements dated 3/19/24 and 4/9/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,225.00 and \$2,275.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,500.00**

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 4/1/24 and 4/1/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$100.00 and \$2,650.00, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,750.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Barnes & Thornburg, LLP (statement dated 4/15/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$5,145.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,145.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 4/17/24, 4/17/24, 4/17/24 and 4/17/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$96.00, \$1,184.00, \$3,641.50 and \$3,776.00, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,697.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statement dated 4/12/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$4,254.61, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,254.61**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 4/8/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$150.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 150.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 4/1/24 and 4/1/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,000.00 and \$105.00, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,105.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 12/18/23, 1/15/24, 1/25/24, 1/25/24, 1/25/24, 1/31/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/25/24 and 3/25/24, ) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the

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amounts of \$19,779.30, \$162.00, \$25,014.10, \$44,105.20, \$247.50, \$402.95, \$19,422.40, \$486.60, \$1,376.00, \$3,422.80, \$3,397.90, \$445.50, \$726.00, \$1,987.50, \$2,430.00, \$1,079.00, \$1,120.50, \$20,672.00, \$8,056.30, \$630.70, \$3,584.00, \$388.50, \$160.00, \$2,817.50, \$27,421.75, \$132.00, \$6,619.43, \$2,562.10, \$34,089.60, \$12,246.00 and \$5,577.25, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 250,562.38**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Currie Johnson & Myers, P.A. (statements dated 2/6/24, 3/7/24, 3/7/24 and 3/7/24 ) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$770.72, \$9,684.00, \$6,358.45 and \$14,762.02, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 31,575.19**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Foreman, Watkins & Krutz, LLP (statement dated 2/16/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$6,897.50, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,897.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Gore, Kilpatrick & Dambrino, PLLC (statements dated 1/26/24, 1/26/24, 2/26/24, 2/26/24, 3/27/24 and 3/27/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$11,352.50, \$82.50, \$20.00, \$33.00, \$2,575.50 and \$82.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 14,146.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hagwood & Tipton, P.C. (statements dated 1/24/24, 1/24/24, 1/24/24, 2/7/24, 2/7/24, 2/7/24, 2/7/24, 2/7/24, 2/7/24, 2/7/24, 2/7/24, 2/7/24, 2/7/24, 2/8/24, 3/14/24, 3/14/24, 3/14/24, 3/14/24, 3/14/24, 3/14/24, 3/14/24 and 3/14/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$84.00, \$378.36, \$3,472.50, \$3,757.02, \$409.80, \$2,594.50, \$3,595.00, \$384.90, \$305.21, \$725.00, \$4,305.50, \$747.50, \$315.00, \$265.17, \$352.00, \$127.62, \$1,600.50, \$2,144.19, \$237.50, \$435.00, and \$4,292.53, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 30,528.80**

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hogan Lovells, US, LLP (statements dated 2/13/24, 3/7/24 and 4/9/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$985.00, \$5,319.00 and \$18,025.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 24,329.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 2/5/24, 2/6/24, 2/6/24, 2/6/24, 3/13/24, 3/13/24, 3/13/24, 3/13/24, 4/4/24 and 4/4/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$474.38, \$1,518.00, \$646.00, \$4,184.00, \$7,491.00, \$1,072.50, \$3,957.40, \$1,635.50, \$6,207.72 and \$612.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 27,798.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Kruger & Holland (statements dated 2/1/24, 2/1/24, 2/5/24, 2/5/24, 2/8/24, 3/4/24, 3/4/24, 3/4/24, 3/13/24, 3/26/24, 4/1/24, 4/1/24, 4/1/24 and 4/1/24 from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$220.00, \$6,597.80, \$1,280.00, \$1,040.00, \$1,139.00, \$6,274.55, \$420.00, \$1,683.00, \$2,180.00, \$400.00, \$1,955.00, \$1,760.00, \$3,280.00, \$40.00 and \$33.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 28,302.35**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Steen, Dalehite & Pace (statements dated 3/31/23, 5/31/23, 1/31/24, 2/20/24, 2/20/24, 2/20/24, 2/20/24, 2/20/24, 2/20/24 and 4/2/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,058.00, \$269.50, \$62.50, \$1,450.00, \$874.50, \$40.00, \$330.50, \$121.50, \$2,311.50 and \$11,962.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 18,480.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Vernis & Bowling of Palm Beach (statements dated 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24 and 3/21/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,080.00, \$632.50, \$3,927.00, \$600.00 and \$486.65, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,726.15**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins & Eager, PLLC (statements dated 1/29/24, 1/29/24, 2/8/24, 2/8/24, 2/9/24, 2/9/24, 2/9/24, 2/12/24, 2/12/24, 2/12/24, 2/12/24, 2/12/24, 2/12/24, 2/14/24, 2/14/24, 3/19/24, 3/19/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24, 4/10/24, 4/10/24, 4/12/24 and 4/12/24) from the funds of the



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University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$530.00, \$11,713.00, \$291.50, \$1,006.80, \$3,021.00, \$9,427.14, \$16,494.50, \$49.50, \$33.00, \$33.00, \$3,753.15, \$4,516.80, \$880.00, \$8,069.07, \$2,712.50, \$238.50, \$17.00, \$10,896.72, \$15,836.73, \$7,832.25, \$754.15, \$5,716.15, \$466.02, \$3,471.50, \$1,828.50, \$5,814.10, \$1,563.50, \$3,553.00, \$1,089.00 and \$1,272.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 122,880.08**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by McDonald Hopkins, LLC (statement dated 4/25/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,427.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,427.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 4/17/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$4,960.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,960.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 4/4/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,668.50, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,668.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Smith & Oldmixon (statement dated 4/29/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$16,335.60, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 16,335.60**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Scott J. Schwartz, P.A. (statement dated 4/26/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,204.49, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,204.49**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 4/1/24, 4/1/24, 4/1/24, 4/1/24 and 4/8/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$36.64, \$44.64, \$143.24, \$44.64 and \$6,265.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,534.16**

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## 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 Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP (statements dated 3/12/24, 4/9/24, 4/9/24 and 4/9/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Wave Amplifier Provisional Application” - \$126.00; “Polypipe Irrigation Tubing Provisional Application” - \$6,620.00; “Wave Amplifier Provisional Application” - \$7,605.00; and “US Provisional Application No. 63/392, 148” - \$40.00, respectively.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 14,391.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose (statement dated 4/3/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent or intellectual property matter: “Compositions and Methods for Use in Food Processing and Preservation” - \$2,500.00.)

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated 11/27/23, 11/27/23, 3/19/24, 3/19/24 and 3/19/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Cottonseed Oil Polymer” - \$936.00; “Processing Conventional Papers and Pulps into Hydrophobic and Water-Resistant Packing Materials and Tableware” - \$5,778.00; “Wood Dimensional Stability Enhancement by Metal Ion Modification” - \$38.00; “Polymeric-Coated Electrodes for Sensing of Oil and Other Analytes in Liquid and Methods of Making” - \$731.50; and “Processing Conventional Papers and Pulps into Hydrophobic and Water-Resistant Packing Materials and Tableware” - \$38.00, respectively.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,521.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated 1/25/23, 4/27/23, 5/23/23, 6/7/23, 7/13/23, 8/24/23, 8/24/23, 8/24/23, 8/24/23, 8/24/23, 8/24/23, 9/26/23, 9/26/23, 10/24/23, 11/17/23, 11/30/23, 11/30/23, 1/22/24, 1/22/24, 1/29/24, 1/29/24, 1/29/24, 1/29/24, 2/21/24, 2/21/24, 2/21/24, 3/22/24, 3/22/24, 3/22/24, 3/22/24, 3/22/24, 3/22/24, 3/22/24, 3/22/24, 3/26/24, 3/26/24, 3/26/24, 3/29/24, 4/17/24 and 4/17/24 ) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$479.00, \$663.50, \$4,220.50, \$94.00, \$38.00, \$702.00, \$52.00, \$2,169.00, \$203.00, \$104.00, \$634.00, \$1,162.00, \$237.50, \$38.00, \$592.00, \$1,247.50, \$388.50, \$277.00, \$18,013.00, \$8,704.00, \$792.00, \$625.00, \$7,627.17, \$75.00, \$10,575.00, \$52.00, \$771.00, \$569.00, \$237.50, \$3,412.50, \$9,050.00, \$946.00, \$234.00, \$218.00, \$586.00, \$216.00, \$588.00, \$563.00,

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\$3,636.00, \$1,166.50 and \$12,050.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 94,008.17**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Workman Nydegger (statements dated 4/18/22, 9/13/23, 2/21/24, 2/21/24, 2/21/24, 3/21/24, 3/21/24 and 4/17/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,888.00, \$885.00, \$131.25, \$525.00, \$2,975.00, \$480.00, \$9,120.00 and \$5,020.00, respectively represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 22,024.25**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 12/13/23, 4/12/24, 4/12/24, 4/12/24 and 4/12/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “General Matters” - \$1,791.13; “General Matters” - \$105.00; “US Patent Application No.: 17/044,227” - \$1,215.00; “Trauma Belt for Non-Tourniquetable Hemorrhage Control” - \$760.00; and “Composite Zbar” - \$600.00).

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,471.13**

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1. **SYSTEM – MODIFICATION TO EXISTING ACADEMIC UNITS**

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

DELETING

A. **DSU - Unit: College of Arts and Sciences**

*Effective date:* July 2024

*Total number of faculty:* 67

*Total number of staff:* 12

*Degree programs in the unit:* Currently, there are thirty (30) academic degree programs in the unit. Fifteen (15) will be deleted, and fifteen (15) will move to other academic units.

*Rationale:* A comprehensive review of enrollment and programming resulted in the decision to eliminate the College of Arts and Sciences and reorganize programming across the three remaining colleges. A total of nine (9) departments and fifteen (15) programs are being eliminated in the College of Arts and Sciences; therefore, the College of Arts and Sciences is no longer viable. Restructuring plans provide alternatives to ensure that the essential disciplines of the arts and sciences are still offered through academic programming at Delta State University. Restructuring of units and the development of three new degree programs will ensure that students have opportunities to pursue a range of degrees typically associated with the arts and sciences.

B. **DSU - Unit: Graduate and Honors Studies**

*Effective date:* July 2024

*Total number of faculty/total number of faculty displaced:* 0

*Total number of staff/total number of staff displaced:* 0 (The only staff position eliminated was the Dean. That individual's responsibilities will be absorbed by the Associate Provost and Director of IREP. There are 5 other staff that will report to other units.)

*Degree programs in the unit:* None

*Rationale:* To more tightly align and couple services, academic units will assume major responsibility for their graduate programs with oversight by the Associate Provost. Recruitment for graduate programs will be the responsibility of the Office of Admissions and individual programs. Institutional Grants will report directly to the Provost, as will Continuing Education.

C. **USM - Unit: School of Coastal Resilience**

*Effective date:* August 2024

*Total number of faculty/total number of faculty displaced:* 23/0

*Total number of staff/total number of staff displaced:* 2.75/0

*Degree programs in the unit:* Bachelor of Science (BS) in Sustainability Studies (Coastal System Dynamics); Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Sustainability Studies; Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in International Development;

*Rationale:* The request to delete the School of Coastal Resilience (SoCR) is a result of reorganization efforts at the USM Gulf Park campus. The SoCR is currently composed of faculty with professional/disciplinary training and credentials more applicable to other schools at USM.

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The programs currently housed within the SoCR will be moved to other schools and will not impact current student progression to degree. Current faculty will be transitioned to their appropriate disciplinary schools. Staff will be reallocated to other units/budgets.

**2. DSU – MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS**

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

In accordance with Board policy 503, Delta State University submits requests for the modification of existing academic degree programs.

The deletions requested by Delta State University are a result of an academic restructuring, and part of a comprehensive initiative to balance the budget. A task force made up of representative stakeholders with varied expertise identified criteria by which all academic programs would be reviewed. In addition to these criteria, the document was designed to allow program faculty the opportunity to provide qualitative data. This resulted in a document titled, “Academic Program Review Measures,” which was presented to faculty members and stakeholders on campus for review and feedback. The metrics resulted in a ranking of all programs in terms of the productivity measures under review, which were the basis for decision making. The DSU Program Closure and Teach-Out policy will be followed in alignment with SACSCOC standards as well as any applicable program accreditation requirements. Academic restructuring plans will ensure that adequate offerings of general education and other degree requirements are available going forward.

**DELETING**

**A. DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Art**

*CIP code, sequence: 50.0101, 5106*

*Total credit hours: 120*

*Effective date: July 2024*

*Number of students presently enrolled: 8*

*Number of faculty affected: The Art Department currently has eight (8) full-time faculty. It is estimated that the program deletions in the Art Department will affect four (4) full-time faculty.*

*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: JSU, MUW, MVSU*

**B. DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English**

*CIP code, sequence: 23.0101, 5078*

*Total credit hours: 120*

*Effective date: July 2024*

*Number of students presently enrolled: 9*

*Number of faculty affected: The Languages and Literature Department currently has ten (10) full-time faculty. It is estimated that the program deletions in this department will affect four (4) full-time faculty.*

*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: ASU, JSU, MSU, MUW, MVSU, UM, USM*

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- C. **DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History**  
*CIP code, sequence: 54.0101, 5100*  
*Total credit hours: 120*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 11*  
*Number of faculty affected: It is estimated that this program deletion will affect zero (0) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: ASU, JSU, MSU, MUW, UM, USM*
- D. **DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Music**  
*CIP code, sequence: 50.0901, 5113*  
*Total credit hours: 120*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 8*  
*Number of faculty affected: The Music Department currently has eleven (11) full-time faculty. It is estimated that this program deletion will affect seven (7) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: ASU, MSU, MUW, MVSU, UM, USM*
- E. **DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Finance**  
*CIP code, sequence: 52.0801, 5047*  
*Total credit hours: 120*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 15*  
*Number of faculty affected: It is estimated that this program deletion will affect zero (0) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: JSU, MSU, UM, USM*
- F. **DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Art**  
*CIP code, sequence: 50.0101, 5107*  
*Total credit hours: 120*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 28*  
*Number of faculty affected: The Art Department currently has eight (8) full-time faculty. It is estimated that the program deletions in the Art Department will affect four (4) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: MSU, MUW, USM*
- G. **DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Digital Media Arts**  
*CIP code, sequence: 50.0102, 5839*  
*Total credit hours: 120*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 21*  
*Number of faculty affected: The Art Department currently has eight (8) full-time faculty. It is estimated that the program deletions in the Art Department will affect four (4) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: None*

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- H. **DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Music (BM) in Music**  
*CIP code, sequence: 50.0901, 5741*  
*Total credit hours: 120*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 3*  
*Number of faculty affected: The Music Department currently has eleven (11) full-time faculty. It is estimated that this program deletion will affect seven (7) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: MUW, UM, USM*
- I. **DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Music Education (BMEd) in Music Education**  
*CIP code, sequence: 13.1312, 5063*  
*Total credit hours: 120*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 20*  
*Number of faculty affected: The Music Department currently has eleven (11) full-time faculty. It is estimated that this program deletion will affect seven (7) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: JSU, MSU, USM*
- J. **DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Chemistry**  
*CIP code, sequence: 40.0501, 5092*  
*Total credit hours: 121*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 10*  
*Number of faculty affected: It is estimated that this program deletion will affect one (1) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: ASU, JSU, MSU, MUW, MVSU, UM, USM*
- K. **DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Mathematics**  
*CIP code, sequence: 27.0101, 5088*  
*Total credit hours: 120*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 13*  
*Number of faculty affected: It is estimated that this program deletion will affect zero (0) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: ASU, JSU, MSU, MUW, MVSU, UM, USM*
- L. **DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) in English Education**  
*CIP code, sequence: 13.1305, 5079*  
*Total credit hours: 120*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 6*

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*Number of faculty affected:* The Languages and Literature Department currently has ten (10) full-time faculty. It is estimated that the program deletions in this department will affect four (4) full-time faculty.

*Institutions within the State offering similar programs:* UM

**M. DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) in Health, Physical Education and Recreation**

*CIP code, sequence:* 13.1314, 5888

*Total credit hours:* 121

*Effective date:* July 2024

*Number of students presently enrolled:* 22

*Number of faculty affected:* It is estimated that this program deletion will affect zero (0) full-time faculty.

*Institutions within the State offering similar programs:* UM

**N. DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) in Mathematics Education**

*CIP code, sequence:* 13.1311, 5061

*Total credit hours:* 120

*Effective date:* July 2024

*Number of students presently enrolled:* 4

*Number of faculty affected:* It is estimated that this program deletion will affect zero (0) full-time faculty.

*Institutions within the State offering similar programs:* JSU, UM

**O. DSU - Program title: Bachelor of Science in Education (BSE) in Social Studies Education**

*CIP code, sequence:* 13.1318, 5097

*Total credit hours:* 121

*Effective date:* July 2024

*Number of students presently enrolled:* 16

*Number of faculty affected:* It is estimated that this program deletion will affect zero (0) full-time faculty.

*Institutions within the State offering similar programs:* UM

**P. DSU - Program title: Master of Education (MEd) in Secondary Education**

*CIP code, sequence:* 13.1205, 4511

*Total credit hours:* 33

*Effective date:* July 2024

*Number of students presently enrolled:* 5

*Number of faculty affected:* The Languages and Literature Department currently has ten (10) full-time faculty. It is estimated that the program deletions in this department will affect four (4) full-time faculty.

*Institutions within the State offering similar programs:* ASU, MSU, MUW, USM



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- Q. **DSU - Program title: Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Studio Art**  
*CIP code, sequence: 50.0706, 4599*  
*Total credit hours: 60*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 6*  
*Number of faculty affected: The Art Department currently has eight (8) full-time faculty. It is estimated that the program deletions in the Art Department will affect four (4) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: None*
- R. **DSU - Program title: Master of Public Accountancy (MPAC)**  
*CIP code, sequence: 52.0301, 4437*  
*Total credit hours: 30*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 4*  
*Number of faculty affected: It is estimated that this program deletion will affect zero (0) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: JSU, MSU, UM, USM*
- S. **DSU - Program title: Master of Science in Natural Sciences (MSNS)**  
*CIP code, sequence: 30.0101, 4018*  
*Total credit hours: 33*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 4*  
*Number of faculty affected: It is estimated that this program deletion will affect zero (0) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: None*
- T. **DSU - Program title: Educational Specialist (EdS) in Counseling**  
*CIP code, sequence: 13.1101, 3079*  
*Total credit hours: 60*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 10*  
*Number of faculty affected: It is estimated that this program deletion will affect zero (0) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: JSU, UM*
- U. **DSU - Program title: Educational Specialist (EdS) in Elementary Education**  
*CIP code, sequence: 13.1202, 3003*  
*Total credit hours: 30*  
*Effective date: July 2024*  
*Number of students presently enrolled: 9*  
*Number of faculty affected: It is estimated that this program deletion will affect zero (0) full-time faculty.*  
*Institutions within the State offering similar programs: ASU*

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**3. USM – MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS**

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

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

**RENAMING**

**A. USM - Current program title: Master of Science (MS) in Speech and Hearing Sciences**

*Proposed program title: **Master of Science (MS) in Speech-Language Pathology***

*Current CIP code, sequence: 51.0204, 4356*

*New CIP code, sequence: 51.0203, 4356*

*Total credit hours: 60*

*Effective date: August 2024*

*Rationale: The institution is undergoing an effort to clarify program names and update CIP codes. Clarifying the name and CIP codes will help students locate USM’s programs and will reflect the accurate program name on transcripts.*

**DELETING**

**B. USM - Program title: **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Polymer Science****

*CIP code, sequence: 40.0599, 5624*

*Total credit hours: 124*

*Effective date: January 2024*

*Rationale: With the introduction of the BS in Polymer Science and Engineering in 2012, the enrollment of the existing BS in Polymer Science has seen a consistent decrease. In Fall 2020, the total program enrollment was 24 students, down 70% from Fall 2012. Therefore, the faculty of the School of Polymer Science and Engineering elected to suspend the bachelor’s degree in polymer science effective Fall 2021 with the teach-out completed in Spring 2023. To continue the traditional components of the program, some courses from the polymer science degree have been incorporated into the polymer science and engineering curriculum.*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.**

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**1. JSU - REQUESTS APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH ELLUCIAN, L.P. FOR THE BANNER MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE, ENCOMPASSING BANNER SAAS, CRM ADVANCE, AND CAMPUS LOGIC**

**Approval Request:** Jackson State University (JSU) requests approval to enter into 5-year Subscription Agreement with **Ellucian, L.P (Ellucian)** aimed at upgrading the University's current Banner ERP solution to the Banner SaaS platform. The existing Cloud Hosting Agreement with Ellucian, expiring in 2025, will seamlessly transition into the new Banner SaaS platform via subscription agreements with Ellucian, encompassing the Banner SaaS, CRM Advance, and Campus Logic Suite modules.

**Contractor Information: Ellucian Company L.P.**

**History of Contract:** This is a new agreement.

**Type of Contract:** This is an IT Software Subscription Agreement for Banner ERP services.

**Purpose/Justification:** Presently, JSU operates within the Ellucian cloud platform, managed by Ellucian. While ensuring compliance with contemporary practices, professional customization management, and timely updates, this setup faces scalability challenges during maintenance and new implementations due to the shared resources model for database and system administration employed by Ellucian. In 2022, Ellucian's roadmap signaled a transition towards a SaaS platform, prompting JSU to explore multiple SaaS offerings. The assessment revealed substantial benefits, including long-term cost savings, scalability, and improved deployment speed and reliability. Consequently, in 2023, JSU considered transitioning its ERP platform to a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) model, aiming to align with industry trends and optimize operational efficiency.

JSU is attracted to the ERP SaaS platform primarily for its potential to enhance the experience for students, faculty, and staff. Leveraging successful adoptions of various SaaS platforms, such as CANVAS, Microsoft Office 365, Google G-Suites, and Adobe Creative Cloud, JSU has witnessed reduced reliance on on-campus IT resources and enhanced efficiency and productivity. Impressed with the overall benefits of SaaS models, JSU decided to revise its IT strategic roadmap to incorporate the transition to the SaaS model for its ERP solution.

This modernization endeavor will enable JSU to migrate to the Banner SaaS platform, replacing current hosting, Oracle costs, and software maintenance expenses, ensuring JSU remains at the forefront of technological advancement while preserving operational efficiency and effectiveness.

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Acknowledging industry trends favoring Software as a Service (SaaS) models, JSU recognizes the advantages of transitioning to such a model, including expedited feature implementation and predictable costs without extensive customizations. Furthermore, the demand for IT resources is anticipated to diminish over time owing to reduced support needs, a common feature of SaaS platforms. Although transition and implementation costs for most SaaS solutions are high in the initial two to three years, cost savings typically commence by the third year, accompanied by heightened productivity and increased user satisfaction.

A CP-1 Exemption ITS Board approval on May 16, 2024, authorizes JSU to proceed with the transition to the SaaS model for its ERP solution at a total cost of \$9,630,000. The Total Life Cycle Cost for the Banner ERP System Software and Support is estimated at \$20,346,745 over 10 years (2018-2029).

Having obtained ITS approval and exemption, JSU now seeks approval of a new subscription agreement with Ellucian for the modernization endeavor, encompassing Banner SaaS, CRM Advance, and the Campus Logic Suite.

**Scope of Work:** Ellucian will provide JSU with new Banner SaaS solutions. In leveraging the new Banner SaaS solutions, including Experience, Insights, CRM Advance, and Campus Logic, we anticipate significant enhancements in faculty, and staff productivity, and an enriched student experience.

- **Enhanced Student Experience with Experience:** JSU will introduce a personalized app available on Google and Apple stores, catering to faculty, staff, and students based on their specific needs. This initiative aims to improve student advising, communication, access to payment information, and boost graduation rates.
- **Data Analytics with Insights and CRM Advance:** Functional leaders and staff across departments such as Admissions, Recruitment, Advancement, and Presidential Leadership will benefit from streamlined access to key data through intuitive dashboards, facilitating better measurement and decision-making.
- **Inclusion of Online Training:** The new solution incorporates online training as a fundamental component, eliminating the need for additional training fees currently incurred.
- **Efficiency Gains with Campus Logic Financial Aid Solutions:** Automation of processes and expedited delivery of financial aid awards through Campus Logic is expected to drive increased productivity and efficiency.

This suite of solutions not only promises cost savings but also anticipates tangible enhancements in operational efficiency and student outcomes, positioning JSU for long-term success.

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Except as expressly modified by this Subscription Agreement, the terms and conditions of the original Professional Services Agreement, and Mississippi State Agency Addendum will remain in full force and effect.

**Term of the Agreement:** The term of the Subscription Agreements shall be July 1, 2024, and will terminate on June 30, 2029.

**Termination Options:** The Subscription Agreement may be terminated for the following reasons:

- For convenience with 30 day's written notice
- reduction of funds
- force majeure
- default by either party with 30 days written notice.

**Agreement Amount:** \$9,630,000

**Funding Source(s) for Project:** State-appropriated funding will be used for the Agreement.

**Contractor Selection Process:** In 2013, JSU initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP) to migrate to an Ellucian-hosted cloud solution. Concurrently, software maintenance for the Banner system was secured through a separate agreement with the State of Mississippi Ellucian contract. In 2018, JSU competitively procured the Banner Hosting Platform and managed services through another successful RFP process, extending the contract term for an additional five years. Subsequently, in 2023, JSU explored transitioning its ERP platform to a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) model, aiming to align with industry trends and enhance operational efficiency. An assessment of various ERP systems led to the evaluation of two systems (Banner SaaS and Workday) for the final solution. Following the evaluation process, Banner SaaS was chosen based on its cost-effectiveness, functionality, and short learning curve timeframe.

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

2. **MUW – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MYTHICS, LLC**

**Agenda Item Request:** Mississippi University for Women (MUW) requests approval to enter into a contract with **Mythics, LLC** for migration services and Oracle Cloud hosting of Ellucian Banner and related services.

**Contractor's Legal Name:** Mythics, LLC

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**History of Contract:** On October 6, 2023 MUW received an exemption from MS ITS to do an RFP for Oracle Cloud Hosting and Support. CP-1 20240119.

**Specific Type of Contract:** This is a new service agreement.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Agreement is to migrate Ellucian’s Banner and Degree Works from an on premise server environment to a cloud hosted Oracle environment, thus providing a cost savings to the university in hardware and licensing fees.

**Scope of Work:** Under the agreement, Mythics, LLC will migrate Banner and Degree Works server infrastructure to the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure and setup the Oracle Cloud Tenancy which includes the network infrastructure, backup and disaster recovery infrastructure.

**Term of Contract:** Start date July 1, 2024. End Date April 30, 2028. Four years.

**Contract Amount:** The contract amount for four (4) years is \$436,966.44

Migration Fees:	\$160,000.00
Post Migration Support:	\$16,481.00
Year One Hosting:	\$65,121.36
Year Two:	\$65,121.36
Year Three:	\$65,121.36
Year Four:	\$65,121.36

**Funding Source for Contract:** The contract will be funded by existing E&G budget funds.

**Termination Options:** Clause B34 Termination for Convenience states either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason (convenience) by delivering not less than ninety (90) calendar days prior written notice thereof to the other party.

**Contractor Selection Process:** A Request for Proposals was issued for Oracle Cloud Hosting and Support. The RFP received six proposals, and each was evaluated based upon the requirements by a campus committee. This vendor best met the requirements with services for the cost proposal.

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

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**3. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A LOCALLY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH COVIDIEN SALES LLC**

**Agenda Item Request:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its Locally Negotiated Agreement with **Covidien Sales LLC** (Covidien) to extend the term and reduce the purchase commitment. The first amendment was to extend the term. The agreement is for the purchase of endomechanical and trocar products. These products include staplers, reloads, trocars, access devices, laparoscopic accessories, and closure devices used to provide an access port during surgery and closure devices to seal incisions post-surgery. UMMC also requests approval to add or remove products under the amended agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available.

**Contractor’s Legal Name: Covidien Sales LLC**

**History of Contract:** On June 18, 2020, the Board approved the agreement for the purchase of the endomechanical and trocar products. On June 15, 2023, the IHL approved an amendment to extend the term. The agreement will expire on June 30, 2024, unless amended.

**Specific Type of Contract:** This is the second amendment to the Locally Negotiated Agreement.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the second amendment is to extend the term by nine (9) months and reduce the purchase commitment. The first amendment was to extend the term by twelve (12) months. The purpose of the agreement is to purchase endomechanical and trocar products. These products include staplers, reloads, trocars, access devices, laparoscopic accessories, and closure devices used to provide an access port during surgery and closure devices to seal incisions post-surgery.

**Scope of Work:** Under the amended agreement, Covidien will provide discounted pricing for staplers, reloads, trocars, access devices, laparoscopic accessories, and closure devices for use in surgical cases on an as needed basis. UMMC commits to purchase at least \$1,600,000 in net purchases annually in order to receive the discounted pricing.

**Term of Contract:** The term of the amended agreement is four (4) years and nine (9) months from July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2025. The term of the original agreement was three (3) years, from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023. The first amendment extended the term by twelve (12) months. The second amendment extends the term by an additional xx months.

**Contract Amount:** The total estimated cost of the amended agreement is \$8,325,000 over the four (4) year and nine (9) month term. The original cost of the agreement was \$7,825,000.00. The second amendment adds \$500,000 to the total cost.

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

**Termination Options:** The Locally Negotiated Agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by Covidien if UMMC becomes bankrupt, insolvent, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or goes into liquidation;
- by Covidien if UMMC's purchasing levels appear that UMMC will not meet its minimum annual purchase requirements;
- by Covidien if UMMC does not meet its minimum annual purchase requirement within a sixty (60) day cure period after receiving written notice from Medtronic that the minimum annual purchase requirement was not met; and
- by either party at any time upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

**Contractor Selection Process:** UMMC is currently contracted with Covidien.

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

4. **UM – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ASCENT AVIATION GROUP, INC.**

**Project Number and Project Name:** N/A

**Project Request:** The lease will be for 3 aviation refueler truck leases for a term of 28 months through October 2026. The refueler trucks are: 3000-gallon jet refueler, a 1000-gallon Avgas refueler, and a 5000-gallon jet refueler. The lease amount is \$4,100/mo for 28 months for a total of \$114,800. A sole source is also requested and has been approved by DFA, 371 certified. DFA P1 8800009354

**Design Professional:** N/A

**General Contractor:** N/A

**Purpose of Request:** The University requires fuel trucks to transport fuel from the fuel holding tanks to the planes that request refueling. The University utilizes various sizes due to demand, volume, size of plane and fuel type.

**Scope of the Project:** The University-Oxford Airport (UOX) is seeking to procure 3 fuel trucks to fuel aircraft. The UOX has self-standing fuel holding tanks. The UOX requires fuel trucks to move fuel from the holding tanks to individual aircraft. Due to the volume



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of aircraft requiring fuel and the varying types of fuel and size of planes, the UOX utilizes 3 fuel trucks: 1,000 gal. AVGas, 3,000 gal. Jet-A, & 5,000 gal. Jet-A. UOX utilizes two types of fuel to accommodate varying aircraft fuel requirements. The University-Oxford Airport (UOX) currently has a signed agreement, due to expire in October 2026 for fuel. The UOX fuel truck agreement is no longer valid thus creating a need for procurement. The current fuel trucks agreement states that only fuel supplied by World Fuel can go into World Fuel trucks, therefore the need for a Sole Source. Fuel providers are very concerned with the integrity of the product. Fuel distributors want to ensure that the quality of fuel distribution is not compromised by any external quality control factors. For instance, they have rigorous quality control practices to ensure quality fuel is manufactured and delivered to the site. Therefore, they also want to have the same rigor applied to the fuel trucks that transport the fuel, so that there are no contaminants introduced to the fuel by the trucks themselves. For this reason, the vendor requires that the fuel trucks and dispensing systems be provided by them to retain adequate quality checks and controls through the entire process – from manufacturing all the way to aircraft refueling, without any variables introduced beyond their control.

**History of Project:** The UOX had a prior agreement with Ascent to lease fuel trucks but needs to be renewed.

**Term of Sale:** N/A

**Termination Options:** The lease agreement may be terminated for default. There are no renewal notices in this lease agreement.

**Project Budget:** N/A

**Funding Source(s) for Project:** Self-generated airport revenue

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

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

**Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects**

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

**Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval**

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

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

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

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

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

**Board Policy §905(A), Real Estate Management**

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

**Board Policy §905(B), Real Estate Management**

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

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**Board Policy §919, Pre-requisites for Building Modification or Demolition**

*Prior to scheduling a building on an institution’s property for restoration, improvement, construction, repair, renovation, rehabilitation, demolition or similar work, the institution shall secure an inspection and approval from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and a permit or written permission from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History authorizing the requested building action. After obtaining approval from these two agencies, a request for the building modification or demolition shall be submitted to the Board for approval. The request to the Board must include documentation evidencing approval by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Archives and History.*

**APPROVAL OF INITIATIONS OF PROJECTS/APPOINTMENTS OF PROFESSIONALS**

**BUREAU OF BUILDING PROJECTS .....**

**1. DSU – GS 102-291 – JOC GENERAL R&R – BROOM HALL WINDOWS AND DOORS**

**Project Request:** Delta State University requests approval to initiate a project, JOC General R&R – Broom Hall Windows and Doors and to appoint Burris/Wagnon Architects as the design professional.

**Proposed Design Professional:** Burris/Wagnon Architects

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

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

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

**Project Scope:** Delta State University’s Broom Hall is in need of replacement windows and doors to help prevent moisture penetration to the building. Currently the deterioration of the existing windows and doors allow moisture into the building causing interior mildew issues.

**History:** Broom Hall, a three-story building, located in the heart of the DSU campus was completed in 1929. The building originally designed by C.H. Lindsley, is 52,616

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square feet. Window and door frames are beginning to deteriorate, and, in many places, windowpanes have fallen out or are extremely loose. This project will repair or rebuild the windows and doors while working with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to preserve the buildings history.

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

**Project Initiation Date:** June 20, 2024

**Date of Original Construction:** 1929

**Date of Last Renovation:** N/A

**Project Budget:**

		<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$	1,198,330.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		119,833.00
Misc. Project Costs:		31,637.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		60,000.00
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,409,800.00</b>

**Funding Source(s):** HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$1,409,800.00)

**2. DSU – GS 102-292 – HAIL DAMAGE REPAIRS**

**Project Request:** Delta State University requests approval to initiate a project, Hail Damage Repairs and appoint Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC as the design professional.

**Proposed Design Professional:** Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC

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

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

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

**Project Scope:** Delta State University was impacted by a hailstorm that caused damage to many of its buildings. Emergency repairs were conducted on the most impacted buildings; however, damage remains. This project will identify a design professional to assess the damage that has been reported by the insurance company and identify a contractor to complete the repairs. Approximately 30 buildings still require remediation from the damage.

**History:** DSU was impacted by a hailstorm in June of 2023. Emergency repairs were conducted on the most serious of the impacted buildings. This project will continue the repairs to the remaining damaged buildings.

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

**Project Initiation Date:** June 20, 2024

**Date of Original Construction:** N/A

**Date of Last Renovation:** N/A

**Project Budget:**

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 2,520,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	140,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:	0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	0.00
Contingency:	140,000.00
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$ 2,800,000.00</b>

**Funding Source(s):** Insurance Proceeds and HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$2,800,000.00)

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

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**3. MUW – GS 104-218 – MSMS BATHROOM RENOVATIONS - JOC**

**Project Request:** Mississippi University for Women requests approval to initiate a project, MSMS Bathroom Renovations and appoint Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC as the design professional.

**Proposed Design Professional:** Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC

**General Contractor:** Brown and Root

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

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

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

**Project Scope:** The project will renovate the bathrooms for several buildings that serve MSMS. These buildings include Goen, Frazer, and Kincannon Halls. The project will include the encapsulation of tub/shower, new shower fixtures, new curtain rods, new corner shelves, toilet repairs/replacements, and painting of the bathrooms.

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

**Project Initiation Date:** June 20, 2024

**Date of Original Construction:** N/A

**Date of Last Renovation:** N/A

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**Project Budget:**

		<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$	1,413,599.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		141,360.00
Misc. Project Costs:		0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		70,000.00
 <b>Total Project Budget</b>	 <b>\$</b>	 <b>1,625,639.00</b>

**Funding Source(s):** HB 603, Laws of 2023; HB 1823, Laws of 2024, and Auxiliary Funds (\$1,625,639)

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

**IHL PROJECTS .....**

**4. UMMC – IHL 209-585 – BATSON 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR FINISH UPDATE**

**Project Request:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to appoint Burris Wagon Architects, P.A., as the design professional.

**Proposed Design Professional:** **Burris Wagon Architects, P.A.**

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

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

**Purpose:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking to replace the project professional with Burris Wagon Architects. The previous professional failed to meet the obligations of their contract in a timely manner as required.

**Project Scope:** The project will renovate the finishes of the 3rd floor of the existing Batson Tower which includes 25 patient rooms. These finishes are dated, and this project will bring them in line with the new Sanderson Tower.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking to appoint the design professional in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires



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each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects.

**Project Initiation Date:** May 2023

**Date of Original Construction:** N/A

**Date of Last Renovation:** Minor changes in 2015

**Project Budget:**

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 1,550,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	131,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:	4,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	0.00
Contingency:	<u>165,000.00</u>
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,850,000.00</b>

**Funding Source(s):** UMMC Patient Generated Funds (\$750,000); Children’s of MS Philanthropy (\$1,750,000.00)

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

**5. UMMC – IHL 209-586 – NEW BURN UNIT**

**Project Request:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to appoint SmithGroup as the design professional. UMMC also requests to change the funding source for the project to include a HRSA Grant and state appropriations through the Mississippi Department of Health.

**Proposed Design Professional:** SmithGroup

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

**Insurance Coverage:** The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 aggregate.

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**Purpose:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking to replace the project professional. UMC is seeking to change the project professional with SmithGroup. The previous professional failed to meet the obligations of their contract in a timely manner as required. UMMC also requests to change the funding source for the project to include a HRSA Grant and state appropriations through the Mississippi Department of Health.

**Project Scope:** This project will renovate the first floor of Batson Tower into a new Burn Unit. The Burn Unit is planned to have ICU beds, Med Surg rooms, and will reuse existing core spaces when possible.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking to appoint the design professional in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects. UMMC is also acting in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to submit all project budget modifications and changes in funding sources/scope to the Board for approval.

**Project Initiation Date:** June 2023

**Date of Original Construction:** N/A

**Date of Last Renovation:** N/A

**Project Budget:**

		<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$	3,860,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		296,500.00
Misc. Project Costs:		184,500.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		1,527,500.00
Contingency:		431,500.00
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,300,000.00</b>

**Funding Source(s):** HRSA Grant (\$4,300,000); Appropriations through MSDH (\$2,000,000.00)

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

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**6. UMMC – IHL 409-007 – FIRE PROTECTION CENTRAL CORE**

**Project Request:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to initiate a project, Fire Protection Central Core and appoint Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC as the design professional.

**Proposed Design Professional: Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC**

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

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

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

**Project Scope:** There is a requirement from CMS that goes into effect in 2028 that any health care facility taller than 75 feet are required to install automatic sprinkler systems. This project will consist of installing a fire sprinkler system in existing high-rise hospital buildings that are not currently fully protected. The project entails retrofitting 11 floors of the existing hospital with a fire suppression system. Construction work shall be phased per floor to minimize disruption to patient care. It is also anticipated that the existing fire pump will be replaced as part of this project.

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

**Project Initiation Date:** June 20, 2024

**Date of Original Construction:** N/A

**Date of Last Renovation:** N/A

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**Project Budget:**

		<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$	7,000,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		600,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:		50,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		350,000.00
 <b>Total Project Budget</b>	 <b>\$</b>	 <b>8,000,000.00</b>

**Funding Source(s):** HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$6,250,000); HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$1,750,000.00)

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

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

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**7. JSU – GS 103-319 – RESIDENCE HALL RENOVATIONS (MCALLISTER WHITESIDE)**

**Project Request:** Jackson State University is requesting approval to increase the budget from \$250,000 to \$20,089,500 for an increase in the amount of \$19,839,500. Jackson State University also requests changes to the funding source reflecting the reallocation of funds from HB 603 L’22 to HB 1816 L’24 (\$8,013,000.00) and new funding from SB 2468 L’24 (\$11,839,500.00). In addition, JSU requests to modify the project scope which will be implemented in phases, as Job Order Contracting (JOC) projects.

**Current Project Phase:** Design Phase

**Design Professional:** Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC

**General Contractor:** TBD

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

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**Purpose/Justification:** The project budget increase is needed to cover costs associated with the project. The university is adding funding sources to the project as authorized by the Legislature for this project now that a more accurate cost estimate is known.

**Project Scope:** This project will consist of a complete redesign and renovation of the facility, transforming the traditional housing design to a more modern suite style. Critical mechanical, electrical, and utility services and equipment will also be modified and/or repaired. Modifications to the project scope include:

- Phase I, constructing a new IT building to be located on the east side of McAllister Whiteside. Currently, the main network distribution center serving the north side of campus (including all residential facilities) is located in McAllister. Establishing a new data hub site is required to sustain network services during the demo and renovation phases. The total project budget of this phase will be \$448,216.42.
- Phase II of the project will consist of interior demolition which will allow the project to move at an expedited pace without majorly disrupting campus aesthetics during construction. The total project budget of this phase will be 1,293,208.25
- The final phase will consist of major renovation and construction elements to include, but are not limited to, all safety and mechanical system (fire, electrical, lighting, plumbing, HVAC) upgrades, interior wall and room modifications, and building envelop improvements. This phase will be the balance of the \$20,089,500 budget.

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

**Project Initiation Date:** October 19, 2023

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**Proposed Project Budget:**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Amount (+/-)</b>
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,356,560.00	\$ 869,000.12
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 1,153,542.00	\$ 85,130.08
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,659,972.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 400,000.00
Contingency	\$ 0.00	\$ 822,666.00	\$ 87,674.62
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,089,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,839,500.00</b>

**Proposed Funding Source(s):** SB2971 Laws of 2021 (\$250,000.00); HB 1816 Laws of 2024 (\$8,013,000.00); SB 2468 Laws of 2024 (\$11,839,500.00)

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

**8. JSU – GS 103-331 – UNIVERSITY PLACE IMPROVEMENTS - EEF**

**Project Request:** Jackson State University is requesting approval to increase the budget from \$3,500,000 to \$5,179,837 for an increase in the amount of \$1,679,837. The funding source for the project will not change.

**Current Project Phase:** Construction Phase

**Design Professional:** Eley Guild Hardy Architects (Phase I - A) / Engineering Resource Group (Phase II - B)

**General Contractor:** Alliant Construction

**Insurance Coverage:** Eley Guild Hardy Architects carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate. Engineering Resource Group carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

**Purpose/Justification:** One University Place was originally constructed in 2009 as a 4-story mixed use building adjacent to the university’s main campus at the corner of J.

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R. Lynch and Dalton Streets. The building includes seventy-eight (78) residential apartments, and twenty-five thousand (25,000) square feet of retail space, and office space. Modifications and improvements completed through this project will strictly focus on the residential space with the goal of offering additional student housing options by Fall 2024.

**History:** Project initiation and the appointment of the professional, Eley Guild Hardy Architects, was approved by IHL's Board on November 16, 2023. On April 18, 2024, the Board approved JSU's requests to initiate GS#103-331 University Place Improvements (B) - University Place Improvements EEF as a JOC and appoint Engineering Resource Group (ERG) as the design professional, focused primarily on HVAC improvements. The total budget for each phase or JOC was \$1,750,000.00, with an overall project budget of \$3.5M.

As allowed under JOC projects, schematic design submittals were not required, however upon receipt of the construction documents, a budget increase is required.

**Project Scope:** Building improvements shall include, but are not limited to, mechanical, structural, and interior/exterior cosmetics as funds permit.

- Phase I (A) of the project will consist of interior renovations. The total project budget of this phase will be 1,834,842.27
- Phase II (B) will consist of HVAC improvements. The total project budget of this phase will be \$3,344,994.73

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

**Project Initiation Date:** October 19, 2023

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**Proposed Project Budget:**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Amount (+/-)</b>
Construction Costs	\$ 2,415,000.00	\$ 4,645,593.82	\$ 2,230,593.82
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 418,103.36	\$ 208,103.36
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 630,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ (630,000.00)
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 116,139.82	\$ (128,860.18)
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,179,837.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,679,837.00</b>

**Proposed Funding Source(s):** SB 3000 – EEF, Laws of 2023 (\$5,179,837.00)

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

**9. MVSU – GS 106-258 – ACADEMIC SKILLS PHASE III**

**Project Request:** Mississippi Valley State University is requesting approval to increase the budget from \$7,497,828 to \$8,939,632.82 for an increase in the amount of \$1,441,805.82. In addition, MVSU requests to add SB 3000, Laws of 2023 as a funding source for the project to allow for the budget increase.

**Current Project Phase:** Design Phase

**Design Professional:** Architecture South

**General Contractor:** TBD

**Insurance Coverage:** The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

**Purpose/Justification:** The project increase is needed to cover costs associated with the project.

**Project Scope:** Planning through construction administration for interior renovations of the Academic Skills Building. The existing building is two-story and is 42,904 square feet. The scope of work includes conversion of this facility into offices,



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classrooms, and support spaces. This project will involve MEP/Life Safety/Conveying Systems commissioning.

**History:** This building was constructed in 1959 and is 43,372 square feet. The original building served as a library but was later repurposed years following as the academic skills parlor which housed Mass Communications, English and Foreign Languages, and history department. The building had not been renovated since construction. As a result of critical deferred maintenance these academic departments were relocated in 2008 to the existing industrial technology building where they remain housed today. As a phase I project, the building received a new metal roof in 2007. As a phase II project following the Ayers Case settlement decision, the then vacant Academic Skills Building was partially renovated and used as transition space to house the library while J.H. White Library building was under renovation. Upon completion and relocation of the library, the building was designated to serve as transitional space for the Harrison Complex renovation. Phase III proposes to complete the partial first floor renovation, renovate and furnish the first-floor auditorium and completely re-design and renovate the second floor to house the original academic units that were housed in the building.

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

**Project Initiation Date:** October 2015

**Proposed Project Budget:**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Amount (+/-)</b>
Construction Costs	\$ 6,487,559.88	\$ 7,356,560.00	\$ 869,000.12
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 346,200.74	\$ 431,330.82	\$ 85,130.08
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Contingency	\$ 464,067.38	\$ 551,742.00	\$ 87,674.62
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$ 7,497,828.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,939,632.82</b>	<b>\$ 1,441,804.82</b>

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**Proposed Funding Source(s):** SB 2906, laws of 2015 (\$3,797,243.50); HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$3,700,584.50); SB 3000, Laws of 2023 (\$1,441,804.82)

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

**10. USM – GS 108-302 – SCIENCE RESEARCH FACILITY**

**Project Request:** The University of Southern Mississippi is requesting approval to increase the budget from \$750,000 to \$51,412,500 for an increase in the amount of \$50,662,500. In addition, USM requests to add HB 1353, Laws of 2022, HB 603, Laws of 2023, HB 1983, Laws of 2024, and SB 2864, Laws of 2024 as funding sources for the project to allow for the budget increase. USM also requests to modify the scope of the project as described below in the project scope.

**Current Project Phase:** Design Phase

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

**General Contractor:** TBD

**Insurance Coverage:** The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

**Purpose/Justification:** The purpose of this request is to modify the scope of the project to allow the university to plan, design, and construct a new Central Mechanical Plant that will provide infrastructure needed for the new Science Research Facility as well as over a dozen other buildings in the adjacent area of campus.

**Project Scope:** Phase One of the Science Research Facility (GS 108-302A) will fall under the umbrella of 108-302 – Science Research Facility. Phase One will construct a new Central Mechanical Plant (approximately 6,700 square feet) with a cooling capacity of around 5,850 tons when fully completed. This will serve not only the Science Research Facility, but also roughly an additional 750,000 square feet of facilities at the center of the USM campus which will receive chilled water cooling. This first phase will benefit 20% of the Hattiesburg campus with chilled water cooling and eliminate the need to replace aging HVAC infrastructure in over a dozen buildings. Phase One needs to be the first phase because the cooling capacity of at least 600 tons of cooling for the Science Research Facility is not available in the current systems on campus near Weathersby Lawn where it is set to be located. The smaller size and separate location of the Central Mechanical Plant allows this scope of work to begin design and construction while the design is still being completed for the main facility. The scope of the original project was 85,000 gross square feet at Weathersby Lawn south of Walker Science Center. It is being designed on three

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levels in two wings with a two-story bridge connection at the north end of the facility next to Walker Science Center.

**History:** The Science Research Facility was initiated at the March 2022 IHL Board of Trustees meeting. \$750,000 was approved for Preplanning to determine the scope of work. During this process, a report was created to determine if the existing 1970 Johnson Science Tower (JST) could be renovated. The report concluded that JST was in poor condition and would not be a wise investment for renovation due to multiple deficiencies in its structure, building envelope, accessibility, and the overall functionality needed for a 21st century science research facility. It was then decided that the best course of action would be to plan, design, and construct a new science research facility to replace the research components of JST which allow for more appropriate spaces for future research growth and development. The previous actions of the IHL Board include the following:

- GS# 108-302 Science Research Facility: IHL initiated the project with a budget of \$750,000 and appointed Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A. as the Design Professional via agenda item. This was approved at the March 2022 board meeting.
- IHL Staff Approval: In February 2024, USM requested approval of the completed Schematic Design package and put the project on hold pending more funding.
- This is the first budget increase request for this project by the university. No prior project budget increases have been requested for this project.

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

**Project Initiation Date:** March 2022

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**Proposed Project Budget:**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Amount (+/-)</b>
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 40,562,500.00	\$ 40,562,500.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 2,700,000.00	\$ 2,050,000.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00
Contingency	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 3,900,000.00	\$ 3,850,000.00
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$ 750,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,412,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,662,500.00</b>

**Proposed Funding Source(s):** SB 2971, Laws of 2021 (\$750,000); HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$11,000,000); HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$17,162,500); SB 2468, Laws of 2024 (\$18,627,686); HB 1983, Laws of 2024 (\$10,500,000 – transferred from GS 108-300 Hickman Hall)

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

**APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUESTS**

**11. UMMC – IHL 209-580 – RENOVATION OF ADOLESCENT PSYCH - SOLE SOURCE**

**Project Request:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to Sole Source the HVAC Controls portion of the Renovation of Adolescent Psych project.

**Design Professional:** JH&H Architects, P.A.

**Purpose:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center is requesting approval to sole source the HVAC Controls portion of this renovation project as an extension of the existing Johnson Controls system. Funds are provided within the construction project budget.

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**Project Scope:** This project is to renovate the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Circle Tower to provide 10 patient rooms for Adolescent Psych. In order to displace the current users of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Circle Tower it will be necessary to complete renovations for PT/OT and admin offices. It is the intent to complete the PT/OT renovations and admin office renovations as a phase I so that those users can be relocated and the space for Adolescent Psych can be cleared for renovation.

**Sole Source Justification:** UMC feels it to be in their best interest to extend the existing Johnson Controls System as a sole source to ensure the operational integrity of the existing building system. The estimated value of the existing Johnson Controls EMCS is approximately \$1,450,000. The probable cost of the project EMCS modifications is \$300,000 for a 20.7% modification. According to IHL and Bureau of Building EMCS procurement protocol for existing systems, the EMCS can and should be procured by single source procurement since the portion of the new controls is less than 25% of the existing controls system as long as approval is obtained prior to bidding.

**Project Initiation Date:** August 2022

**Project Budget:**

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 7,259,250.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	598,500.00
Misc. Project Costs:	0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	367,250.00
Contingency:	275,000.00
 <b>Total Project Budget</b>	 <b>\$ 8,500,000.00</b>

**Funding Source(s):** Grant HRSA 23-117 (\$2,000,000); HB 1722, Laws of 2023 (\$6,000,000); Children’s of MS Philanthropy (\$500,000)

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

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**12. UMMC – IHL 409-002 – NEW BOILER ROOM – SOLE SOURCE**

**Project Request:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to Sole Source the HVAC Controls portion of the New Boiler Room project.

**Design Professional:** Dean Architecture

**Purpose:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center is requesting approval to sole source the HVAC Controls portion of this renovation project as an extension of the existing Johnson Controls system. Funds are provided within the construction project budget.

**Project Scope:** This project will serve to supplement the heating hot water capacity on campus by the installation of a series of boilers decentralized from the main plant.

**Sole Source Justification:** UMC feels it to be in their best interest to extend the existing Johnson Controls System as a sole source to ensure the operational integrity of the existing building system. The estimated value of the existing Johnson Controls EMCS is approximately \$995,000. The probable cost of the project EMCS modifications is \$200,000 for a 20.1% modification. According to IHL and Bureau of Building EMCS procurement protocol for existing systems, the EMCS can and should be procured by single source procurement since the portion of the new controls is less than 25% of the existing controls system as long as approval is obtained prior to bidding.

**Project Initiation Date:** October 2021

**Project Budget:**

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 5,585,494.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	494,573.00
Misc. Project Costs:	20,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	0.00
Contingency:	307,309.00

**Total Project Budget** **\$ 6,407,376.00**

**Funding Source(s):** HB 1730, Laws of 2020 (\$3,857,376); SB 2971, Laws of 2021 (\$800,000); HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$1,750,000)

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

**13. USM – IHL 208-301 – REED GREEN COLISEUM RENOVATION -  
APPROVAL OF EXTERIOR DESIGN**

**Agenda Request:** The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval of the exterior design of the renovation of Reed Green Coliseum.

**Design Professional:** Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC

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

**Purpose:** The University of Southern Mississippi is seeking approval of the exterior rendering for the renovation of Reed Green Coliseum.

**Project Scope:** The University of Southern Mississippi is currently working on a project to renovate Reed Green Coliseum. The scope includes approximately 33,000 square feet of building additions, comprising of a New Coliseum Entrance at Fourth Street (approximately 10,000 sq.ft), New Training Facility (approximately 20,000 sq. ft), restroom renovations, loading dock expansion, arena improvements, and facility improvements, and site improvements.

**Funding Source(s):** Institutional Funds, City of Hattiesburg Tourism Tax and Southern Mississippi Educational Building Corporation (SMEBC) Bond proceeds

**Project Budget:** \$43,170,506.50

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

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

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***Rendering 1: South Side of Reed Green Coliseum***



***Rendering 2: Front Entrance of Reed Green Coliseum Facing 4<sup>th</sup> Street***





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**14. IHL SYSTEM OFFICE – ANNUAL APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITIES FOR ADMINISTERING STATE FUNDED CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AS PER HOUSE BILL #475, LAWS OF 2022**

**Approval Requested:** As required by House Bill #475, Laws of 2022, the System Office requests annual renewal of approval of Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center as being qualified and capable to procure and administer state funded construction and maintenance projects for FY 2025.

**Justification:** House Bill #475, Laws of 2022, states the following:

*SECTION 1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:*

*37-101-15 (m) (ii) Additionally, the Board is authorized to oversee, administer and approve contracts for the construction and maintenance of buildings and other facilities of the state Institutions of Higher Learning, including related contracts for architectural and engineering services, which are funded in whole or part by general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi at institutions designated annually by the Board as being capable to procure and administer all such contracts. This subparagraph (ii) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2025.*

The IHL Staff has reviewed the qualifications of the above referenced universities regarding the following criteria and recommends approval to self-administer state funded construction, renovation, and maintenance projects.

***Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item. Additionally, the Board requests that this self-administration be provided for funds authorized in SB 2468, Laws of 2024 and SB 3006, Laws of 2024***

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1. **MSU – APPROVAL TO HIRE JONES WALKER, LLP AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Mississippi State University Educational Building Corporation requests approval to enter into a contract with the law firm of Jones Walker, LLP to perform services necessary in assisting and advising the University on legal issues concerning the review of strategic financing options, tax-exempt bond arbitrage, and rebate compliance, the use of bond-financed building, and other matters relating to bond issues. The contract term is two years beginning August 25, 2024 through August 24, 2026. The rate is \$1.15 for every \$1,000 of bonds issued by the EBC, for those that bear interest at both fixed and variable rates, plus out-of-pocket expenses, not to exceed \$4,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$50 million per claim and an annual aggregate of \$100 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

2. **MSU – APPROVAL TO HIRE STITES & HARBISON, PLLC AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Mississippi State University requests approval to enter into a contract with the law firm of Stites & Harbison, PLLC to perform services necessary for obtaining patents for designs, processes, products and other patentable materials developed in connection with the University. The contract term is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates for specific staff are as follows: Richard Myers, Jr., partner, \$360; Mandy Decker, partner, \$320; Jeff Haeberlin, partner, \$320; Terry Wright, partner, \$320; James Hayne, attorney, \$230; Sam Raque, attorney, \$250; Mari-Elise Paul, attorney, \$260; and \$95 for paralegal services. To help manage per-project costs, the University may also be charged on a flat-rate basis for preparing and filing patent applications. Flat-rate filings for provisional applications will not exceed \$5,000 per filing, and non-provisional applications will not exceed \$15,000 per filing. Rates will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and the most cost-efficient rate basis will be determined and agreed upon. The maximum amount payable under the two-year term of the contract is \$200,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$10 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$20 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

3. **UM – APPROVAL TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH BRUNINI, GRANTHAM, GROWER & HEWES, PLLC AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Mississippi requests approval to renew its contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC for the provision of legal advice and counsel on general construction matters, including but not limited to legal and regulatory issues related to construction management advisor and construction

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

4. **UM – APPROVAL TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH CHURCH, CHURCH, HITTLE & ANTRIM AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Mississippi requests approval to renew its contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim as outside counsel to provide services as needed regarding athletics related matters and other matters as assigned. The term of the agreement is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The hourly rates will be \$425 for partners and \$295 for associate attorneys and professionals. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement shall not exceed \$50,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$4 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$4 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

5. **UM – APPROVAL TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH LIGHTFOOT, FRANKLIN & WHITE, LLC AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Mississippi requests approval to renew its contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Lightfoot, Franklin & White, LLC as outside counsel for the provision of legal services in the practice areas of athletics related matters and other legal matters as assigned. The contract term is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The hourly rates are \$515 for a senior partner, \$465 for a junior partner, \$255 for an NCAA specialist, and \$250 for technical support. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement shall not exceed \$100,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$15 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$30 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

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**6. UM – APPROVAL TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH MAYO MALLETTE, PLLC AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Mississippi requests approval to renew its contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Mayo Mallette PLLC as outside counsel to assist the University on real estate, compliance, internal investigations, employment, and other legal matters as assigned. The contract term is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The hourly rates are \$250 for partners, \$200 for associates and \$100 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under this agreement shall not exceed \$100,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$2 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$2 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

**7. UM – APPROVAL TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH THOMAS|HORSTEMEYER, LLP AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Mississippi requests approval to renew its contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Thomas|Horstemeyer LLP for the provision of legal advice and counsel on intellectual property matters, including patent prosecution, trademarks, IP related litigation, IP licensing, copyrights, transactions, and applications, filings, and submissions specified in Appendix A attached to the contract. The contract term is one year beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The hourly rates range from \$275 to \$446 for attorneys, \$210 to \$365 for patent agents, and \$115 to \$225 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement shall not exceed \$250,000. T|H will also handle certain transactional IP matters for a flat fee based on category of services, at additional savings to the University. The fee schedule is set out below and attached to the contract as Appendix A. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$5 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$5 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

Appendix A  
RATES

PREPARATION, FILING AND PROSECUTION OF U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

**Provisional Applications**

<b>Cover Sheet Provisional Application \$500</b>	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparation of transmittal papers</li> <li>• review of application text provided to the Firm</li> <li>• filing of application</li> <li>• include 1 or 2 broad claims to broaden the scope of the disclosure</li> </ul>
<b>Category 1 \$1500</b>	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure</li> <li>• paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention</li> </ul>

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	<p>and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one revision by the inventor</li> <li>• informal figures</li> <li>• filing of application</li> </ul>
<p><b>Category 2 \$3000</b></p>	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure</li> <li>• paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application</li> <li>• one revision by the inventor</li> <li>• informal figures</li> <li>• filing of application</li> <li>• one or more revisions by the inventor</li> <li>• in addition to the substantive information, the application has the look and feel of a non-provisional application so it can be used for marketing purposes filing of application</li> <li>• the figures may not be formal</li> </ul>
<p><b>Category 3 \$5000</b></p>	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure</li> <li>• paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application</li> <li>• one revision by the inventor</li> <li>• informal figures</li> <li>• filing of application</li> <li>• one or more revisions by the inventor</li> <li>• more complete claim set</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the substantive information, the application has the look and feel of a non-provisional application so it can be used for marketing purposes filing of application.</p>
<p><b>Category 4 \$7500</b></p>	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure</li> <li>• paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application</li> <li>• one revision by the inventor</li> <li>• informal figures</li> <li>• filing of application</li> <li>• one or more revisions by the inventor</li> <li>• the figures may not be formal</li> <li>• more complete claim set</li> <li>• full claims sets</li> <li>• multiple revisions by the inventor</li> </ul> <p>Category 4 applications may be filed as a non-provisional application with limited effort if the invention is not changed. In addition to the substantive information, the application has the look and feel of a non-provisional application so it can be used for marketing purposes filing of application.</p>

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**U.S. Utility or PCT Patent Application**

<p><b>Category 1 \$1000</b></p>	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conversion of provisional application limited to formal issues</li> <li>• review by the inventor</li> <li>• simple inventorship determination</li> <li>• preparation of transmittal papers</li> <li>• filing of applications</li> </ul>
<p><b>Category 2 \$3500</b></p>	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• additional emphasis on claims and other formal issues</li> <li>• review by the inventor</li> <li>• simple inventorship determination</li> <li>• preparation of transmittal papers</li> <li>• filing of applications</li> </ul>
<p><b>Category 3 \$5500</b></p>	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• additional emphasis on claims and other formal issues</li> <li>• review by the inventor</li> <li>• simple inventorship determination</li> <li>• preparation of transmittal papers</li> <li>• filing of application</li> <li>• additional detail and claims</li> <li>• one or more revisions by the inventor</li> <li>• inventor interview</li> <li>• more complete claim set</li> </ul>
<p><b>Category 4 \$8000</b></p>	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• additional emphasis on claims and other formal issues</li> <li>• review by the inventor</li> <li>• simple inventorship determination</li> <li>• preparation of transmittal papers</li> <li>• filing of application</li> <li>• additional detail and claims</li> <li>• one or more revisions by the inventor</li> <li>• inventor interview</li> <li>• more complete claim set</li> <li>• full claim sets towards multiple embodiments</li> <li>• multiple revisions by the inventor</li> <li>• longer applications</li> <li>• numerous figures</li> </ul>
<p><b>Category 5 \$10,000</b></p>	<p>Including, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• additional emphasis on claims and other formal issues</li> <li>• review by the inventor</li> <li>• simple inventorship determination</li> <li>• preparation of transmittal papers</li> <li>• filing of application</li> <li>• additional detail and claims</li> <li>• one or more revisions by the inventor</li> <li>• inventor interview</li> <li>• more complete claim set</li> <li>• full claim sets towards multiple embodiments</li> <li>• multiple revisions by the inventor</li> <li>• longer applications</li> <li>• numerous figures</li> <li>• exceptionally complex technology</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• long cases (greater than 75pages)</li> <li>• the inventor is difficult to interact with or provides little input</li> <li>• various other documented complexities</li> </ul>
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**Patent Prosecution  
 Response to Restriction Requirement**

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

**Response to Office Action/Appeal Brief**

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

<b>Category 1 \$1500</b>	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review and analysis of less complex office actions and cited publications</li> <li>• developing strategy for response</li> <li>• preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief</li> </ul>
<b>Category 2 \$2500</b>	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review and analysis of more complex office actions and cited publications</li> <li>• developing strategy for response</li> <li>• preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief</li> </ul>
<b>Category 3 \$3500</b>	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review and analysis of most complex office actions and cited publications</li> <li>• developing strategy for response</li> <li>• preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief</li> </ul>
<b>Category 4 \$4500</b>	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review and analysis of most complex office actions and cited publications</li> <li>• developing strategy for response</li> <li>• preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief:</li> <li>• developing strategy for evidentiary declaration under 131 or 132</li> <li>• consultation with declarant</li> <li>• gathering evidence; preparing declaration</li> <li>• sending declaration out for signature by declarant</li> <li>• filing and reporting declaration</li> </ul>
<b>Filing Notice of Appeal</b>	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparing, filing and reporting notice of appeal</li> </ul>

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<b>\$100</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review and analysis of office action and cited publications</li> </ul>
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**Additional Filings or Reports**

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



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

**Additional Attorney Analysis**

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

8. **UM – APPROVAL TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH SUN SOVEREIGN, LLC d/b/a WARE | IMMIGRATION AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

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

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**Schedule of Legal Fees for Academia**

**Nonimmigrant Petitions and Processes**

H-1B petition	\$2500*
H-1B extension or amendment petitions (firm handled original petition)	\$2500*
H-1B withdrawal	\$ 200
H-4 EAD	\$ 750
*additional legal fee of up to \$2,500 may apply for substantive requests for evidence	

TN petition or border/consulate processing	\$2500
TN extension petition (firm handled original)	\$2500

E-3 petition or consular processing	\$2500
E-3 extension petition (firm handled original)	\$2500

O-1 petition	\$8000
O-1 extension or amendment petition (firm handled original)	\$4000
O-1 additional rush fee if case needs to be filed within 60 days	\$2000

J-1 waiver (IGA or hardship)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (Conrad)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (no objection)	\$2000

I-539 Fee for Dependents	\$1000
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**Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Faculty**

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

**Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty**

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

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

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

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

Adjustment of status (AOS) and related applications (I-765, I-131, etc.),

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

**Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal**

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

**Marriage Based Permanent Residence**

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

**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
Administrative Fee (Copies, Postage, FedEx, etc.)	\$ 150

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

Such matters will be billed at our hourly rate:

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

9. **USM – APPROVAL TO HIRE CAVES & CAVES, PLLC AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to contract with the law firm of Caves & Caves, PLLC as outside counsel to perform services as necessary in the practice areas of general legal advice, commercial and regulatory matters, investigations in matters involving various legal issues, litigation, and acting as a hearing officer for Title IX proceedings at the University, and any and all services arising out of or related to the hearing officer role. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates are \$195 for attorneys and \$90 for paralegal services. The

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maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$40,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$1 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

10. **USM – APPROVAL TO HIRE MENDELSON DUNLEAVY, PC AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to contract with the law firm of Mendelsohn Dunleavy, PC, as outside counsel to perform services as necessary in the practice area of intellectual property law. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates are as follows: Kevin J. Dunleavy, \$350; Steve Mendelsohn, \$350; Garth Dahlen, \$350; Tu Phan-Kerr, \$350; Kristina Sanchez (patent agent), \$250; Brandon Robilotti, \$225; and \$110 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$100,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million with an annual aggregate of \$3 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

11. **USM – APPROVAL TO HIRE COLETTE A. OLDMIXON, P. A. AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to contract with the law firm of Colette A. Oldmixon, P.A. as outside counsel to perform services as necessary in acting as a hearing officer for Title IX proceedings at the University and any and all services arising out of or related to the hearing officer role. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates are \$195 for attorneys and \$90 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$40,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million with an annual aggregate of \$2 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

12. **USM – APPROVAL TO HIRE SCOTT J. SCHWARTZ, P.A. AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to contract with the law firm of Scott J. Schwartz, P.A. as outside counsel to perform services in the areas of or otherwise related to providing general legal advice, commercial and regulatory matters, investigations

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in matters involving various legal issues, and litigation. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates are \$195 for attorneys and \$90 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$15,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million with an annual aggregate of \$2 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

13. **USM – APPROVAL TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH SUN SOVEREIGN, LLC d/b/a WARE|IMMIGRATION AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to amend its current contract with the law firm of Sun Sovereign, LLC d/b/a Ware|Immigration as outside counsel for the provision of services as necessary in preparing labor certification applications and permanent residence process on behalf of the University for its professors, researchers, and employees who seek permanent residence status and to further provide other related services relating to immigration and naturalization at the University’s request. The IHL Board approved this contract at its April 2023 regular meeting for a term of April 21, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with a maximum amount payable of \$50,000 during the term of the agreement. The University has experienced an unanticipated increase in the number of employees who require the services of this firm and, as such, requests approval to increase the maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement to \$111,000. All other terms of the current contract remain unchanged. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

14. **USM – APPROVAL TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH SUN SOVEREIGN, LLC d/b/a WARE|IMMIGRATION AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

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

**Exhibit A**

**Schedule of Legal Fees for Academia**

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

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H-1B extension or amendment petitions (firm handled original petition)	\$2500*
H-1B withdrawal	\$ 200
H-4 EAD	\$ 750

\*additional legal fee of up to \$2,500 may apply for substantive requests for evidence

TN petition or border/consulate processing	\$2500
TN extension petition (firm handled original)	\$2500
E-3 petition or consular processing	\$2500
E-3 extension petition (firm handled original)	\$2500

O-1 petition	\$8000
O-1 extension or amendment petition (firm handled original)	\$4000
O-1 additional rush fee if case needs to be filed w/in 60 days	\$2000

J-1 waiver (IGA or hardship)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (Conrad)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (no objection)	\$2000

I-539 Fee for Dependents	\$1000
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Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Faculty

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

Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty

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

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

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

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

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

Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal

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

Marriage Based Permanent Residence

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

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 Outside of Fee Schedule

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

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15. **USM – APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval of a proposed First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Affiliation Agreement between the University and The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association. The Alumni Association serves the University by, among other activities, attracting, organizing, and encouraging graduates, former students, and friends to advance the University’s mission and by fostering, encouraging, establishing, and maintaining affinity, loyalty, community, and relationships among the University, its alumni, former students, and its friends.

IHL Board Policy 301.0806 prescribes the material terms for all agreements between institutions and foundations/affiliated entities. The proposed amendment and the underlying agreement comply with IHL Board Policy 301.0806. The proposed amendment extends the term of the existing agreement until December 31, 2024, with all other provisions of that agreement remaining unchanged and in full force and effect.

The agreement may be terminated by the University President, with the prior approval of the IHL Board, for specified material non-compliance with or breach of the agreement or applicable policies of the University or IHL upon the expiration of a ninety (90) day period to cure any breach.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

16. **USM – APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval of a proposed First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Affiliation Agreement between the University and The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation. The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation’s primary purpose is to support the University by including but not limited to researching, raising, receiving, acknowledging, investing, accounting for and administering funds for the University to use for its educational, research, and service missions.

IHL Board Policy 301.0806 prescribes the material terms for all agreements between institutions and foundations/affiliated entities. The proposed amendment and the underlying agreement comply with IHL Board Policy 301.0806. The proposed amendment extends the term of the existing agreement until December 31, 2024, with all other provisions of that agreement remaining unchanged and in full force and effect.



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The agreement may be terminated by the University President, with the prior approval of the IHL Board, for specified material non-compliance with or breach of the agreement or applicable policies of the University or IHL upon the expiration of a ninety (90) day period to cure any breach.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

**APPROVAL OF NON-EMPLOYEE IN-STATE LOBBYISTS**

Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity requires annual Board approval of the use of all outside lobbyists which will perform lobbying activities within the State of Mississippi on behalf of any of the institutions prior to an institution contracting therewith. In addition, Board Policy 201.0506 requires that the Board approve the actual contract with such a lobbyist. The request for approval must include disclosure of all other clients represented by the proposed lobbyist, as well as the specific source of funding to be used for payment of the lobbyist, including expenses. The request must indicate whether funding is to be derived from state general funds or self-generated funds. Further, the contractual agreement with such an outside lobbyist to conduct in-state lobbying must provide that the agreement is either terminable at will, or it must contain a provision that provides that such contract may be terminated by IHL or the client institution if IHL or the institution determines that a new client of the lobbyist creates a conflict. Lastly, Board policy requires that such lobbyists are required to apprise the Commissioner regarding lobbying activities related to IHL or any individual IHL institution, and to coordinate those activities within system strategies and processes prescribed by the IHL Board. In response to the various requirements of Board Policy 201.0506 regarding the approval requirements, in order to use an outside lobbyist for lobbying activities within the State of Mississippi, the institutions have submitted the following for the Board’s consideration.

17. **JSU – APPROVAL OF WORTH THOMAS d/b/a W. T. CONSULTANTS, LLC AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

**Agenda Item Request:** Jackson State University requests approval to enter into an agreement with Worth Thomas d/b/a W.T. Consultants, LLC, to provide a full scope of legislative lobbying services within the State of Mississippi.

**Contractor’s Legal Name:** Worth Thomas d/b/a W.T. Consultants, LLC (“WTC”)  
**Specific Type of Contract:** This is a new government relation services agreement.

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**Purpose:** WTC will provide a full scope of legislative lobbying services within the State of Mississippi, with such services designed to achieve the state agency and governmental relations goals of Jackson State University.

**Scope of Work:** WTC agrees to provide consulting services with respect to state agencies and officials within the State of Mississippi to include (without limitation) direct communication with legislators or other officials concerning relevant legislation, as part of JSU exploring the best possible avenues for implementation of its legislative and economic development agenda. Consultant will coordinate all services and activities with the President of Jackson State University, and/or any representative designated by the President.

**Term of Contract:** The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Contract Amount and Funding Source:** The contract amount is \$90,000 to be paid in quarterly installments of \$22,500 each. This fee will be paid with self-generated funds of the JSU Development Foundation allocated for JSU Program Support.

**Termination Options:** Any party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. Upon termination, any payment earned and unpaid to WTC shall be paid in full within forty-five (45) days of JSUDF's receipt of such invoice. Services performed through a portion of a quarter shall be prorated in accordance with the date of termination.

**Contractor's Client List:**

Hinds County Board of Supervisors  
Jackson State University Development Foundation  
YMCA Alliance  
Altria Client Services, LLC  
AT&T Services Inc.  
Baptist Memorial Health Care Corp.  
City of Columbus, MS  
GovEase  
Ipsen Biopharmaceutical, Inc.  
Jackson Redevelopment Authority  
Mississippi Power Company  
Rehabilitation Centers, LLC d/b/a Millcreek  
Vertex Pharmaceuticals

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

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18. **MSU – APPROVAL OF CORNERSTONE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, INC. AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

**Agenda Item Request:** Mississippi State University requests approval of an agreement between the University and Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc., for assistance in the University’s pursuit of its in-state government affairs and business objectives, including monitoring and lobbying of legislation of interest to MSU during the regular session of the Legislature and other services throughout the year.

**Contractor’s Legal Name:** Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc. (“Cornerstone”)

**Specific Type of Contract:** This is a new government relation services agreement.

**Purpose:** Cornerstone will assist in the University’s pursuit of its in-state government affairs and business objectives, including monitoring and lobbying of legislation of interest to MSU during the regular session of the Legislature and other services throughout the year.

**Scope of Work:** During the term, Cornerstone shall provide government relations services to MSU within the state of Mississippi. The precise scope and extent of the government relations services may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties but generally focus on:

- Monitoring and lobbying of legislation of interest to MSU during the Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature; and
- Providing political counsel and public affairs assistance.

In performing the government relations services, Cornerstone will perform such tasks as attending necessary meetings, and providing as necessary, written reports on its activities as well as the activities of the Mississippi Executive Branch, the Mississippi Legislative Branch, independent agencies, and third parties regarding the relevant issues. Cornerstone will also provide other general informational bulletins or updates that MSU reasonably requests.

**Term of Contract:** The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Contract Amount and Funding Source:** The contract amount is \$50,000 and will be paid with self-generated funds.

**Termination Options:** This Agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause at any time during the term after thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. MSU shall pay Cornerstone all fees and expenses otherwise owed it under the terms of this Agreement through the effective date of such termination.

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ACT, Inc.  
Alorica  
American Medical Response (AMR)  
Amtrak  
Anduril Industries  
Canopy Children's Solutions  
Columbus Light & Water  
Community Mental Health Centers  
Covington County Hospital  
Cypress Creek Renewables  
CSpire  
Empower MS  
eHawk  
Foundation for Mississippi History  
Free State Strategies  
Gilead  
Google  
Great City  
Jackson County Board of Supervisors  
Kroger  
Management Training Corp.  
Mississippi Association of Health Plans  
Mississippi Board of Nursing  
Mississippi Destination Marketing  
Mississippi Economic Council  
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation  
Mississippi Manufacturers Association  
Mississippi Power Company  
Mississippi Railroad Association  
Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure  
Mississippi State University  
Nissan North America  
NORESKO  
Panola Partnership  
PENN Entertainment  
Relativity Space  
Ridgeland, MS (City of)  
Save the Children  
Simpson General Hospital  
South Central Regional Medical Center  
Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance  
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)  
Voyce Global

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Yellow Creek State Inland Port

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

19. **MUW – APPROVAL OF THOMPSON & ASSOCIATES AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

**Agenda Item Request:** The Mississippi University for Women requests approval of an agreement between the University and Thompson & Associates to provide in-state lobbying and government relations consulting services.

**Contractor’s Legal Name:** Thompson & Associates, LLC (“Thompson”)

**Specific Type of Contract:** This is a new government relation services agreement.

**Purpose:** Thompson will provide in-state lobbying and government relations consulting services.

**Scope of Work:** Thompson shall furnish to MUW the following professional services:

- Arrange and attend meetings with key political leadership beginning upon execution of this Agreement and continuing throughout the 2025 Regular Legislative Session in order to educate and promote MUW’s interests regarding MUW and related pieces of legislation;
- Specific monitoring and reporting services; and
- Lobbying Services related to the 2025 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

**Term of Contract:** The term of the agreement is one year from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025.

**Contract Amount and Funding Source:** The contract amount is \$60,000 payable in monthly installments of \$5,000.00 each and will be paid with private funds of the MUW Foundation

**Termination Options:** Either party, on notice to the other party, may terminate this contract. On notice of termination by MUW, Thompson shall cease all work in connection with this project and MUW shall pay Thompson all consideration through the date of termination.

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AFLAC  
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi  
Brookhaven MS Opco LLC  
Caesar's Enterprise Services, LLC  
Central Access Corporation  
Central Auction House, Ltd;  
City of Pearl  
CVS Health  
Enterprise Holdings  
General Cigar Company  
Good Day Farm Mississippi, LLC  
Jasper County Board of Supervisors  
KV Olive Branch, LLC  
Methodist Le Bonheur Children's Hospital  
Life Insurance Association of Mississippi  
Mississippi Apartment Association  
Mississippi Dental Association  
Mississippi Economic Council  
Mississippi Healthcare Association  
Mississippi Independent Package Stores Association  
Mississippi Power Company  
Mississippi Short Line Rail Coalition  
Mississippi University for Women  
National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
Novo Nordisk, Inc.  
Oceans Acquisition, Inc.  
Park Development  
PMI Global Services, Inc. and Affiliates  
Security Scorecard  
Southern Beverage Company, Inc.  
Southern Sky Brands, LLC  
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company  
St. Dominic Health Services, Inc.  
Thompson and Associates  
Via Science, Inc.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

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20. **USM – APPROVAL OF CAPITOL RESOURCES, LLC AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

**Agenda Item Request:** The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to continue the agreement with Capitol Resources LLC, in Jackson, MS, to provide in-state lobbying and government relations and consulting services in Mississippi.

**Contractor’s Legal Name:** Capitol Resources, LLC

**Specific Type of Contract:** This is a new government relation services agreement.

**Purpose:** Capitol Resources will provide in-state lobbying and government relations and consulting services in Mississippi.

**Scope of Work:** Capitol Resources will provide comprehensive lobbying and government relations efforts in Mississippi, focusing on but not limited to the following objectives:

- Policy advocacy in the Mississippi Legislature, particularly on committees and issues dealing with funding, capital projects, IHL, K-12 education, technology development, hurricane recovery, and marine resources;
- Policy advocacy and monitoring of relevant issues within the Executive Branch;
- Partnership and strategic alliance development, both within various agencies and departments of state government, as well as within the private sector focusing on:
  - USM in relation to broader education policy, i.e. teacher training, K-12, college preparation, etc.
  - USM research application and support within the private sector, particularly in South Mississippi
  - USM in relation to workforce development;
- Exhaustive monitoring of legislation, relevant committee hearings and floor debates;
- Identifying and securing potential legislative sponsors for USM-supported legislation and assistance with bill drafting;
- Defensive monitoring within a broad spectrum of government agencies;
- Assistance to USM administration, alumni and supporters in communication with key legislators at appropriate times;
- Compliance with all registration and reporting laws; and

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- Off-session strategy planning and legislative contacts, attendance at appropriate USM events

**Term of Contract:** The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Contract Amount and Funding Source:** The contract amount is \$48,000 annually, which is payable in monthly installments of \$4,000 each and will be funded by self-generated funds.

**Termination Options:** USM may, when the interests of USM so require, terminate this agreement in whole or in part for convenience of USM. Written notice of termination is required to be provided by USM and shall allow no less than ten (10) days' notice prior to the effective date of termination. USM also may terminate this agreement if Capitol Resources, LLC takes on a client that is in conflict with USM. Written notice of all new clients is required to be given to USM no less than 10 (10) days' notice prior to the effective date of adding the client.

**Contractor's Client List:**

American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, MS Section  
American Medical Response, Inc.  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
BankPlus  
MGM/Beau Rivage Resorts  
Bragg Farming Company  
Cambria Solutions (Ernst & Young, LLP)  
Canadian Pacific Kansas City, Ltd.  
Catapult Learning, Inc. (FullBloom)  
CDW, LLC  
Centene Corporation d/b/a The Magnolia Health Plan  
CF Industries  
City of Starkville  
Comcast Cable Communications, LLC  
Community Health Center Association of Mississippi  
Delta Dental Insurance Company  
Diamondhead Water and Sewer District  
Drax Biomass, Inc.  
Equifax, Inc.  
Enova International, Inc.  
Ergon, Inc.  
Fortinet, Inc.  
Foundation Gaming  
Plus Communications/FP1 Strategies, LLC  
Gainwell Technologies



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Google  
Gulf States Toyota  
HORNE  
IGT Global Solutions Corporation  
Ingalls Shipbuilding  
Interwest Corporation  
Kohler Co.  
Learning.com  
Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association d/b/a MS Petroleum Council  
LS Power Midcontinent, LLC  
Madison County Board of Supervisors  
McLane Company, Inc.  
MedeAnalytics  
Medical Transportation Management, Inc.  
Memorial Health System  
Milliman  
Mississippi Association of REALTORS  
Mississippi Chapter – American College of Emergency Physicians  
Mockingbird Holdings, LLC  
MS Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
MS Alliance for Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.  
MS Charter School Authorizer Board  
MS Consumer Finance Association  
MS Counselors Association  
MS Economic Council  
MS Economic Development Council  
MS Optometric Association  
MS Orthopedic Society  
MS Physicians Care Network  
MS Public Broadcasting Foundation  
MS State Board of Medical Licensure  
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC  
Ochsner Health System  
Odyssey  
Philanthropy Roundtable  
PhRMA  
PMI Global Services, Inc.  
Regional One Health  
Republic Services  
Schneider Electric  
SD USA  
Singing River Health System  
Southern Beverage Company, Inc.  
Southern Renewable Energy Association

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Spire Services, Inc.  
Star Academy  
Study Edge  
Teaching Strategies, LLC  
Tennessee Book Company  
Toyota Motor – North America, Inc.  
Turo  
Uber Technologies, Inc.  
UHS of Delaware, Inc. – Parkwood  
United Us  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Vision Research  
Waggoner Engineering, Inc.  
Wonderschool  
Workday, Inc.  
Youth Villages

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

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**APPROVAL OF NON-EMPLOYEE OUT-OF-STATE LOBBYISTS**

Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activities requires IHL Board approval annually of all outside lobbyists which are to perform lobbying activities outside the State of Mississippi on behalf of any of our institutions prior to an institution contracting therewith. Therefore, the following requests for approval to use various federal lobbyists are submitted for your consideration:

21. **MSU – APPROVAL OF FEDERAL SOLUTIONS, LLC AS FEDERAL LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

Mississippi State University requests approval for Federal Solutions, LLC, to continue to lobby on behalf of the university outside the State of Mississippi.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

22. **UM – APPROVAL OF BGR GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AS FEDERAL LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

The University of Mississippi seeks approval for BGR Governmental Affairs, LLC, a Washington, D.C. based firm, to continue to assist in managing its federal governmental affairs and to represent its interests before federal executive branch agencies and congressional offices and committees.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

23. **USM – APPROVAL OF CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES, INC. AS FEDERAL LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to continue the agreement with Cassidy & Associates, Inc., in Washington, DC, to government relations services outside the State of Mississippi during the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

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**APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS**

The following requests for Board approval of various university/system employees as legislative liaisons are made in order to comply with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity:

24. **ASU – APPROVAL OF DR. MARCUS D. WARD AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Alcorn State University requests approval of Dr. Marcus D. Ward as legislative liaison.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

25. **JSU – APPROVAL OF JACQUELINE ANDERSON-WOODS AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Jackson State University requests approval of Jacqueline Anderson-Woods as legislative liaison.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

26. **MSU – APPROVAL OF LEE WEISKOPF AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Mississippi State University requests approval of Lee Weiskopf as legislative liaison.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

27. **MUW – APPROVAL OF KAREN CLAY AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Mississippi University for Women requests approval of Karen Clay as legislative liaison.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

28. **UM – APPROVAL OF PERRY SANSING AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

The University of Mississippi requests approval of Perry Sansing as legislative liaison.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

29. **UMMC - APPROVAL OF KRISTY SIMMS AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval of Kristy Simms as legislative liaison.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

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30. **UMMC - APPROVAL OF ANNA MOAK SPARKS AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval of Anna Moak Sparks as legislative liaison.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

31. **USM – APPROVAL OF CHAD DRISKELL AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval of Chad Driskell as legislative liaison.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

32. **SYSTEM – APPROVAL OF LAURA HIPPI-MAYER AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

The IHL Executive Office requests approval of Laura Hipp-Mayer as legislative liaison.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

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**APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION REQUESTS**

1. **Employment**

**Delta State University**

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

**Jackson State University**

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

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

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2. **Change of Status**

**Delta State University**

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

**Jackson State University**

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

**Mississippi University for Women**

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

**University of Southern Mississippi**

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

3. **Sabbatical**

**Jackson State University**

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

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



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1. **SYSTEM – APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENCE DAY TO BE CELEBRATED ON JULY 4 AND 5, 2024**

The Governor has issued a Proclamation authorizing state offices to be closed for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday on July 4 and 5, 2024. As a result, and in keeping with IHL Policy 805.08 Official Holidays, approval is sought from the Board to close IHL and university offices on July 5<sup>th</sup> in addition to July 4, 2024, in celebration of Independence Day.

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

2. **DSU – APPROVAL OF A NEW MISSION STATEMENT**

Below are Delta State University’s current mission statement approved by the IHL Board at its October 19, 2017 meeting and the proposed new mission statement for the Board’s consideration.

**Current Mission Statement**

~~As a regional Carnegie Master’s I university located in Cleveland, Mississippi, Delta State University serves as an educational and cultural center for the Mississippi Delta, emphasizing service to the Delta and contiguous counties in traditional and distance education formats. The University offers undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs of study leading to baccalaureate and master’s degrees in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Aviation, Education and Human Sciences, and the School of Nursing, as well as the Educational Specialist degree and Doctorates in Education and Nursing Practice. Emphasis is placed on excellence in instruction, followed by service and research, in the creation of a community of scholars. With special attention to small classes, a friendly environment, and a broad liberal arts foundation, the University encourages significant student-faculty interactions. Delta State provides programs and services that promote intellectual, cultural, ethical, physical, and social development. Students from different cultural, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds will develop the ability to respect and value others; to develop, assess, and express their own thoughts effectively; and, to use the techniques of research and performance associated with their disciplines.~~

**Proposed Mission Statement**

The mission of Delta State University is to offer exceptional programs and opportunities that are current, innovative, and responsive to the diverse needs of those it serves. The University provides experiences that cultivate intellectual growth and individual enrichment to develop productive members of local, regional, and global communities.

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

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3. **MUW – APPROVAL TO AWARD ONE HONORARY DEGREE**

The university requests approval to bestow one honorary degree at its Summer 2024 commencement ceremony. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.

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

4. **USM – APPROVAL TO AWARD ONE HONORARY DEGREE**

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

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

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1. **USM – REQUESTS TO ADD NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS**

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

In accordance with Board Policy 502, the University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to establish new academic degree programs.

**A. Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Allied Health**

*CIP code: 51.0000*

*Total credit hours: 120*

*Effective date: August 2024*

*Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$0*

*Potential new, five-year revenue: \$1,519,644*

*Unit where academic program will be housed: School of Health Professions*

*Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 90*

*Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 80*

*Program description: Allied Health is a fully online program of study specifically designed for allied health professionals with an associate of applied science degree. This program currently exists as an emphasis within the Public Health BS degree. This proposal is to elevate the emphasis to a stand-alone program on the IHL inventory.*

Allied health professionals such as public health technologists, respiratory therapists, dental hygienists, physical therapy assistants, and surgical technologists are trained in community and public health practices to enhance their skills and increase employment options, allowing them to move their careers forward. This degree program is specifically designed for students who have earned technical credits in an associate degree allied health program, are currently working in health care as an allied health professional, are interested in increasing their credibility within the health care setting, are seeking promotion opportunities with their allied health field, or are interested in pursuing post-graduation education in a related field.

*Institution(s) offering similar program(s): The University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University*

*National and state supply and demand: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment in healthcare occupations is projected to grow much faster than the average for*

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all occupations from 2022 to 2032. About 1.8 million openings are projected each year, on average, in these occupations due to employment growth and the need to replace workers who leave the occupations permanently. Allied Health professionals are in high demand and benefit from advancing their education. Allied health professionals obtaining a four-year degree also play a crucial role in addressing workforce development needs in both healthcare and public health sectors. As the healthcare landscape evolves to meet the demands of an aging population and increasingly complex medical conditions, there is a pressing need for a well-trained workforce capable of delivering high-quality care and promoting public health initiatives. By pursuing advanced education in allied health fields, individuals contribute to filling these critical gaps in the workforce, ensuring that communities have access to skilled professionals who can provide essential healthcare services. Moreover, their expertise in areas such as disease prevention, health promotion, and healthcare administration strengthens the overall capacity to address public health challenges effectively. Thus, investing in the education and training of allied health professionals at the four-year degree level not only meets immediate workforce needs but also fosters a healthier and more resilient society in the long term.

**B. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Computer Science**

*CIP code:* 11.0701

*Total credit hours:* 84

*Effective date:* August 2024

*Incremental, five-year cost of implementation:* \$0

*Potential new, five-year revenue:* \$68,310

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

*Number of students expected to enroll in first five years:* 75

*Number of students expected to graduate in first five years:* 25

*Program description:* USM currently offers a Computer Science emphasis within the Computational Science PhD program. This emphasis is in teach-out and the current courses and resources will be assigned to this stand-alone Computer Science PhD program. The Doctor of Philosophy degree in Computer Science prepares students in the theory and practice of computing, gaining hands-on experience through research at the cutting edge of various areas including cybersecurity, data science, bioinformatics, artificial intelligence, computer vision, and robotics.

*Institution(s) offering similar program(s):* Mississippi State University

*National and state supply and demand:* Employment in computer and information technology occupations is projected to grow 14.6% from 2021 to 2031. Growing at a faster rate than the average for all occupations, an estimated 682,800 new jobs will be created over the 10-year period. With a median annual wage of \$97,430 these jobs often require a

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bachelor's degree (USBLS, 2022). To develop this talent, we need more PhD in CS faculty; PhD in CS holders may also work in industry for much higher wages than academia. There are currently 11 enrolled in the Computational Science PhD Computer Science emphasis at USM. The CIP code for this program prevents enrollment by some international students. The proposed program will have a CS CIP code. So, it is expected that international student enrollment will increase. The Office of Online Learning's research revealed interest in online computer science programs, with an estimated enrollment of 8 in the online PhD program in Fall 2021-2022 academic year at Southern Methodist University, the online path is expected to bring additional students to the PhD in CS at USM.

*Average wages:* Overall employment in computer and information technology occupations is projected to grow 15 percent from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations; this increase is expected to result in about 682,800 new jobs over the decade. In addition to new jobs from growth, opportunities arise from the need to replace workers who leave their occupations permanently. About 418,500 openings each year, on average, are projected to come from growth and replacement needs. The median annual wage for this group was \$97,430 in May 2021, which was higher than the median annual wage for all occupations of \$45,760. According to the Bureau, the average salary for a new PhD graduate in computer science ranges from \$100K to \$200K. The median salary for computer and information research scientists in the USA, positions frequently held by PhD holders in CS, was \$126,830 per year in May 2023.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.**

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

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

**A. UM - Center Title: Center for STEM Learning**

*Center Location:* Jim and Thomas Duff Center for Science and Technology Innovation

*Scope:* Extensive Scope and Outreach

*Type:* Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research) and Type 2 (Student, Faculty, or Community Service)

*Effective Date:* April 2024

*Total number of current faculty/ Total number of new faculty:* 50/4

*Total number of current staff/ Total number of new staff:* 25/5

*Anticipated annual cost:* \$550,000

*Funding source:* University of Mississippi, Donors, Grants

*Purpose:* The purpose of this center is to create a structure to advance teaching and learning in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The Center will provide an opportunity for much collaboration with all the STEM

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departments, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, the Center for Mathematics and Science Education, the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, and the Division of Outreach. The Center will support the objectives and programs of several campus units but will offer a distinct focus on the STEM disciplines. The Center will also provide the intellectual structure to coordinate and optimize the use of the new teaching facilities in the Duff building.

**B. USM - Center Title: Gulf South Center for Community Engaged Health Research and Innovation**

*Center Location:* Hattiesburg (main) and Gulf Park campuses

*Scope:* Limited Scope and Outreach

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

*Effective Date:* August 2024

*Total number of current faculty/ Total number of new faculty:* 5/0

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

*Annual cost of implementation:* \$1,200,000

*Funding source:* Federal (NIH, NSF), state, donor, and congressional funding

*Purpose:* The Center is positioned in a state starving for innovation to address deeply rooted health disparities and in a region of the state that serves two large (Gulfport-Biloxi and Hattiesburg-Laurel) metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) and surrounding rural areas. The MSAs alone account for over one-quarter of the state's population. The Center structure also supports a holistic model of activities to simultaneously advance research, innovation, economic, and workforce development, while fostering strong community-academic partnerships.

The Center's mission is to support team science, multi-stakeholder partnerships and workforce capacity to conduct community-engaged and solutions-oriented disease prevention and healthy aging research to address health disparities. The Center's vision is for all Mississippians and Gulf South communities to live longer and healthier lives. The overall objective of the Center is to conduct health disparities research using a trans-disciplinary team of scientists and practice stakeholders to transform clinic and community observations into real world interventions in Mississippi. Research will impact key public health priorities including preventable chronic and infectious diseases that disparately burden Mississippi and its subpopulations.

**C. USM - Center Title: The Center for Community Engagement (CCE)**

*Center Location:* Office of the Provost

*Scope:* Limited Scope and Outreach

*Type:* Type 2 (Student, Faculty, or Community Service)

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*Effective Date:* November 2023

*Total number of current faculty/ Total number of new faculty:* 34/0

*Total number of current staff/ Total number of new staff:* 1/0

*Annual cost of implementation:* \$121,216

*Funding source:* Education and General funds (already allocated)

*Purpose:* The Center for Community Engagement has been in operation since 2000. In 2013, CCE was merged with the functions of the Office of Community Service Learning. When the guidelines for Centers and Institutes was reevaluated by IHL a couple of years ago, at the time, the work of the CCE did not fall within the categories or guidelines that IHL had proposed. While it has been in existence for quite some time, it did not meet the standards of being a true Center until now. The CCE serves the entire USM university (faculty, staff, students, and external community organizations) to develop and coordinate meaningful and mutually beneficially community engagement experiences to address university and community needs, effect positive social change, and cultivate active citizen leaders. This work is completed through service-learning pedagogy, community-engaged research, and direct work with students.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.**

3. **SYSTEM – APPROVAL FOR FINAL READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BOARD POLICY SECTION 600**

Board approval for first reading is requested for proposed amendments to Board Policy Section 600. There are proposed amendments for subsections 601 – 604, 608, 610, and 612. There are no proposed amendments to subsections 605 – 607, 609, 611, and 613 – 618.

The rationales for these proposed amendments are: (1) to clarify admissions policies to ensure consistent implementation across the IHL system; (2) to simplify the manual, time-consuming process of calculating the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) grade point average (GPA) which does not provide a complete picture of the student’s academic work; and (3) to clarify residency and align residency policies with court cases that dictate decisions and processes regarding residency.

The proposed amendments will be effective for spring 2025 applications received after July 1, 2024, and future term applications.

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**SECTION 600 - STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ADMISSIONS**

**601 ADMISSION STANDARDS**

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

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

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

**602 FRESHMAN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS**

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

**A. HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS BEGINNING WITH STUDENTS ENTERING IN FALL 2022  
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<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Required<sup>1</sup> Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>		<u>Recommended<sup>2</sup> Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>	
<b>English</b>	4	<i>Units must require substantial communications skills (i.e. reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and Compensatory Writing may not be included.</i>	4	<i>Units must require substantial communication skills (i.e. reading, writing, listening, and speaking). Compensatory Reading and Compensatory Writing may not be included.</i>
<b>Mathematics</b>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>CPC approved math (1 unit)</del></li> <li>• Algebra I or its equivalent</li> <li>• Math higher than Algebra I (2 units)</li> <li>• <u>Additional math higher or lower than Algebra I (1 unit)</u></li> </ul>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra I or its equivalent</li> <li>• Math higher than Algebra I (3 units)</li> </ul>



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<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Required<sup>1</sup> Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>		<u>Recommended<sup>2</sup> Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>	
<b>Science</b>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Biology I or its equivalent</i></li> <li>• <i>Science higher than Biology I (2 units)</i></li> </ul>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Biology I or its equivalent</i></li> <li>• <i>Science higher than Biology I (3 units)</i></li> </ul>
<b>Social Studies</b>	3	<i>Units must include integrated courses of social sciences and humanities promoting civic competence</i>	4	<i>Units must include integrated courses of social sciences and humanities promoting civic competence</i>
<b>Arts</b>	1	<i>Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two ½ units) of visual and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation.</i>	1	<i>Includes any one Carnegie unit (or two ½ units) of visual and performing arts course(s) meeting the requirements for high school graduation.</i>
<b>Advanced Electives</b>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II</i></li> <li>• <i>Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3</i></li> <li>• <i>Option 3: (1) Any combination of advanced electives above the required Carnegie units in: (a) as noted in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs CPC Manual and/or (b) any Advanced Placement (AP), Academic or Career and Technical Dual Credit (DC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course.</i>  <i>(2) Completion of any two-year Career and Technical course may count as one unit. Example: completion of both Health Sciences I &amp; II will count as an advanced elective.</i></li> </ul>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II</i></li> <li>• <i>Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3</i></li> <li>• <i>Option 3: (1) Any combination of advanced electives above the required Carnegie units in: (a) as noted in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs CPC Manual and/or (b) any Advanced Placement (AP), Academic or Career and Technical Dual Credit (DC), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course.</i>  <i>(2) Completion of any two-year Career and Technical course may count as one unit. Example: completion of both Health Sciences I &amp; II will count as an advanced elective.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Technology or Computer Science</b>	1	<i>A technology course emphasizes the use of technology as a productivity tool. Instruction should include utilizing various forms of technology to create, collaborate, organize, and publish information. The application of technology as a productivity tool, rather than specific hardware and/or software packages should be the focus of the course.</i> <i>A computer science course emphasizes computational thinking to solve problems. Courses will involve the study of computers and algorithmic</i>	1	<i>A technology course emphasizes the use of technology as a productivity tool. Instruction should include utilizing various forms of technology to create, collaborate, organize, and publish information. The application of technology as a productivity tool, rather than specific hardware and/or software packages should be the focus of the course.</i> <i>A computer science course emphasizes computational thinking to solve problems. Courses will involve the study of computers and algorithmic processes,</i>

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<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Required<sup>1</sup> Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>	<u>Recommended<sup>2</sup> Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>
	<i>processes, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their applications, and their impact on society and should include focus on one or more of the following core concepts: computing systems, networks and the internet, data and analysis, algorithms and programming, and impacts of computing. Course equivalent or additional advanced elective may be acceptable for non-Mississippi residents.</i>	<i>including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their applications, and their impact on society and should include focus on one or more of the following core concepts: computing systems, networks and the internet, data and analysis, algorithms and programming, and impacts of computing. Course equivalent or additional advanced elective may be acceptable for non-Mississippi residents.</i>
<b>Pre-High School Units</b>	<i>Courses taken prior to high school will be accepted for admission provided the course earns Carnegie credit and the content is the same as the high school course.</i>	
<b>Substitutions</b>	<i>Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Academic or Career Technical Dual Credit (DC), and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses may be substituted for each requirement in the College Preparatory Curriculum.</i>	
<b>Course Acceptance</b>	<i>A course may not be used to satisfy more than one requirement.</i>	
<b>Total Carnegie Units</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>

<sup>1</sup>High school Carnegie units **required for regular admission** to an IHL institution

<sup>2</sup>Recommended high school Carnegie units to enhance preparedness for college-level work

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

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

**B. FULL ADMISSION FOR FIRST-TIME UNDERGRADUATES**

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

A first-time undergraduate applicant is one who is a recent high school graduate who enrolls in the first fall term after graduation regardless of their summer school academic activity between graduation and their first fall term of enrollment. A December graduate who attends any postsecondary institution before enrollment would be considered a first-time transfer. Dual enrollment courses taken while in high

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school are not considered previous enrollment. The following criteria are established for both traditional and non-traditional first-time undergraduates. Traditional undergraduate students are defined as those who are under 25 years of age; non-traditional students are defined as individuals 25 years of age and older.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

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

C. **ACADEMIC PLACEMENT RESULTING FROM VARIOUS DEFICIENCIES**

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

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

1. Full Admission

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

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

2. Full Admission with Academic Deficiencies

~~Students who have not demonstrated adequate readiness in English or Reading or Mathematics as determined by the admitting institution in compliance with Policy 608 will be granted Full Admission with Academic Deficiencies to the Summer Developmental Program a developmental program. This is an intensive program~~

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

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

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

~~D. YEAR LONG ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM~~

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

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

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

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

~~Any student who was not eligible for regular admission and who has not successfully completed the Summer Developmental Program must attend an accredited institution of higher education other than those under the governance of the Board of Trustees and must attain a "C" average (2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, as calculated by the admitting~~

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~~IHL institution) in the following 30 transferable semester credit hours to be eligible to transfer to an IHL institution:~~

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

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

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

All other transfer students must meet the following requirements:

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

Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements for transfer students.

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

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

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

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

F. OTHER FACTORS

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

(BT Minutes, X/2024)

**603 *APPLICANTS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER***

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

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

Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

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

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

The following are documentation requirements for specific groups of applicants:

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

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

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



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

The following are documentation requirements for specific groups of applicants:

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

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

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

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

**608 INTERMEDIATE COURSES**

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

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

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

**610 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

**D.A. RESIDENCE REQUIRED**

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

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

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

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

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

Miss. Code Ann., §§37-103-3 and 37-103-5, as amended.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

**B. RESIDENCE OF AN ADULT EVIDENCE OF RESIDENCY**

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

Miss. Code Ann., §§37-103-3 and 37-103-5, as amended.

(BT Minutes, X/2024)

**A.C. RESIDENCE OF A MINOR**

~~For purposes of determining of whether a minor pays out of state or in state tuition for attendance at universities and community and junior colleges, the residence of a person less than 21 years of age is that of the father, the mother or a general guardian~~

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

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

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

**B-D. RESIDENCE OF AN ADULT**

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

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

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

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

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-11, as amended.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

**E. RESIDENCY PETITIONS**

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

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

**F. LEGAL RESIDENCE OF A MARRIED PERSON**

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

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-15, as amended.

(BT Minutes, 9/90; 1/98; 12/2005; 2/2009; 3/2010; X/2024)

**G. CHILDREN OF FACULTY OR STAFF EMPLOYEES**

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

Miss. Code Ann., §37-103-9, as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends final approval of proposed amendments.**

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**1. SYSTEM– REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING BUDGETS**

Approval is requested for the fiscal year ending 2025 Operating Budgets for the system. These proposed budgets will be provided to the Board under separate cover. Included as supplemental information as required by the *Ayers* Settlement Agreement, Board Policy 704.02, and Board Policy 703.04 E. are the following:

- Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 *Ayers* Budgets,
- Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Athletic Budgets, and
- Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 E&G Scholarships, Fellowships & Tuition Waivers.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on Board Policy 701.05 – Budgets, 703.04 E. Policy Guidelines, and 704.02 – Athletic Budget Approval and Reporting, the Commissioner, after consultation with the Institutional Executive Officers, shall prepare and submit for approval by the Board annual budgets for the several institutions and separately budgeted units. Board staff recommends approval of these items.**

**2. SYSTEM– REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROPOSED FUNDING PRIORITIES**

Proposed funding priorities are required for the 2026 Legislative Budget Request (LBR). The proposed funding priorities will be presented under a separate cover.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on Board Policy 701.03, Budget and Planning Priorities, the Commissioner, after consultation with the Institutional Executive Officers, shall prepare and submit an annual statement of system planning and budget priorities for consideration and approval by the Board. Board staff recommends approval of this item.**

**3. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE LICENSE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH EPIC SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

**Agenda Item Request:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into Amendment No. 36 to the License and Support Agreement with **Epic Systems Corporation** (Epic) to extend the term for an additional five (5) years. The extension will include software licenses and subscriptions; software maintenance and support; and professional Boost services for UMMC’s Electronic Medical Records System (EMR). UMMC also requests approval to execute future Service or Implementation Requests on an as-needed basis without requiring prior Board approval so long as the cost of each Service or Implementation Request is less than \$3,500,000.00.

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**Contractor's Legal Name: Epic Systems Corporation**

**History of Contract:** On August 19, 2010, the Board approved the original License and Support Agreement with Epic for licensing and support of UMMC's electronic health record. The agreement subsequently has been amended upon Board approval. A complete history of the Epic contract is on file at the Board office.

**Specific Type of Contract:** This is Amendment No. 36 to the License and Support Agreement.

**Purpose:** The purpose of Amendment No. 36 is to extend the term of the current agreement for an additional five (5) years and allow for professional Boost services.

**Scope of Work:** Under the amendment, Epic will provide software licenses and subscriptions; software maintenance and support; and professional services.

**Term of Contract:** The term of the amended agreement is nineteen (19) years from August 23, 2010, through August 22, 2029. The term of Amendment No. 36 will begin August 23, 2024, and continue for a period of five (5) years, expiring August 22, 2029.

**Termination Options:** The License and Support Agreement may be terminated as follows:

- upon ninety (90) days' notice prior to the end of an annual term;
- breach due to failure of system to operate properly after warranty, provided a forty-five (45) day warranty period is allowed for Epic to cure such breach;
- upon notice of infringement claim against Epic, if Epic is unable to modify the infringing program property or to provide UMMC with an appropriate replacement program;
- upon bankruptcy, insolvency and the like;
- upon material breach of the agreement after the breaching party has been allowed sixty (60) days to cure the breach after receiving written notice of the breach.

**Contract Amount:** The amended cost of the agreement over the nineteen (19) year term is estimated to be \$163,309,378.00. The current approved amount of the agreement is \$119,761,924.99. The estimated total cost for Amendment 36 is \$58,292,645.00.

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

**Contractor Selection Process:** UMMC is currently contracted with Epic.



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

**4. IHL EXECUTIVE OFFICE – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A REGIONAL CONTRACT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD**

**Agenda Item Request:** The IHL Executive Office requests approval to enter into the Regional Contract Program (RCP) with Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to reserve seats at out-of-state schools of Optometry. Pursuant to IHL policy 707.03 *Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services*, IHL Executive Office also requests approval to pay services in advance.

**Contractor’s Legal Name: Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)**

**History of Contract:** The Regional Contract Program (RCP) contracts between SREB and states have been in place for many years, and Mississippi has participated for at least 55 years. Funding for the SREB RCP is specified in the Student Financial Aid (SFA) appropriation bill each year.

**Specific Type of Contract:** New service agreement

**Purpose:** The purpose of the SREB RCP is to reserve seats at out-of-state schools of Optometry to ensure opportunities for Mississippi students without the necessity of creating a new program in Mississippi. For each entering class, we currently reserve seven (7) new seats for Mississippi students at Southern College of Optometry and two (2) new seats at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Optometry is a four (4) year medical degree program, so a total of 36 possible seats may be reserved in any given year. All of the nine (9) new seats may not be filled in a given year if there are not enough eligible Mississippi resident students to fill the seats. Any unfilled seats will remain unfilled for the four (4)-year program term.

**Scope of Work:** SREB will contract with the accredited institutions, Southern College of Optometry and University of Alabama at Birmingham, to reserve slots for student applicants certified as bona fide residents from Mississippi in Optometry for Academic Year 2024-25 and the contract will renew automatically for three additional one-year terms. Adjustments to the basic contract will be made annually during the three-year period through an amendment.

IHL will pay a contracted rate for each seat that is filled by a Mississippi student, which represents a negotiated reduced tuition rate. The student must apply through SFA and

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meet state residency requirements, and the student must also be fully admitted by the school before being offered a seat. This is a forgivable student loan and the student will sign a Master Contract with the state before any money is disbursed on behalf of the student.

**Term of Contract:** This agreement shall be effective from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 and shall renew automatically each year for three additional one (1) year terms through June 30, 2028, unless either party gives the other at least nine months’ prior written notice of its intention to terminate the agreement at the end of the then-current term.

**Termination Options:** The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- If either party gives the other at least nine months’ prior written notice of its intention to terminate the agreement at the end of the then-current term;
- IHL may terminate with written notice if legislature does not appropriate sufficient funds to comply with the terms of the agreement for any given term;
- Either party may terminate this agreement at any time in the event of a material breach of the terms by the other party that is not cured within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice of the breach.

**Contract Amount:** The approved contract fees for AY2024-25 are \$20,369 per slot for Optometry. A total of twenty-eight (28) seats at the Southern College of Optometry and seven (7) seats at the University of Alabama, Birmingham are expected to be filled for AY2024-25, for a total of \$712,915. The total estimated cost for the four-year term is expected not to exceed \$3,140,791.

AY	Seats	Rate	Total
2024-25	35	\$20,369	\$712,915
2025-26	36	\$21,184	\$762,624
2026-27	36	\$22,455	\$808,380
2027-28	36	\$23,802	\$856,872
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**Funding Source of Contract:** General Funds

**Contractor Selection Process:** N/A

**Staff Recommendation:** Based on Board Policy 707.01, *Land, Property and Service Contracts*, Board approval is required prior to execution of the contract for all other land, personal property, and service contracts that require an aggregate total expenditure of more than \$250,000. Based on Board Policy 707.03, *Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services*, Board approval of a prepayment/waiver is required at the same time permission is sought from the Board under Board Policy 707.01. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval.

**5. DSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUFFALO NOEL LEVITZ, LLC**

**Agenda Item Request:** Delta State University requests approval of an agreement with **Ruffalo Noel Levitz, LLC.**, to provide consulting services to the University for an enrollment plan, financial aid awarding strategies, and recruitment strategies for potential new students.

**Contractor’s Legal Name:** Ruffalo Noel Levitz, LLC.

**History of Contract:** Delta State University has been employing the services of Education Advisory Board (EAB). However, the current contract will conclude on June 30, 2024, and the University has opted to engage Ruffalo Noel Levitz, LLC. for these services moving forward.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the agreement is to provide consulting services to Delta State University for an enrollment plan, financial aid awarding strategies, and recruitment strategies for potential new students.

**Scope of Work:** The scope of work entails three main areas of focus:

- a. Advising in the formulation and implementation of financial aid awarding and packaging strategies.
- b. Assisting in the development of a communication plan framework for recruitment.
- c. Implementing a student search campaign to grow the pool of interested students and maximize application and enrollment in new markets.

**Term of Contract:** The term of the contract is one (1) year from July 1, 2024, through June 20, 2025. Upon written notice, Delta State University may elect to extend the contract for two one-year periods.

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**Termination Options:** The agreement may be terminated by either party with sixty (60) days advance written notice to the other party. If the agreement terminates or is terminated while one or more scopes of work remain outstanding, these scopes of work will continue, and the terms of the agreement will still apply to them.

**Contract Amount:** The total projected cost of the contract is \$618,976.00, distributed as follows:

- d. Year 1: \$239,222.18
- e. Year 2: \$187,070.84
- f. Year 3: \$192,682.98

**Funding Source for Contract:** This contract will be funded by the revenue from education and general funds.

**Contractor Selection Process:** Ruffalo Noel Levitz, LLC. was selected based on its professional representation and rate of success with other IHL institutions.

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

6. **DSU- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH BSN SPORTS, LLC**

**Agenda Item Request:** Delta State University (DSU) requests board approval of an agreement with **BSN Sports, LLC (BSN)** for the exclusive supplier agreement for the procurement of Under Armour athletic apparel, footwear, and uniforms for use by the school and its athletic programs.

**Contractor's Legal Name:** **BSN Sports, LLC**

**History of Contract:** BSN has serviced the apparel contract for DSU Athletics for the past seven years. The Board approved the existing agreement at its August 2017 meeting. The existing contract expires June 30, 2024.

**Specific Type of Contract:** This is a new purchasing agreement.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this contract is to supply Under Armour apparel, footwear, and uniforms for Delta State University's athletic programs.

**Scope of Work:** The agreement provides Under Armour apparel, footwear, and uniforms with the following benefits.

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- Premier pricing on all footwear, apparel, and equipment purchased by DSU.
- DSU shall receive BSN product rebates at the end of each school year, ending June 30th. The product list will be provided by BSN. The rebate requirements are defined within the agreement as; \$150,000+annual spending would equal rebates totaling \$15,000 in products and 10% of annual spend over \$150,000 at invoiced price in Under Armour product.
- \$30,000 annually in Under Armour team sports products.
- Performance Incentives include \$2,500 in free products at retail price for athletic programs that receive Conference Coach of the Year, \$3,000 in free products at retail price for athletic programs that receive National Coach of the Year, \$2,500 in free products for any sport that wins NCAA Conference Championship, \$2,000 in free products at retail price for men's and women's soccer, tennis, cross country, and/or swimming teams that win the NCAA National Championship, \$4,000 in free products at retail price for men's and women's basketball, baseball and or softball that wins the NCAA National Championship, and \$5,000 in free products at retail price for the football team if it wins the NCAA National Championship.
- DSU will receive a one-time signing bonus of \$5,000 at retail price in promotional products (marketing and campus branding) in the first year of the contract.
- DSU will receive \$10,000 in promotional products as a retention bonus in year one of the agreement.
- BSN will provide up to five VIP Under Armour VIP Friends and Family Program Access Passes for DSU to use to receive 50% off retail price on all Under Armour products purchased through the Armourhouse retail and 30% off sale price on all Under Armour products purchased through Armourhouse retail website.
- BSN will offer to open the BSN Sports Sideline Store website, at no charge to the school, with a 10% royalty credit to DSU's account for each year of the contract.
- BSN will offer a 20% discount to all friends, family, alumni, family, staff, and administration on BSNSPORTS.com and a 45% discount off retail prices to the same constituent groups during mutually agreed upon dates and times.
- BSN will provide a dedicated sales professional to conduct bi-weekly on-site visits to DSU throughout the term of this agreement.

**Term of Contract:** The term of the contract is five (5) years from July 1, 2024, through June 20, 2029. The agreement may be renewed by the parties for successive three-year terms.

**Termination Options:** The agreement can be terminated for breach if BSN Sports or DSU fails to perform or be in breach of any of the warranties, representation, covenants, or obligations contained in the agreement, or anticipatorily breach the agreement, and such default is not curable or such default is curable but remains uncured for thirty (30) days after written notice thereof has been given to the defaulting party, the other party, at its sole election, may immediately terminate this Agreement with written notice to the defaulting party.

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Early termination may also take place if DSU elects to terminate the agreement before the end of the term, DSU shall pay to BSN Sports, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, (i) the signing bonus under Section 5 & 6 of “Benefits,” and (ii) the cash equivalent of the free product allotment received by DSU under Section 2 & 3 of “Benefits” for the year in which it was termed.

**Contract Amount:** The total projected cost of the contract is \$750,000 with Year 1: \$150,000; Year 2: \$150,000; Year 3: \$150,000; Year 4: \$150,000; and Year 5: \$150,000. The total projected Annual Rebate is \$150,000 with Year 1: \$30,000; Year 2: \$30,000; Year 3: \$30,000; Year 4: \$30,000; and Year 5: \$30,000. The total marketing package is \$5,000 for year one only. The retention bonus is \$10,000 for year one only.

**Funding Source for Contract:** This contract will be funded by revenue from general funds and designated funds.

**Contractor Selection Process:** BSN Sports was chosen through the request for proposal process and received five (5) competitive sealed bids. The bids were submitted from BSN Sports-Under Armour, BSN Sports-Nike, it’s Greek to Me, Game One, and Bienali Promotions. The annual projected spending for the University was \$150,000. BSN Sports submitted the best proposal offering the most in its promotional retail, annual rebate, and marketing package. DSU selected BSN Sports-Under Armour. The request for proposal was advertised on 1/1/2024 and 1/17/2024, with proposal submissions due on or before 1/31/2024.

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

7. **SYSTEM – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RENEW EXCESS AUTO LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH GENESIS**

**Agenda Item Request:** The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning’s Executive Office (IHL) requests approval to renew its excess auto liability insurance coverage with **Genesis**, a Berkshire Hathaway company.

**Contractor’s Legal Name:** **Genesis**, a Berkshire Hathaway company.

**History of Contract:** The IHL Self-Insured Tort Plan (Tort Plan) insures against third party tort claims as outlined in the Mississippi Tort Claims Act (§11-46-1, et seq.), which includes automobile liability coverage. To limit its exposure, the IHL Self-Insured Tort Plan currently purchases auto liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$500,000 for in-state coverage and up to \$5,000,000 for out-of-state coverage through Berkley and Genesis. This agenda item is for the excess portion of the coverage only, since the

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primary coverage was approved by the Board previously and included two renewal years. The excess policy applies when the MTCA does not, meaning it provides limits over the \$500,000 limit up to \$5,000,000 per occurrence. Current vehicles total 2,016.

**Specific Type of Contract:** This is a policy of excess auto liability insurance coverage.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the contract is to insure against auto liability for the system.

**Scope of Work:** The insurers will provide auto liability insurance coverage during the policy year in exchange for the payment of premiums.

**Term of Contract:** The policy term will be July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025.

**Termination Options:** IHL may cancel the policy at any time by providing written notice before the effective termination date. The insurers may cancel upon 30-days advance notice, or upon 10 days advance notice if the reason for termination is the non-payment of premium.

**Contract Amount:** The premium for the excess insurance is approximately \$305,743 for the 2024-2025 policy. The final premium amounts may fluctuate based upon the number of owned vehicles in university fleets.

**Funding Source for Contract:** The universities are billed directly for their share of the premium.

**Contractor Selection Process:** In 2023, a competitive RFP process was advertised and conducted in accordance with state law best practices. Our broker Galloway Chandler McKinney was selected, along with Genesis, as part of that process, and this is a renewal of the Genesis policy.

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

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

**Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects**

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

**Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval**

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

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

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



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

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

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

**IHL PROJECTS .....**

**1. UM – IHL 207-473 – OLE MISS SOFTBALL COMPLEX ADDITION & RENOVATION**

**Project Request:** The University of Mississippi is requesting approval to increase the budget from \$32,000,000 to \$33,250,000 for an increase in the amount of \$1,250,000. UM also requests to modify the funding source to now reflect UM EBC Funds as a funding source for the project.

**Current Project Phase:** Design Phase

**Design Professional:** McCarty Architects

**Contractor:** Innovative Construction Management, LLC - *Construction Manager Advisor (CMA)*

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

**Purpose/Justification:** Escalation of the project budget is required due to complex phasing adjustments, additional scope of outfield seating, and latent conditions encountered during the playing field phase of construction.

**Project Scope:** The project will construct a new softball stadium, complete with associated amenities (dugouts, seating, press box, restrooms, etc.) and renovate the existing indoor team facility, playing field, and concessions/restrooms building as

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budget permits. Stadium design will include coaches’ offices, training/treatment space, team lounge, and locker rooms.

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

**Project Initiation Date:** October 21, 2021

**Proposed Project Budget:**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>Amount (+/-)</b>
Construction Costs	\$ 27,118,827.25	\$ 27,681,996.65	\$ 563,169.40
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 2,322,595.40	\$ 2,358,776.00	\$ 36,180.60
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 822,348.20	\$ 825,164.10	\$ 2,815.90
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 1,607,500.00	\$ 1,607,500.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 128,729.15	\$ 776,563.25	\$ 647,834.10
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$ 32,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,250,000.00</b>

**Proposed Funding Source(s):** Self-Generated Athletic Revenues (\$750,000.00) - UM Athletics / OMAF Foundation; UMEBC Financing (\$32,500,000.00)

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

**APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUESTS**

**2. UM – APPROVAL TO ENTER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (ICM) FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER ADVISOR (CMA) SERVICES – NEW PARKING STRUCTURE**

**Agenda Request:** The University of Mississippi Department of Facilities Planning requests approval to enter into a contract with a Construction Manager Adviser (CMA) for the University of Mississippi - New Parking Structure(s) IHL# 207-502

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**Contractor's Legal Name:** Innovative Construction Management, LLC

**Specific type of contract:** This is a professional services contract, specifically the AIA Doc C132-2019 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Adviser.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this request is to award a contract for Construction Manager Adviser services for New Parking Structure(s) IHL# 207-502.

**Scope of Work:** The scope of the Construction Manager as Adviser's work includes all tasks listed in the AIA Doc C132-2019 Agreement. The University is currently working on the addition of 981 new beds within the Housing District on campus. With this addition, the University must begin to develop a solution to the parking need in this area. This project will construct a new seven (7) level parking structure providing a total of 1,370 parking spaces in the Northwest Quadrant of Campus in the Housing District.

**Terms of Agreement:** Contract duration is June 20, 2024, through twelve (12) months after Substantial Completion of the New Parking Structure construction contract.

**Termination Options:** The contract may be terminated by UM for convenience if project is canceled or indefinitely deferred, for default, for force majeure, in the event that funds associated for payment of this contract become unavailable due to a decrease or change in the legislative appropriation, or for CMA's lack of compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act. CMA may terminate the contract for nonpayment by UM, suspension of the Project for more than ninety (90) days, material breach or failure of UM to comply with this Contract, or force majeure.

**Contract Amount:** Based on the current design timeline and construction timeline estimate, the projected contract value is \$4,402,721.35. This will fluctuate with actual construction contract values and any time extensions granted during construction.

**Funding Source:** The funding source for this contract is internal R&R funds and bond proceeds from our planned bond issuance through the University of Mississippi Educational Building Corporation.

**Contractor Selection Process:** UM solicited Request for Qualifications via public advertisement. Six (6) firms submitted qualification packages based on the requested outline: 1) Company Overview, 2) Construction Management Firm Experience / Project Profiles, 3) Key Project Personnel, and 4) Project Approach. After evaluation of the submittals, the selection committee invited all six (6) responding firms for in-

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person interviews. The selection committee interviewed firms and selected the most qualified team based on grading criteria that closely followed the requested qualifications outline.

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

**3. UMMC – APPROVAL TO ENTER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (ICM) FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER ADVISOR (CMA) SERVICES – RENOVATION OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY BUILDING**

**Agenda Request:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a contract with **Innovative Construction Management, LLC**. (ICM) for Construction Manager Adviser (CMA) services related to the renovation of the School of Dentistry Building on UMMC's campus, IHL Project 409-006. UMMC further requests approval to negotiate and incorporate supplemental and additional services that become necessary during the project and to make required project modifications to the contract as long as the changes do not exceed the approved expenditure level.

**Contractor's Legal Name:** Innovative Construction Management, LLC.

**History of Contract:** This is a new contract for construction management services.

**Specific Type of Contract:** This is a professional services contract, specifically the AIA Doc C132-2019 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Adviser as negotiated between UMMC and ICM.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this request is to award a contract for CMA services for renovation of the UMMC School of Dentistry, IHL Project 409-006.

**Scope of Work:** The scope of work includes all tasks listed in the AIA<sup>®</sup> Doc C132<sup>™</sup>-2019 Agreement as negotiated between UMMC and ICM.

**Term of Contract:** Contract duration is Effective Date through twelve (12) months after Substantial Completion of the construction contract.

**Termination Options:** The contract may be terminated as follows:

- by UMMC for convenience, if the project is canceled or indefinitely deferred,
- by UMMC for default by ICM, in the event of insufficient funds; or
- by UMMC if ICM does not comply with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act;
- by ICM for nonpayment by UMMC;

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- by ICM for suspension of the Project for more than ninety (90) days,
- by ICM for material breach by UMMC;
- by ICM for failure of UMMC to comply with the contract,
- by either party in the event of a force majeure.

**Contract Amount:** Contract value is based on a 3.15% fee of the construction contract values. Total contract amount is estimated to fall between \$3.5M and \$4M.

**Funding Source for Contract:** The funding source for this contract is HB 603, Laws of 2023.

**Contractor Selection Process:** UMMC solicited Request for Proposals via public advertisement beginning May 9, 2023. The proposal submission deadline was June 9, 2023. UMMC conducted an evaluation among three (3) firms. The selection committee reviewed proposals and selected the most qualified firm.

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

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1. **UM – APPROVAL TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH BUTLER SNOW, LLP AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

2. **USM – APPROVAL TO HIRE BUTLER SNOW, LLP AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to contract with the law firm of Butler Snow, LLP as outside counsel to perform services as necessary in the practice areas of taxation, intellectual property, commercial matters, intellectual property (including trademark, copyright and patent matters), regulatory matters, litigation, human resources and employment matters, education matters (including issues associated with faculty, students, and research programs), general administrative matters, general legal advice, and investigations at the request of the University in matters involving various legal issues. The term of the contract is two years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The hourly rates are \$345 for attorneys and \$135 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$250,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$20 million with an annual aggregate of \$40 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

3. **UMMC – APPROVAL OF BUTLER SNOW, LLP AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

**Agenda Item Request:** The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval of an agreement between UMMC and Butler Snow, LLP, to provide in-state lobbying and government relations consulting services.

**Contractor’s Legal Name:** Butler Snow, LLP (“B|S”)

**Specific Type of Contract:** This is a new government relation services agreement.

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**Purpose:** Butler Snow will provide in-state lobbying and government relations consulting services.

**Scope of Work:** During the term of this Agreement, B|S will provide services with respect to certain government relations of interest pertaining to UMMC in the State of Mississippi as requested and directed by a designee of UMMC and agreed by B|S. These services will consist of: (a) advice to UMMC; (b) representation of UMMC before appropriate legislative and executive bodies and (c) related government relations services and assistance necessary and appropriate to perform effectively the foregoing services.

**Term of Contract:** The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Contract Amount and Funding Source:** The contract amount is \$65,000 payable in monthly installments of \$5,416.66 each and will be paid with self-generated funds.

**Termination Options:** Either party may terminate this agreement at any time for any reason subject to those obligations set forth within paragraphs 4 and 5 of the agreement which arise upon termination and those which continue beyond termination. No portion of the compensation paid to B|S by UMMC shall be refundable.

**Contractor's Client List:**

Apple, Inc.  
Atmos Energy  
Chevron  
City of Picayune  
Cognia  
Comcast  
Continental  
Deloitte  
Denbury  
Downtown Jackson Partners  
Elevance Health  
Excellence in Education  
FFF Enterprises  
Fresenius  
Glimpse K12  
Hattiesburg Clinic  
Helena Agri-Enterprise  
Imagine Learning  
Lightsource bp  
Magnolia Speech School  
Main Harbor Development

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Mastery Prep  
MIPPA  
Mississippi Tourism Association  
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards  
Plains All American Pipeline  
Private Landowners Association  
RAI Services Company  
Renaissance Learning  
Secure Elections Project  
University of Mississippi Foundation  
University of Mississippi Medical Center

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**

4. **USM – APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI ATHLETIC FOUNDATION**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval of a proposed First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Affiliation Agreement between the University and The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association. The Athletic Foundation will support the University by, among other acts, soliciting and developing private and corporate support for the University and its athletic programs to promote affinity and support for the University and its athletic programs.

IHL Board Policy 301.0806 prescribes the material terms for all agreements between institutions and foundations/affiliated entities. The proposed amendment and the underlying agreement comply with IHL Board Policy 301.0806. The proposed amendment extends the term of the existing agreement until December 31, 2024, with all other provisions of that agreement remaining unchanged and in full force and effect, with the exception that the amendment deletes and replaces in full Section 4.1 Compliance to change any reference to “Conference USA (C-USA)” to “Sun Belt Conference (“Sun Belt”).

The agreement may be terminated by the University President, with the prior approval of the IHL Board, for specified material non-compliance with or breach of the Agreement or applicable policies of the University or IHL upon the expiration of a ninety (90) day period to cure any breach.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.**



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1. **SYSTEM – INTENT TO OFFER OR DELETE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

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A. **UM** - Certificate program title: **Dietary Supplements**

Responsible academic unit: Department of Biomolecular Sciences

Level: post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 12

CIP code: 51.2005

Effective date: August 2025

Program summary: The Dietary Supplements certificate program, to be delivered in an online format, is designed to meet the needs of constraints by geographic location and employment responsibilities. The prospective students will include: 1) working professionals in the dietary supplements, nutraceuticals, and natural products industries and 2) individuals seeking a graduate certificate program for employment opportunities.

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

Responsible academic unit: School of Accountancy

Level: post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 24

CIP code: 52.0301

Effective date: August 2024

Program summary: The Certificate in Professional Accountancy is a 24-hour curriculum that furthers student knowledge of accounting and helps students meet the accounting course requirements for CPA licensure. Most states require a minimum of 21 to 24 upper-division semester hours in general business coursework and 21 to 24 upper-division semester hours in accounting to be licensed as a CPA. This Certificate of Professional Accountancy can be awarded after earning 24 semester hours in accounting as specified below; however, students can continue in the program to earn the number of accounting hours required for CPA licensure in their state up to a maximum of 30 hours. The requirements for CPA licensure vary by state; therefore, students should check the requirements for licensure for the state where they will be applying. Students should visit NASBA for more information on the specific requirements for each state. The certificate program is open to members of the community who have an undergraduate degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution (in any discipline) and are interested in furthering their knowledge of accounting. However, students may be required to earn additional upper division credit hours in general business to qualify for CPA licensure as noted above.

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

Responsible academic unit: School of Music

Level: pre-baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 16

CIP code: 50.0903

Effective date: August 2024

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Program summary: The Performance Certificate Program offers students the opportunity to concentrate on enhancing their individual instrument skills, enabling them to pursue a deeper mastery of their craft. This specialized focus not only cultivates their artistry but also enhances their competitiveness in the job market for performance-related roles. Moreover, the program provides valuable support to students who require assistance in adjusting to the demands of university-level education. The program is available to pre-baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate students.

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

Responsible academic unit: School of Marketing

Level: pre-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 12

CIP code: 52.1401

Effective date: August 2024

Program summary: The Marketing Analytics (MA) certificate is designed to equip students with the essential skills and knowledge required to thrive in the dynamic marketing field in the digital age. Students can expect to gain a deep understanding of data-driven marketing strategies through this program. They will learn how to harness the power of data analytics to make informed marketing decisions, optimize campaigns, and improve overall business performance. The Marketing Analytics certificate program requires at least twelve (12) hours of undergraduate coursework. For business majors, the four-course certificate requires MKT 434 Marketing Analytics, MIS 340 Data Visualization, and two course electives approved by the marketing academic advisor. For non-business majors, the four-course certificate requires MKT 300 Principles of Marketing, MKT 434 Marketing Analytics, and two course electives approved by the MA advisor. Once admitted to the certificate, MA students will meet with the marketing academic advisor to plan their courses.

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

Level: pre-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 12

CIP code: 05.0122

Effective date: August 2024

Program summary: The Gulf Scholars Program (GSP) aims to inspire and prepare undergraduate students to create a more equitable, just, and resilient Gulf of Mexico region through developing inquiry and service-learning projects built on the foundations of sustainability and interdisciplinary thinking. The Southern Miss Gulf Scholars Certificate provides students with placed-based, experiential learning opportunities that focus on sustainability principles and knowledge of the Gulf region. Participants will have opportunities to address the perennial and novel challenges of living and working on the Gulf of Mexico through interdisciplinary and civic-minded thinking and experiential learning. At the end of the program, participants will have completed a service-learning and/or research project aimed at creating a more just, equitable, and resilient Gulf of Mexico.

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- F. **USM - Certificate program title: Cybersecurity Management**  
Responsible academic unit: School of Computing Sciences and Computer Engineering  
Level: post-baccalaureate  
Total credit hours: 12  
CIP code: 43.0404  
Effective date: August 2024  
Program summary: The Cybersecurity Management certificate is designed to equip students with foundational knowledge essential for developing strategies that align cybersecurity policies with organizational needs. Students enrolled in this program will engage in critical analysis of the prevailing legal and regulatory landscapes in cybersecurity. Students will acquire skills to measure the effectiveness of various cybersecurity strategies and will gain insights into best practices to structure organizations for optimal mitigation of cyber risk.

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- G. **USM - Certificate program title: Business Foundation**  
Responsible academic unit: School of Management  
Level: post-baccalaureate  
Total credit hours: 14  
CIP code: 52.0201, 8066  
Effective date: August 2024  
Program summary: The Graduate Certificate in Business Foundations is no longer serving its intended role in a way that justifies the required resources. The certificate was intended to serve two purposes. First, it offered a general graduate-level business education in accounting, finance, marketing, and management to students who had no prior academic exposure to business content. Second, it satisfied three of the four MBA prerequisites for potential MBA students. USM's MBA program previously required prerequisite coursework in financial accounting (ACC 200), principles of finance (FIN 300), management (MGT 300), and statistics (BA 201). All prerequisites other than financial accounting were removed in Fall 2023. Our evaluation of students' prerequisite knowledge proved inconsistent enough that the MBA faculty moved the content into the MBA core. We now have students work through the prerequisite material once they are in the program to ensure that everyone is starting with a similar baseline of business knowledge.  
Most students taking these certificate courses were using them to satisfy MBA prerequisite requirements, which are no longer needed. Most of these students would not complete the certificate because they would switch to the MBA once the prerequisites were satisfied. The certificate has also not been a popular option for students just looking to add business exposure. Enrollment in the program was low and inconsistent before the MBA prerequisite changes. Now that the prerequisite content is incorporated into the program, we would like to redeploy the resources used to support the certificate to help support growth in the MBA program.

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**2. SYSTEM – INTENT TO OFFER AN EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAM BY DISTANCE LEARNING**

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

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

In accordance with Board policy, the University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi submit the intent to offer already approved degree programs by distance learning to the Board for information.

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

Total credit hours: 48  
CIP Code, Sequence: 13.0101, 1033  
Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0  
Effective date: August 2024

**B. USM - Degree program title: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Education (Research, Evaluation, Statistics, & Assessment)**

Total credit hours: 66  
CIP Code, Sequence: 13.0101, 1066  
Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0  
Effective date: August 2024

**C. USM - Degree program title: Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science**

Total credit hours: 30  
CIP Code, Sequence: 45.1001, 4396  
Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0  
Effective date: August 2024

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

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**SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE  
MAY 16, 2024, BOARD MEETING SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

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

**Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval**

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

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

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

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

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

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**JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

**Approval Request #1: Contract Documents**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 23, 2024

**Approval Request #2: Advertise**

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 23, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Pickering Firm, Inc. Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$15,725,000.00

**MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

**Approval Request #1: Change Order #11**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 28, 2024

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

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

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

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

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: Dale Partners

General Contractor: Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$50,000,000.00

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

**Approval Request #1: Change Order #2**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 31, 2024

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

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

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

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: LPK Architects

General Contractor: Mid State Construction of MS LLC.

Total Project Budget: \$4,250,000.00

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

**Approval Request #1: Contract Documents**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 10, 2024

**Approval Request #2: Advertise**

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 10, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$35,000,000.00

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

**Approval Request #1: Contract Documents**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 31, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 20, 2022

Design Professional: Tipton Associates

General Contractor: Rycon

Total Project Budget: N/A privately funded



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

**Approval Request #1: Change Order #3**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 23, 2024

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

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

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

Project Initiation Date: March 1, 2019

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: AnderCorp, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$65,000,000.00

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI**

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

**Request #1: Contract Documents**

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by McCarty Architects PA

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 21, 2024

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**Approval Request #2: Advertise**

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 21, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023

Design Professional: McCarty Architects

General Contractor: Skanska USA Building, Inc. (CMa)

Phased Project Budget: \$162,895,251.32

Total Project Budget: \$165,000,000,00

**8. UM- IHL 207-501 GS 107-329 – ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE – WATER SOURCE**

**Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 14, 2024

Project Initiation Date: February 16, 2023

Design Professional: W.L. Burle Engineers

General Contractor: Mid South Water, LLC

Project Budget: \$2,350,000.00

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

**Approval Request #1: Design Development Documents**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 14, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 31, 2023

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$50,000,000.00

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

**Request #1: Contract Documents**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 3, 2024

**Approval Request #2: Advertise**

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 3, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023

Design Professional: Corbett Legge & Associates, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,600,000.00

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

**Request #1: Contract Documents**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 8, 2024

**Approval Request #2: Advertise**

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 8, 2024

Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022

Design Professional: Corbett Legge & Associates LLC

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$1,042,690.72

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**12. UM- IHL 407-008.1 – NWMP (ELECT. PH II) – 13 kV ELECT. DIST. IMP. PART  
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**Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 29, 2024

**Approval request #2: Waiver of Design Development Documents**

Board staff approved the Waiver of Design Development Documents

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 29, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023

Design Professional: Atwell and Gent, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$1,650,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$25,200,000.00

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

**Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Development Documents**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 5, 2024

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

Design Professional: McCarty Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$32,775,000.00

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**14. UMMC - 209-578 GROSS ANATOMY PHASE III**

**Approval Request #1: Change Order #2**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 20, 2024

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

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

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

Project Initiation Date: December 9, 2021

Design Professional: Dean & Dean Architects

General Contractor: Sunbelt General Contractors

Total Project Budget: \$1,700,000.00

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

**Approval Request #1: Change Order #1**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 29, 2024

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

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

**Approval Request #1: Change Order #2**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 29, 2024

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

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

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

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

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

General Contractor: Hemphill Construction Company, LLC

Phased Project Budget: 3,175,087.81

Total Project Budget: \$5,897,737.00

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

**Approval Request #1: Change Order #2**

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 20, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: changed size of 20 gauge hat channel; framed and installed gypsum board ceiling above an instrument lab; changed wall stud sizes in various locations; revised the electrical scope, applied demo

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credit for forty (40) floor boxes, demo remobilization cost; purchased additional steel for installation of new floor box openings; and eleven (11) days to the contract.

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

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

Project Initiation Date: March 19, 2020

Design Professional: Albert & Robinson Architects

General Contractor: Hanco Corporation

Total Project Budget: \$16,600,000.00

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**1. SYSTEM - REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 87.50**

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated 4/26/24, 4/26/24, 4/26/24, 4/26/24, 4/26/24, 5/20/24, 5/20/24, 5/20/24 and 5/20/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Unsymmetric CCC-HNC

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Pincer Metal Complexes and Methods of Use Thereof” - \$589.00; “Processing Conventional Papers and Pulps into Hydrophobic and Water-Resistant Packaging Materials and Tableware” - \$234.00; “Unsymmetric CCC-HNC Pincer” - \$1,914.00; “Unsymmetric CCC-HNC Pincer” - \$649.00; “Methods for Improving Rice Nutrition” - \$3,424.50; “Methods of Improving Rice Nutrition” - \$1,032.00; “Cottonseed Oil Polymer” - \$1,249.50; “Polymeric-Coated Electrodes for Sensing of Oil and Other Analytes in Liquid and Methods of Making” - \$3,123.50; and “Processing Conventional Papers and Pulps into Hydrophobic and Water-Resistant Packaging Materials and Tableware” - \$38.00, respectively.)

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

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**1. SYSTEM – COMMISSIONER’S NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL**

The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for review in the Board Office.

- a. **MSU** – On May 14, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Hudspeth Properties II, LLC for approximately 2,300 square feet of space located at 3214 North Church Avenue in Louisville, MS to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded by Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026, at a total cost of \$68,500.00 payable in monthly installments of \$2,750.00 each, due on the first of each month, plus a one-time renovation fee of \$2,500.00 payable with the first months rent. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- b. **MSU** – On May 20, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Hinds Community College for approximately 786 square feet of space on the Utica Campus to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective June 15, 2024 through June 14, 2026, at a total cost of \$52,992.00 payable in monthly installments of \$2,208.00 each, due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- c. **MSU** – On June 4, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University (lessor) and the East Mississippi Center for Educational Development (EMCED) (lessee) for approximately 300 square feet of office space at the MSU – Meridian College Park Campus. The term of the lease is for one year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 with an option to renew for up to four additional one-year terms by written agreement of all parties. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- d. **UM** – On May 2, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Easements between the University of Mississippi, (grantor) and PHB Equipment, LLC (grantee), to allow PHB to install grading and drainage of stormwater, as well as construct sidewalks for access to UM's walking trail. They will construct

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(1) a trail entrance along Molly Barr Road; (2) a public parking area at the entrance of the Trailhead development; and (3) three separate sidewalks accessing the UM walking trail from the newly constructed parking area, from the new Trailhead development, and from the existing Oxford Housing Authority Development to the west of the proposed Trailhead development. The term of these easements is 30 years effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2054. PHB will be responsible for construction of all noted improvements, as well as maintenance and repairs in the easement areas after completion of construction. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.