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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 | August 14, 2024, 3:00p | IHL Board Room
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ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
June 20, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 22, 2023, to each and every member of said Board said date being at least five days prior to this June 20, 2024 meeting. At the above-named place the following members were present to wit: Mr. Don Clark, Jr., 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. Gregg Rader (via Zoom), and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Mr. Hal Parker was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bruce Martin, President, with Trustee Ogletree providing the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Martin welcomed Trustee Don Clark to his first IHL Board meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Martin also welcomed the following Student Government Association members: President Carson McFatrige from Mississippi State University; Director of Policy Hunter Yelverton from Mississippi State University; President Hannah Watts from the University of Mississippi; Vice President Jack Jones from the University of Mississippi; and Chief of Staff Walker Jacquelyn from the University of Mississippi.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on May 16, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDAS

Finance Consent Agenda item #4 lease agreement between Jackson State University and Ellucian, LP was moved to the Finance Regular Agenda for consideration. Item #5 agreement between the Mississippi University for Women and Mythics, LLC was removed from the agenda at the request of the institution. On motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agendas as revised.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the modification to existing academic units, as follows:
Delete
 - a. DSU - Unit: College of Arts and Sciences
Effective date: July 2024
 - b. DSU - Unit: Graduate and Honors Studies
Effective date: July 2024
 - c. USM - Unit: School of Coastal Resilience
Effective date: August 2024
2. **DSU** – Approved the modification of existing academic degree programs, as follows:
Delete
 - a. Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Art
CIP code, sequence: 50.0101, 5106
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - b. Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English
CIP code, sequence: 23.0101, 5078
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - c. Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History
CIP code, sequence: 54.0101, 5100
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - d. Program title: Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Music
CIP code, sequence: 50.0901, 5113
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - e. Program title: Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Finance
CIP code, sequence: 52.0801, 5047
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - f. Program title: Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Art
CIP code, sequence: 50.0101, 5107
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
 - g. 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
 - h. Program title: Bachelor of Music (BM) in Music
CIP code, sequence: 50.0901, 5741
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024

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CIP code, sequence: 13.1312, 5063
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
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Total credit hours: 121
Effective date: July 2024
- k. Program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Mathematics
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Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: July 2024
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Effective date: July 2024
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Effective date: July 2024
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Effective date: July 2024
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Effective date: July 2024
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Effective date: July 2024
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Total credit hours: 60
Effective date: July 2024
- r. Program title: Master of Public Accountancy (MPAC)
CIP code, sequence: 52.0301, 4437
Total credit hours: 30
Effective date: July 2024
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CIP code, sequence: 30.0101, 4018
Total credit hours: 33

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- Effective date: July 2024
- t. Program title: Educational Specialist (EdS) in Counseling
CIP code, sequence: 13.1101, 3079
Total credit hours: 60
Effective date: July 2024
 - u. Program title: Educational Specialist (EdS) in Elementary Education
CIP code, sequence: 13.1202, 3003
Total credit hours:30
Effective date: July 2024
3. **USM** – Approved the modification to existing academic degree programs, as follows:
- Rename
- a. 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
- Delete
- b. Program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Polymer Science
CIP code, sequence: 40.0599, 5624
Total credit hours: 124
Effective date: January 2024

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4. **JSU** – Request to enter into a 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. The term of the Subscription Agreements shall be one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The amount of the contract is \$2,685,862. The contract will be funded by Title III Federal funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office. **(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO FINANCE REGULAR AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION.)**
5. **MUW** – Request to enter a contract with Mythics, LLC 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. The term of the four-year contract is July 1, 2024 through April 30, 2028. The total contract cost is \$436,966.44. A breakdown of costs is included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*. The contract will be funded by existing E&G budget funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. **(THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF THE INSTITUTION.)**

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6. **UMMC** – Approved the request 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. This second amendment to 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. The Board also approved the request to add or remove products under the amended agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available. 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 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. The contract will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
7. **UM** – Approved the request to lease three aviation refueler trucks to transport fuel from the fuel holding tanks to the planes that request refueling at the University-Oxford Airport. The University utilizes various sizes due to demand, volume, size of plane and fuel type. The refueler trucks are: 3000-gallon jet refueler, a 1000-gallon Avgas refueler, and a 5000-gallon jet refueler. The term of the lease is 28 months through October 2026. The lease agreement may be terminated for default. There are no renewal notices in this lease agreement. The lease amount is \$4,100 per month for 28 months for a total of \$114,800. A sole source is also requested and has been approved by the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, 371 certified. DFA P1 8800009354. The agreement will be funded by Self-generated airport revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

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8. **DSU** – Approved the initiation of GS 102-291, JOC General R&R, Broom Hall Windows and Doors, and the appointment of Burris/Wagnon Architects as the design professional. This project will replace the deteriorating windows and doors to prevent moisture penetrating the building. The estimated project budget is \$1,409,800. Funds are available from HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$1,409,800.00).
9. **DSU** – Approved the initiation of GS 102-292, Hail Damage Repairs, and the appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner PLLC as the design professional. Emergency repairs were conducted on the buildings most impacted by a hailstorm. Approximately 30 buildings still require remediation from the damage. The design professional will assess the damage that has been reported by the insurance company and identify a contractor to complete the repairs. The estimated project budget is \$2.8 million. Funds are available from Insurance Proceeds and HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$2,800,000.00).

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10. **MUW** – Approved the initiation of GS 104-218, MSMS Bathroom Renovations, JOC, and the appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner PLLC as the design professional. The project will renovate the bathrooms for the following buildings that serve the Mississippi School for Math and Sciences: 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. The estimated project budget is \$1,625,639. Funds are available from HB 603, Laws of 2023; HB 1823, Laws of 2024, and Auxiliary Funds (\$1,625,639).
11. **UMMC** – Approved the appointment of Burriss Wagon Architects, P.A., as the design professional for IHL 209-585, Batson 3rd Floor Finish Update. The project will renovate the finishes of the 3rd floor of the existing Batson Tower which includes 25 patient rooms. The estimated project budget is \$1,850,000. Funds are available from UMMC Patient Generated Funds (\$750,000) and Children’s of MS Philanthropy (\$1,750,000.00).
12. **UMMC** – Approved the appointment of SmithGroup as the design professional for IHL 209-586, New Burn Unit, and the request to change the funding source for IHL 209-586, New Burn Unit, to include a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grant and state appropriations through the Mississippi Department of Health. This project will renovate the first floor of Batson Tower into a new Burn Unit which will include ICU beds, Med Surg rooms, and will reuse existing core spaces when possible. The estimated project budget is \$6,300,000. Funds are available from HRSA Grant (\$4,300,000) and Appropriations through MSDH (\$2,000,000.00).
13. **UMMC** – Approved the initiation of IHL 409-007, Fire Protection Central Core, and the appointment of Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC as the design professional. There is a requirement from CMS effective 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 estimated project budget is \$8 million. Funds are available from HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$6,250,000) and HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$1,750,000.00).
14. **JSU** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 103-319, Residence Hall Renovations (McAllister Whiteside) from \$250,000 to \$20,089,500 for an increase of \$19,839,500. The Board also approved the request to change the funding source reflecting the reallocation of funds from HB 603 Laws of 2022 to HB 1816, Laws of 2024 (\$8,013,000) and new funding from SB 2468 Laws of 2024 (\$11,839,500.00) and to modify the project scope which will be implemented in phases, as Job Order Contracting projects. Funds are available from SB2971 Laws of 2021 (\$250,000.00); HB 1816 Laws of 2024 (\$8,013,000.00); and SB 2468 Laws of 2024 (\$11,839,500.00).
15. **JSU** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 103-331, University Place Improvements, EEF, from \$3,500,000 to \$5,179,837 for an increase of \$1,679,837. The funding source for the project will not change. This project will modify and improve the residential space of this mixed-use facility with the goal of offering additional student housing options by Fall 2024. Funds are available from SB 3000 – EEF, Laws of 2023 (\$5,179,837.00).

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16. **MVSU** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 106-258, Academic Skills Phase III, from \$7,497,828 to \$8,939,632.82 for an increase of \$1,441,805.82 and to add SB 3000, Laws of 2023 as a funding source to allow for this increase. This project includes conversion of an existing two-story, 42,904 square feet building into offices, classrooms, and support spaces. This project will involve MEP/Life Safety/Conveying Systems commissioning. Funds are available from SB 2906, Laws of 2015 (\$3,797,243.50); HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$3,700,584.50); and SB 3000, Laws of 2023 (\$1,441,804.82).
17. **USM** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 108-302, Science Research Facility, from \$750,000 to \$51,412,500 for an increase in the amount of \$50,662,500. The Board also approved the request to add HB 1353, Laws of 2022, HB 603, Laws of 2022; HB 1983, Laws of 2024; and SB 2864, Laws of 2024 as funding sources to allow for the increase and to modify the project scope. One of the Science Research Facility (GS 108-302A) projects 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 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. Funds are available from 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); and HB 1983, Laws of 2024 (\$10,500,000 – transferred from GS 108-300 Hickman Hall).
18. **UMMC** – Approved the request to Sole Source the HVAC Controls portion of IHL 209-580, Renovation of Adolescent Psych. This project is to renovate the 2nd floor of the Circle Tower to provide 10 patient rooms for Adolescent Psych. According to IHL and the 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. The estimated project budget is \$8,500,000. Funds are available from Grant HRSA 23-117 (\$2,000,000); HB 1722, Laws of 2023 (\$6,000,000); and Children’s of MS Philanthropy (\$500,000). The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.
19. **UMMC** – Approved the request to Sole Source the HVAC Controls portion of IHL 409-002, New Boiler Room. 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. 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. The estimated project budget is \$6,407,376. Funds are available from HB 1730, Laws of 2020 (\$3,857,376); SB 2971, Laws of 2021 (\$800,000); and HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$1,750,000). The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

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20. **USM** – Approved the exterior design of IHL 208-301, Reed Green Coliseum Renovation. The project 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. A copy of the rendering is included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.
21. **IHL SYSTEM OFFICE** – Approved the request to allow Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center to procure and administer state funded construction and maintenance projects for FY 2025 as set forth in Senate Bill #475, Laws of 2022. The IHL Staff verified that all three institutions meet the Minimum Criteria to self-administer state funded construction, renovation, and maintenance projects. The funds that will be self-administered are authorized in SB 2468, Laws of 2024 and SB 3006, Laws of 2024.

LEGAL

22. **MSU** – Approved the request 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.
23. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter 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.
24. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a 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

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issues related to construction management advisor and construction 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.

25. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a 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.
26. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a 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.
27. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a 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.
28. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Thomas|Horstemeyer LLP (T|H) 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.

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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 for Preparation, Filing, and Prosecution of U.S. Patent Applications

Provisional Applications

Cover Sheet Provisional Application \$500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers • review of application text provided to the Firm • filing of application • include 1 or 2 broad claims to broaden the scope of the disclosure
Category 1 \$1500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure • paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application • one revision by the inventor • informal figures • filing of application
Category 2 \$3000	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure • paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application • one revision by the inventor • informal figures • filing of application • one or more revisions by the inventor • 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 • the figures may not be formal
Category 3 \$5000	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure • paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application • one revision by the inventor • informal figures • filing of application • one or more revisions by the inventor • more complete claim set <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>
Category 4 \$7500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application text incorporating the invention disclosure

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paragraphs containing a reasonable explanation of the invention and various embodiments as well as one or more claim sets filing of application • one revision by the inventor • informal figures • filing of application • one or more revisions by the inventor • the figures may not be formal • more complete claim set • full claims sets • multiple revisions by the inventor <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

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

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Category 5 \$10,000	<p>Including, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional emphasis on claims and other formal issues • review by the inventor • simple inventorship determination • preparation of transmittal papers • filing of application • additional detail and claims • one or more revisions by the inventor • inventor interview • more complete claim set • full claim sets towards multiple embodiments • multiple revisions by the inventor • longer applications • numerous figures • exceptionally complex technology • long cases (greater than 75 pages) • the inventor is difficult to interact with or provides little input • various other documented complexities
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**Patent Prosecution
Response to Restriction Requirement**

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

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.

Category 1 \$1500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of less complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief
Category 2 \$2500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of more complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief
Category 3 \$3500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of most complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief
Category 4 \$4500	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of most complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing strategy for evidentiary declaration under 131 or 132 • consultation with declarant • gathering evidence; preparing declaration • sending declaration out for signature by declarant • filing and reporting declaration
Filing Notice of Appeal \$100	<p>Includes, where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparing, filing and reporting notice of appeal • review and analysis of office action and cited publications

Additional Filings or Reports

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

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

Additional Attorney Analysis

Detailed inventorship analysis Not to exceed \$2500	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.
Assignee analysis Not to exceed \$2000	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.
Prior art search or patentability analysis Not to exceed \$2500	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.

29. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a 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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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

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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
 <u>Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Faculty</u>	
Special Handling labor certification	\$3000
(If position must be readvertised)	\$2500
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-2500
Immigrant petition (I-140)	\$2500
 <u>Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty</u>	
Labor certification	\$6000
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-2500
Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment	\$3000
Immigrant petition	\$2500
 <u>Permanent Residence Process: Extraordinary Ability/Outstanding Professors and Researchers and National Interest Waiver</u>	
Immigrant petition	\$8000
EA, OP/OR, or NIW RFE or NOID: case by case determination up to	\$2500
 <u>Adjustment of Status (any Employment-Based Permanent Residence Matter)</u>	
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
 <u>Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal</u>	
Employment Authorization Renewal per individual	\$ 750
Advance Parole Renewal per individual	\$ 750
 <u>Marriage Based Permanent Residence</u>	
Principal Applicant	\$4000
Each child, if any	\$2500
 <u>Other Services</u>	
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
 <u>General Legal Advice and Unusual Matters Which Fall Outside This Fee Schedule</u>	
Such matters will be billed at our hourly rate:	

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

30. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a 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 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.
31. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a 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.
32. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a 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.
33. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a 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 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.
34. **USM** – Approved the request to amend the current contract with the law firm of Sun Sovereign, LLC d/b/a WareImmigration as outside counsel for the provision of services as necessary in preparing labor certification applications and permanent residence process

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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.

35. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a 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.

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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
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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

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

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<u>Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty</u>		
Labor certification		\$6000
Additional fee if audited		\$1500-2500
Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment		\$3000
Immigrant petition		\$2500
 <u>Permanent Residence Process: Extraordinary Ability/Outstanding Professors and Researchers and National Interest Waiver</u>		
Immigrant petition		\$8000
EA, OP/OR, or NIW RFE or NOID: case by case determination up to		\$2500
 <u>Adjustment of Status (any Employment-Based Permanent Residence Matter)</u>		
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
 <u>Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal</u>		
Employment Authorization Renewal per individual		\$ 750
Advance Parole Renewal per individual		\$ 750
 <u>Marriage Based Permanent Residence</u>		
Principal Applicant		\$4000
Each child, if any		\$2500
 <u>Other Services</u>		
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
 <u>General Legal Advice Outside of Fee Schedule</u>		
Partners	per hour billed	\$350
Associate Attorneys	per hour billed	\$250
Paralegals	per hour billed	\$150
Of Counsel Rate	per hour billed	\$450

36. **USM** – Approved the 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

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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. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy.

37. **USM** – Approved the 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. 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. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy.
38. **JSU** – Approved the request to enter 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. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. 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. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.
39. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter 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. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The contract amount is \$50,000 and will be paid with self-generated funds. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.
40. **MUW** – Approved the request to enter an agreement between the University and Thompson & Associates to provide in-state lobbying and government relations consulting services. The term of the agreement is one year from August 1, 2024 through July 31,

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2025. 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. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.

41. **USM** – Approved the request to continue the agreement with Capitol Resources LLC, in Jackson, MS, to provide in-state lobbying and government relations and consulting services in Mississippi. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. 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. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.
42. **MSU** – Approved the request for Federal Solutions, LLC, to continue to lobby on behalf of the university outside the State of Mississippi in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
43. **UM** – Approved the request 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 in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
44. **USM** – Approved the request to continue the agreement with Cassidy & Associates, Inc., in Washington, DC, to provide government relations services outside the State of Mississippi during the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
45. **ASU** – Approved Dr. Marcus D. Ward as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
46. **JSU** – Approved Jacqueline Anderson-Woods as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
47. **MSU** – Approved Lee Weiskopf as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
48. **MUW** – Approved Karen Clay as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
49. **UM** – Approved Perry Sansing as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
50. **UMMC** – Approved Kristy Simms as one of the institution's legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
51. **UMMC** – Approved Anna Moak Sparks as one of the institution's legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
52. **USM** – Approved Chad Driskell as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
53. **SYSTEM** – Approved Laura Hipp-Mayer as one of the IHL Executive Office's legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.

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PERSONNEL REPORT

54. **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

Mississippi University for Women

- 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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55. **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

56. **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

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

57. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to close the IHL Executive Office and the public university offices on July 5th in addition to July 4, 2024, in celebration of Independence Day, and in accordance with the Governor’s Proclamation authorizing state offices to be closed on these dates.
58. **DSU** – Approved the new mission statement as follows:
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.
59. **MUW** – Approved the request to bestow one honorary degree at its Summer 2024 commencement ceremony. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.
60. **USM** – Approved the request to bestow one honorary degree at its Fall 2024 commencement ceremony. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.

REGULAR AGENDAS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Trustee Jeanne Luckey, Chair

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

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1. **USM** – Approved the request to add the following 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
 - b. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Computer Science
CIP code: 11.0701
Total credit hours: 84
Effective date: August 2024
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to add the following 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
 - 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
 - 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)
Effective Date: November 2023
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy Section 600 Student Affairs and Admissions for final reading. **(See Exhibit 1.)**

FINANCE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Hal Parker, Chair

Item #1 was moved from the Finance Consent Agenda for consideration. On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2 as submitted on the Finance Regular Agenda. On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. On motion by

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Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4. Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on items #5 - #8 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 Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Ogletree and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #5 - #7. Trustee Martin recused himself from discussing or voting on item #8 on the Finance Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. After Trustee Martin left the room, on motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Martin, Ogletree and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #8. Trustee Martin returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #8 on the Finance Regular Agenda. Trustee Ogletree remained outside of the room.

1. **JSU** – Approved the request to enter into a 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. The term of the Subscription Agreements shall be one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The amount of the contract is \$2,685,862. The contract will be funded by Title III Federal funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office. **(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED FROM THE FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA.)**
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the fiscal year ending 2025 Operating Budgets for the system. Included as supplemental information, as required by the *Ayers* Settlement Agreement, Board Policy 704.02 Athletic Budget Approval and Reporting, and Policy 703.04 Policy Guidelines Subsection E., are: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 *Ayers* Budgets, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Athletic Budgets, and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 E&G Scholarships, Fellowships & Tuition Waivers. **(See Composite Exhibit 2.)**
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the FY 2026 proposed funding priorities as required for the 2026 Legislative Budget Request. **(See Exhibit 3.)**
4. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter 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). The Board also approved the request to execute future Service or Implementation Requests on an as-needed basis so long as the cost of each Service or Implementation Request is less than \$3,500,000.00. 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. The amended cost of the agreement over the nineteen (19) year

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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. This agreement is funded by general funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

5. **IHL EXECUTIVE OFFICE** – Approved the request to enter the Regional Contract Program (RCP) with Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) 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. 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. 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. Pursuant to IHL policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services, the Board also approved the request to prepay for services in advance. Funds are available from general funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
6. **DSU** – Approved the request to enter 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. 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. The total projected cost of the contract is \$618,976.00, distributed as follows: Year 1: \$239,222.18; Year 2: \$187,070.84; and Year 3: \$192,682.98. This contract will be funded by the revenue from education and general funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
7. **DSU** – Approved the request to enter 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. 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. 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. This contract will be funded by revenue from general funds and designated funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

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8. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to renew its excess auto liability insurance coverage with Genesis, a Berkshire Hathaway company. The policy term will be July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025. 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. The universities are billed directly for their share of the premium. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

REAL ESTATE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Jeanne Luckey

Trustee Ogletree remained outside of the room to recuse himself from discussing or voting on items #1 - #3 on the Real Estate Regular Agenda. With Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Ogletree and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Real Estate Agenda. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustees Ogletree and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #2 and #3. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #1 - #3 on the Real Estate Regular Agenda.

1. **UM** – Approved the request to increase the budget for IHL 207-473, Ole Miss Softball Complex Addition & Renovation, from \$32,000,000 to \$33,250,000 for an increase of \$1,250,000 and to modify the funding source to include UM EBC Funds. 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 budget permits. Stadium design will include coaches' offices, training/treatment space, team lounge, and locker rooms. Funds are available from Self-Generated Athletic Revenues (\$750,000.00) - UM Athletics / OMAF Foundation; and UMEBC Financing (\$32,500,000.00).
2. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with Innovative Construction Management, LLC as Construction Manager Adviser (CMA) services related to the New Parking Structure(s) IHL# 207-502. The term of the contract is June 20, 2024, through twelve (12) months after Substantial Completion of the New Parking Structure construction contract. 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. 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. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

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3. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter 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. The Board also approved the request 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. The term of the contract begins with the effective date through twelve (12) months after Substantial Completion of the construction contract. 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. The funding source for this contract is HB 603, Laws of 2023. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Gee Ogletree, Chair

Trustee Clark recused himself from discussing or voting on items #1 - #3 on the Legal Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. After Trustee Clark left the room, on motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustees Clark and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #1 - #3 as submitted on the Legal Agenda. Trustee Clark returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #1 - #3 as submitted on the Legal Regular Agenda. Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on item #4 on the Legal 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 Cunningham, with Trustees Ogletree and Parker absent and not voting and with Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4 as submitted on the Legal Regular Agenda. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #4 on the Legal Regular Agenda.

1. **UM** – Approved the request 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.
2. **USM** – Approved the request 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

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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.

3. **UMMC** – Approved the agreement with Butler Snow, LLP, to provide in-state lobbying and government relations consulting services. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The contract amount is \$65,000 payable in monthly installments of \$5,416.66 each and will be paid with self-generated funds. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm’s client list and proposed agreement are included in the bound *June 20, 2024 Board Working File*.
4. **USM** – Approved the 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. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy.

INFORMATION AGENDAS

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **SYSTEM** – Intent to offer or delete the following certificate programs.
Offer
 - a. **UM** - Certificate program title: Dietary Supplements
Responsible academic unit: Department of Biomolecular Sciences

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Level: post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 12

CIP code: 51.2005

Effective date: August 2025

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

Delete

- 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

2. **SYSTEM** – Intent to offer an existing degree program by distance learning as follows:

- a. **UM** - Degree program title: Doctor of Education (EdD) in Education

Total credit hours: 48

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- 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

REAL ESTATE

3. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the May 16, 2024 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. **(See Exhibit 4.)**

LEGAL

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

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 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

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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 (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.

**HEALTH AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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

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

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2. Executive Session

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, Parker, and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, 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 Martin, seconded by Trustee Luckey, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, Parker, and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of 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 matters were 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 Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, Parker, and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, 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 Cummings, Hubbard, Parker, and Rader absent and not voting and with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Dr. Steven Cunningham (Chair) (via Zoom), Mr. Don Clark, Jr., Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Ms. Jeanne Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Gee Ogletree, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Dr. Ormella Cummings, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Mr. Hal Parker, and Mr. Gregg Rader were absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trustee Ogletree announced that Rachel Welborn, Associate Director of the Southern Rural Federal Center at Mississippi State University is retiring. I appreciate the good work that she has done for the University and the state of Mississippi.
- Trustee Cunningham recognized Dr. Alisa Mosley, Provost at Jackson State University. This is her last Board meeting as provost before she transitions into the role of Senior Director of AI Initiatives and Supply Chain Management Tactical Autonomy at JSU. Dr. Cunningham thanked Dr. Mosley for her work as provost and congratulated her on her new role.
- Trustee Luckey provided an update on the ADA/Accessibility Services Task Force activities.
- President Martin announced the Board does not plan to meet in July. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2024.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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| Exhibit 1 | Proposed amendments to Board Policy Section 600 Student Affairs and Admissions for final reading. |
| Composite
Exhibit 2 | Fiscal year ending 2025 Operating Budgets for the system. |
| Exhibit 3 | FY 2026 proposed funding priorities for the 2025 Legislative Budget Request. |
| Exhibit 4 | Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the May 16, 2024 Board meeting. |
| Exhibit 5 | 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 final 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>Required¹ Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>		<u>Recommended² 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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Subject Area	<u>Required¹ Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>		<u>Recommended² Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>	
		<i>Compensatory Writing may not be included.</i>		<i>Compensatory Writing may not be included.</i>
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPC approved math (1 unit) • Algebra I or its equivalent • Math higher than Algebra I (2 units) • <u>Additional math higher or lower than Algebra I (1 unit)</u> 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I or its equivalent • Math higher than Algebra I (3 units)
Science	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology I or its equivalent • Science higher than Biology I (2 units) 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology I or its equivalent • Science higher than Biology I (3 units)
Social Studies	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>
Arts	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>
Advanced Electives	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II • Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3 • 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 & II will count as an advanced elective. 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1: Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II • Option 2: Foreign Language I and one unit from Option 3 • 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 & II will count as an advanced elective.
Technology or Computer Science	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>Required¹ Carnegie Units and Content/Remarks</u>	<u>Recommended² 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>
Pre-High School Units	<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>	
Substitutions	<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>	
Course Acceptance	<p><i>A course may not be used to satisfy more than one requirement.</i></p>	
Total Carnegie Units	18	20

¹High school Carnegie units **required for regular admission** to an IHL institution

²Recommended 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.

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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.
- (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”.

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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:

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.

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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 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)~~

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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 IHL institution) in the following 30 transferable semester credit hours to be eligible to transfer to an IHL institution:

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

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 (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).

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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.

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

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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 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 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.~~

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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 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~~

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~~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.

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

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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)

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Total Operating Budget FY 2025

	Appropriation	Self Generated	Budget	Percent Appropriation
Education & General	\$457,634,208	\$1,048,509,333	\$1,506,143,541	30.38%
Capital Funds	187,822,322	-	187,822,322	100.00%
Total E&G (1)	645,456,530	1,048,509,333	1,693,965,863	38.10%
UMMC	205,880,870	1,708,755,976	1,914,636,846	10.75%
UMMC ARPA	56,875,386	-	56,875,386	100.00%
Total UMMC (1)	262,756,256	1,708,755,976	1,971,512,232	13.33%
Agricultural	115,824,689	55,303,486	171,128,175	67.68%
Student Financial Aid (1)(2)	62,335,222	2,350,000	64,685,222	96.37%
Subsidiary	41,304,259	52,920,509	94,224,768	43.84%
Restricted	-	1,243,450,003	1,243,450,003	0.00%
<i>Ayers</i>	-	4,599,884	4,599,884	0.00%
Auxiliary	-	557,549,113	557,549,113	0.00%
Total Budget	\$1,127,676,956	\$4,673,438,304	\$5,801,115,260	19.44%

(1) Includes reappropriated funds.

(2) Non-IHL budget.



COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 2

Total Operating Budget Original FY 2024 Compared to FY 2025

Budget	FY 2024	FY 2025	Change	Percent Change
Education & General	\$1,409,811,685	\$1,506,143,541	\$96,331,856	6.83%
Capital Funds	328,230,000	187,822,322	(140,407,678)	-42.78%
Total E&G	1,738,041,685	1,693,965,863	(44,075,822)	-2.54%
UMMC	1,886,000,073	1,914,636,846	28,636,773	1.52%
UMMC ARPA	61,000,000	56,875,386	(4,124,614)	-6.76%
Total UMMC	1,947,000,073	1,971,512,232	24,512,159	1.26%
Agricultural	147,195,273	171,128,175	23,932,902	16.26%
Student Financial Aid	73,312,256	64,685,222	(8,627,034)	-11.77%
Subsidiary	91,349,901	94,224,768	2,874,867	3.15%
Restricted	1,218,029,647	1,243,450,003	25,420,356	2.09%
Ayers	4,921,056	4,599,884	(321,172)	-6.53%
Auxiliary	516,374,650	557,549,113	41,174,463	7.97%
Total Budget	\$5,736,224,541	\$5,801,115,260	\$64,890,719	1.13%



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Education & General Operating Budget (Excludes Ayers Funds) FY 2024 and FY 2025

Institution	FY 2024	FY 2025	Change	Percent Change
ASU	\$60,087,244	\$60,734,516	\$647,272	1.08%
DSU	47,190,219	48,492,420	1,302,201	2.76%
JSU	102,820,230	108,547,442	5,727,212	5.57%
MSU	434,185,304	464,987,102	30,801,798	7.09%
MUW	41,740,443	43,886,288	2,145,845	5.14%
MVSU	36,280,203	40,743,725	4,463,522	12.30%
UM	465,624,194	508,959,376	43,335,182	9.31%
USM	221,883,848	231,292,672	9,408,824	4.24%
Total	\$1,409,811,685	\$1,507,643,541	\$97,831,856	6.94%

Note: Excludes Capital Expense Funds and ARPA Act Funds.

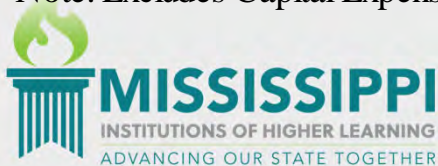


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Education and General Functional Budget Change in FY 2024 Original Budget to FY 2025

Functional Area	FY 2024	FY 2025	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Instruction	\$515,311,685	\$545,131,291	\$29,819,606	5.79%
Research	68,961,966	71,972,748	3,010,782	4.37%
Public Service	8,116,095	8,547,894	431,799	5.32%
Academic Support	134,845,222	145,548,270	10,703,048	7.94%
Student Services	92,185,009	97,107,414	4,922,405	5.34%
Institutional Support	160,774,160	174,003,111	13,228,951	8.23%
Operations & Maintenance	144,609,799	152,274,594	7,664,795	5.30%
Scholarships	281,070,678	305,338,499	24,267,821	8.63%
Transfers	3,937,071	7,719,720	3,782,649	96.08%
Total	\$1,409,811,685	\$1,507,643,541	\$97,831,856	6.94%

Note: Excludes Capital Expense Funds and ARPA Act Funds.



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Education and General Major Object Category Budget Change in FY 2024 Original Budget to FY 2025

Category	FY 2024	FY 2025	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Personnel	\$917,173,569	\$970,295,940	53,122,371	5.79%
Travel	9,756,426	11,098,043	1,341,617	13.75%
Contractual	422,208,720	457,789,445	35,580,725	8.43%
Commodities	20,673,458	20,916,470	243,012	1.18%
Capital	17,665,528	18,863,506	1,197,978	6.78%
Other	22,333,984	28,680,137	6,346,153	28.41%
Total	\$1,409,811,685	\$1,507,643,541	\$97,831,856	6.94%

Note: Excludes Capital Expense Funds and ARPA Act Funds.



COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 2

University of Mississippi Medical Center Operating Budget FY 2024 Compared to FY 2025

Budget	FY 2024	FY 2025	Dollar Change	Percent Change
School of Dentistry	\$24,574,684	\$23,283,111	(\$1,291,573)	-5.26%
School of Health Related Professions	13,949,435	14,149,160	199,725	1.43%
School of Medicine	224,487,216	223,771,060	(716,156)	-0.32%
School of Population Health	7,132,752	7,912,785	780,033	10.94%
School of Nursing	20,517,304	20,660,317	143,013	0.70%
Service Area	66,817,151	77,532,977	10,715,826	16.04%
University Hospital	1,528,521,531	1,547,327,436	18,805,905	1.23%
ARPA Funds	61,000,000	56,875,386	(4,124,614)	-6.76%
Total Budget	\$1,947,000,073	\$1,971,512,232	\$24,512,159	1.26%

Note: Auxiliary budget and restricted budget aggregated in the system presentation.



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Subsidiary Units (includes Executive Office, University Press & Student Financial Aid) Change in Total Operating Budget FY 2024 to FY 2025

Budget	FY 2024	FY 2025	Change	Percent Change	Appropriation
Urban Research Center	\$531,744	\$546,028	\$14,284	2.69%	100.00%
Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems	\$4,846,578	\$4,939,876	\$93,298	1.93%	100.00%
State Chemical Laboratory	\$3,748,250	\$2,401,216	(\$1,347,034)	-35.94%	86.69%
Water Resources Research Institute	\$351,676	\$353,177	\$1,501	0.43%	100.00%
Stennis Institute	\$770,935	\$790,415	\$19,480	2.53%	100.00%
Alcohol Safety Education Program (Special Funds)	\$1,884,965	\$1,917,645	\$32,680	1.73%	0.00%
Law Research Institute	\$2,864,369	\$2,905,621	\$41,252	1.44%	30.50%
Mineral Resources Institute	\$1,215,849	\$1,053,171	(\$162,678)	-13.38%	29.44%
Sciences	\$18,106,641	\$21,258,256	\$3,151,615	17.41%	21.26%
Supercomputer	\$649,817	\$659,556	\$9,739	1.50%	100.00%
Small Business Center	\$3,523,755	\$3,600,719	\$76,964	2.18%	8.99%
Center for Manufacturing Excellence	\$3,212,363	\$3,260,458	\$48,095	1.50%	100.00%
State Court Education Program	\$2,050,389	\$2,072,909	\$22,520	1.10%	100.00%
Mississippi Polymer Institute	\$913,091	\$918,408	\$5,317	0.58%	100.00%
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	\$10,255,901	\$10,580,266	\$324,365	3.16%	83.17%
Stennis Center	\$357,377	\$363,616	\$6,239	1.75%	100.00%
Executive Office	\$35,894,119	\$29,867,123	(\$6,026,996)	-16.79%	37.20%
Student Financial Aid	\$73,312,256	\$64,685,222	(\$8,627,034)	-11.77%	97.63%
University Press	\$3,373,669	\$3,328,785	(\$44,884)	-1.33%	0.00%



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FY 2026 Legislative Funding Priorities Request Based on 5th Year of 6-Year Plan to Reach SREB Median Salaries

Budget	FY 2025	FY 2026	Requested Increase	Percent Increase
Campuses	\$456,509,208	\$456,509,208	\$0	0.00%
SREB Salary Increase	\$0	\$64,055,883	64,055,883	100.00%
PERS Increase	\$0	\$4,575,420	4,575,420	100.00%
Insurance Deductible Cost	\$0	\$16,000,000	16,000,000	100.00%
Operational Inflation Increase	\$0	\$39,411,049	39,411,049	100.00%
Facility Management Program	0	2,352,685	2,352,685	100.00%
Capital Funds	20,500,000	80,000,000	59,500,000	290.24%
Total E&G Request	477,009,208	662,904,245	185,895,037	38.97%
UMMC	203,488,031	208,768,445	5,280,414	2.59%
UMMC Capital Funds	100,000	20,450,000	20,350,000	20350.00%
Total UMMC	203,588,031	229,218,445	25,630,414	12.59%
Subsidiaries	41,304,259	45,268,632	3,964,373	9.60%
Agriculture (3)	97,824,689	108,983,699	11,159,010	11.41%
Total Request (2)	\$819,726,187	\$1,046,375,021	\$226,648,834	27.65%
SFA (1)	54,952,895	54,952,895	0	0.00%

(1) This appropriation request is approved by the Postsecondary Board. This Board has not yet acted on an appropriation request for FY 2026.

(2) Does not include \$111,500,000 appropriated for capital projects in FY2025. These funds will be requested under the bond bill in the fall.

(2) Does not include \$18,000,000 appropriated for MSU Veterinary School Fund for Wise Center.



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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.

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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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

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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 systems work & roofing related work related to the reduction of the number of exhaust fans

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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-3RD 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

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

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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

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

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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

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

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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

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.

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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

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.

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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.

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

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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 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.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,415.00

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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 Pincer Metal Complexes and Methods of Use Thereof” - \$589.00; “Processing Conventional Papers and Pulps into Hydrophobic and Water-Resistant Packaging Materials and Tableware” -

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\$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. MSU – MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING ACADEMIC UNIT

In accordance with Board policies 503 and 504, Mississippi State University submits a request to modify an existing academic unit.

RENAMING

Current unit: Department of Landscape Architecture

Proposed Title: **Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design**

Unit Location: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Effective date: August 2024

Cost of implementation: \$0

Rationale: Landscape architecture was designated as a STEM discipline in 2022 by the Department of Homeland Security. The new name better reflects the teaching and research mission of the department in the fields of landscape architecture and environmental design and awareness. Expanding the departmental name is keeping in line with other departments nationwide who have made similar name changes.

2. SYSTEM – APPROVAL OF DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED IN SUMMER 2024

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

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

Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
Alcorn State University				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	Bachelor of Arts	13		
	Bachelor of Business Administration	1		
	Bachelor of Science	6		
	Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	4		
	<i>Graduate</i>			
	Master of Liberal Arts	1		
	Master of Science	3		
	Master of Science in Education	2		
	Specialist in Education	1		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		24	
	Total Graduate Degrees		7	
	Total Degrees			31
Delta State University				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	Bachelor of Applied Science	3		

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Bachelor of Arts	3		
Bachelor of Business Administration	6		
Bachelor of Commercial Aviation	3		
Bachelor of Fine Arts	1		
Bachelor of Science in Education	2		
Bachelor of Science	13		
Bachelor of Social Work	1		
Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	4		
<i>Graduate</i>			
Master of Art in Liberal Studies	1		
Master of Arts in Teaching	50		
Master of Business Administration	38		
Master of Commercial Aviation	8		
Master of Education	32		
Specialist in Education	28		
Doctor of Education	4		
Total Undergraduate Degrees		36	
Total Graduate Degrees		164	
Total Degrees			200

Jackson State University

<i>Undergraduate</i>			
Bachelor of Business Administration	9		
Bachelor of Science	21		
Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	1		
<i>Graduate</i>			
Master of Arts	2		
Master of Arts in Teaching	2		
Master of Business Administration	18		
Master of Music Education	2		
Master of Professional Accountancy	13		
Master of Science	7		
Master of Science in Education	4		
Specialist in Education	9		
Doctor of Education	1		
Doctor of Philosophy	10		
Total Undergraduate Degrees		31	
Total Graduate Degrees		68	
Total Degrees			99

Mississippi State University

<i>Undergraduate</i>			
Bachelor of Accountancy	2		
Bachelor of Applied Science	12		
Bachelor of Architecture	1		

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Bachelor of Arts	29
Bachelor of Business Administration	63
Bachelor of Fine Arts	1
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	2
Bachelor of Science	297
Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	10

Graduate

Master of Agribusiness Management	3
Master of Agriculture	3
Master of Arts	11
Master of Arts in Teaching	2
Master of Arts in Teaching Middle	14
Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary	12
Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education	4
Master of Business Administration	34
Master of Engineering	3
Master of Landscape Architecture	1
Master of Physician Assistant Studies	4
Master of Professional Accountancy	15
Master of Science	195
Master of Science Information Systems	3
Master of Taxation	2
Specialist in Education	30
Doctor of Education	2
Doctor of Philosophy	59

<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>	417	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>	397	
<i>Total Degrees</i>		814

Mississippi University for Women

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Applied Science	1
Bachelor of Arts	1
Bachelor of Business Administration	3
Bachelor of Fine Arts	1
Bachelor of Music	1
Bachelor of Science	19
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	207

Graduate

Master of Arts	
Master of Arts in Teaching	5
Master of Business Administration	9
Master of Education	1
Master of Fine Arts	9

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Master of Public Health	1		
Master of Science in Nursing	23		
<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>		233	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>		48	
<i>Total Degrees</i>			281

University of Mississippi

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Accountancy	72
Bachelor of Arts	131
Bachelor of Arts in Education	3
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism	12
Bachelor of Arts in Sport and Recreation Administration	21
Bachelor of Business Administration	174
Bachelor of Fine Arts	2
Bachelor of Multi-Disciplinary Studies	39
Bachelor of Science	14
Bachelor of Science (IMC)	42
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering	2
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	6
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice	15
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering	1
Bachelor of Science in Engineering	1
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science	29
Bachelor of Science in Geology	2
Bachelor of Science in Law Studies	5
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	1
Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences	59
Bachelor of Science in Public Health & Health Sciences	3
Bachelor of Social Work	30
Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	9

Graduate

Certificate in Intercollegiate Athletic Administration	1
Certificate in Reform & Athletics Academic Success	1
Certificate in Air and Space Law	3
Master of Accountancy	21
Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics	46
Master of Arts	7
Master of Arts in Teaching	1
Master of Business Administration	36
Master of Criminal Justice	18
Master of Education	21
Master of Laws	6
Master of Science	27
Master of Science in Exercise Science	1

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Master of Science in Social Work	37
Master of Taxation	5
Master of Taxation and Data Analytics	8
Specialist in Education	9
Doctor of Education	4
Doctor of Pharmacy	1
Doctor of Philosophy	51
Juris Doctor	2

<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>	674	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>	301	
<i>Total Degrees</i>		975

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Science in Nursing	81
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Graduate

Master of Executive Population Health Management	3
Master of Health Informatics and Information Management	5
Master of Health Systems Administration	1
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences	9
Master of Science in Nursing	14
Master of Science in Population Health Science	1
Doctor of Dental Medicine	6
Doctor of Health Administration	4
Doctor of Medicine	1
Doctor of Philosophy	15

<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>	81	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>	59	
<i>Total Degrees</i>		140

University of Southern Mississippi

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Applied Science	8
Bachelor of Arts	11
Bachelor of Fine Arts	3
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies	1
Bachelor of Liberal Studies	10
Bachelor of Music	2
Bachelor of Music Education	0
Bachelor of Science	132
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	10
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	27
Bachelor of Social Work	1
Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	8

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Graduate

Master of Arts	14	
Master of Arts in Teaching	2	
Master of Arts in Teaching of Languages	4	
Master of Business Administration	39	
Master of Education	9	
Master of Fine Arts	5	
Master of Library and Information Science	10	
Master of Professional Accountancy	6	
Master of Public Health	14	
Master of Science	111	
Master of Social Work	1	
Specialist in Education	3	
Doctor of Audiology	1	
Doctor of Education	98	
Doctor of Musical Arts	4	
Doctor of Philosophy	45	
<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>	213	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>	366	
<i>Total Degrees</i>		579
<i>System Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>	1,709	
<i>System Total Graduate Degrees</i>	1,410	
<i>System Total Degrees</i>		3,119

*Note: System Total for Summer 2024 represents a decrease of 285 from Summer 2023's total of 3,404.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

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1. ASU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH WATERMARK INSIGHTS, LLC

Agenda Item Request: Alcorn State University requests Board approval of amendment to an existing Purchase agreement for three (3) more years with **Watermark Insights, LLC**, a centralized software for accreditation and assessments.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Watermark Insights, LLC

History of Contract: The original contract began 10/01/2021 and is scheduled to end 9/30/2024.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a product/service renewal which includes planning and self-study, outcomes assessment projects, student learning and licensure and a service package for specialized trainings such as campus wide on-site trainings.

Purpose: In 2021, ASU procured institution-wide accreditation and assessment software, along with ongoing professional development services to help achieve five core objectives in support of ASU’s Strategic Plan: The Path Forward: Forging Ahead. This initiative stems from academic affairs' dedication to bolstering the uniqueness of academic programs, accreditation and establishing a sustainable framework for academic programming.

Scope of Work: The scope of services under the Agreement will be extended for three years to include usage of Watermark’s Planning and Self-Study, Outcome Assessment Projects, Student Learning and Licensure and Silver Service Package software and services through September 30, 2027 (“Subscription Services”).

Term of Contract: Three (3) years, with an estimated Start Date of 10/01/2024 and End Date of 9/30/2027.

Contract Amount: The total cost of this contract over the three-year period is \$248,975.08. The total lifecycle cost will be \$490,229,90.

Funding Source for Contract: The funding for this will be paid through Title III

Termination Options:

Termination for Breach; Dispute Resolution. Either party may terminate this Agreement by written notice in the event of material breach by the other party, should such breach remain uncured for thirty (30) days after the receipt of notice describing such breach in reasonable detail (or if not subject to cure, immediately upon written notice). If a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, the parties shall

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consult and negotiate with each other in good faith for a period of no less than 30 days to reach a solution prior to terminating this Agreement.

Force Majeure. Each party shall be excused from performance for any period and to the extent that it is prevented from performing any obligation or service, in whole or in part, as a result of causes beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of such party and/or its subcontractors. Such causes shall include without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics or pandemics (including Covid-19), governmental regulations superimposed after the fact, fire, earthquakes, floods, or other natural disasters (“force majeure events”). When such a cause arises, the non-performing party shall notify the other party immediately in writing of the cause of its inability to perform, how it affects its performance, and the anticipated duration of the inability to perform. Delays in delivery or in meeting completion dates due to force majeure events shall automatically extend such dates for a period equal to the duration of the delay caused by such events, unless ASU determines it to be in its best interest to terminate the agreement.

Contractor Selection Process: On July 23, 2021, a Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase to which no vendor objected.

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. **JSU - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD GRUBB & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Agenda Item Request: Jackson State University (JSU) requests approval to enter into a Service Agreement with Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., a New Jersey corporation (RGA), for the purpose of restoration and improvements to the Mt. Olive Cemetery property owned by Jackson State University, located on its main-campus. The total contract amount of \$400,000.00 will be paid with federal and non-federal grant funds awarded to the University by the U.S. Department of the Interior Service, and the National Historic Preservation Fund’s National Park Service HBCU Grant.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

History of Contract: This is a new contract.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a Service Agreement.

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Purpose: In May of 2021, JSU was awarded \$ 496,023.00 in Federal Funding and \$75,042.00 in non-federal funding via the U.S. Department of the Interior Service and National Historic Preservation Fund's - National Park Service HBCU Grant for the purpose of restoration and improvements to the Mt. Olive Cemetery, a property designated as a historic site, which is owned by JSU and located on its main campus. Pursuant to the Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation and as determined eligible in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 54 U.S.C 300101 et. seq., and in the Historic Preservation Grant Fund Manual, University shall engage Contractor RGA to perform three major tasks:

- Rebuild up to 47 brick mausoleums.
- Conduct a GPR and LiDAR survey to identify unmarked graves and subsurface landscape features.
- Develop an efficient plan for landscaping to improve citizen access, particularly to the James Hill and Ida Revels Redmond monuments, for recreational and educational purposes.

Additionally, repairs and improvements will be made to the façade, bricks and mortar of various mausoleums, tombstones, for upgrades to the cemetery landscaping and for the purpose of conducting geophysical surveys, and analysis of the gravesites.

Scope of Work: a) Repair of Mausoleums: All mausoleums, regardless of their condition, will be professionally cleaned/treated with an NPS-approved brick cleaner before beginning restoration. Conservation of brick mausoleums with atmospheric staining and biological growth on their concrete paving and bricks, respectively. b) Conduct Non-Invasive Geophysical and Remote Sensing Surveys (GPR and LiDAR): The goal of non-invasive surveys and analysis is to determine the number and arrangement of unmarked burials and subsurface landscape features (such as circulation paths and buried gravemarkers) within the cemetery. An illustrated report would be produced that includes georeferenced maps to guide future landscaping plans and commemoration or marking of unmarked burials. The final deliverable will include any GIS data created as part of the survey. c) Conduct Infrared Photography and LiDAR and GPR studies, and analysis; and surveying using Drone-mounted Techniques and Magnetometry: Use of GPR, Drone, and Magnetometry for the detection the standard for identifying unmarked graves. Identifying potential graves in historic cemeteries does not usually involve the identification of physical human remains (i.e., skeletons) but rather the difference in reflections from radar energy pulsed into the ground from the GPR antenna. d) Perform Landscape Improvements: After completion of geophysical surveys, etc. RGA will work with JSU on the development of an attractive, historically appropriate, and low maintenance landscape plan, with the primary goal of providing public access to the James Hill and Ida Revels Redmond monuments. The plan will integrate existing pathways, fencing, and landscaping. Historic funerary plantings and landmark trees will be preserved. The project team will ensure any plans are compliant with the NPS *Guidelines for the Treatment of*

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Historic Properties and the Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes to ensure Mount Olive's National Register status is maintained.

Term of Contract: Start Date: August 2024 End Date: August 2026

Contract Amount: \$400,000

Funding Source for Contract: National Park Service HBCU Grant.

Termination Options: This agreement may be terminated for the following reasons:

- For convenience with 10 day's written notice
- Reduction of funds
- Force majeure
- Default by either party with 30 day's written notice

Contractor Selection Process: In February 2024, an RFP (#24-10) was issued for Mt. Olive Preservation and Repair. Only 1 vendor (Richard Grubb and Associates, Inc.) submitted a response, and the contract was awarded to Richard Grubb and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000.

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

3. **MSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ENTERPRISE FM TRUST**

Agenda Item Request: *Per Section 707.01 of the IHL Board Policies and Bylaws, MSU is requesting approval to enter a contract with **Enterprise FM Trust** to lease police vehicles. Pursuant to Section 707.03 of the IHL Board Policies and Bylaws, MSU is requesting approval to prepay for services under the agreement.*

Contractor's Legal Name: Enterprise FM Trust

History of Contract: This is a new contract.

Specific Type of Contract: Lease agreement

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to lease vehicles for use by the MSU Police Department. Lease of the vehicles will allow MSU to more easily obtain police vehicles and keep a fleet of police vehicles in operable condition.

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Scope of Work: Enterprise FM Trust will locate and provide vehicles for use by MSU's police Department.

Term of Contract: The contract will begin on September 1, 2024 and will have a five-year term.

Contract Amount: MSU anticipates leasing seven vehicles at a cost of \$10,669 per vehicle, per year. The total anticipated cost of the leased vehicles will be \$373,415.

Funding Source for Contract: MSU general funds.

Termination Options: MSU may terminate the agreement by providing written notice to Enterprise and paying current amounts owed under the agreement.

Contractor Selection Process: MSU issued RFP No. 23-113, and Enterprise was the only vendor that provided a response.

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. **MSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH DELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

Agenda Item Request: *Per Section 707.01 of the IHL Board Policies and Bylaws, MSU is requesting approval to enter into a purchase order with **Dell Inc.** to provide a Computer Cluster System Expansion for our High Performance Computing Collaboratory (HPCC).*

Contractor's Legal Name: Dell Technologies, Inc.

History of Contract: This is a new contract.

Specific Type of Contract: Purchase Order, pursuant to the terms of Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Express Product List Agreement No. EPL-40731003-3760 I-MS.

Purpose: To procure an expansion to our current Computer Cluster System.

Scope of Work: Deliver, install, configure, integrate and test a cluster computer system that will expand the existing Top 500 class Supercomputer thus increasing the overall computational capacity to support additional research.

Term of Contract: Not applicable

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Contract Amount: \$8,327,871.44

Funding Source for Contract: NOAA Grant Funds. MSU has confirmed that the purchase is in compliance with the terms of that grant and is otherwise legally permissible.

Termination Options:

Termination Upon Mutual Agreement: A supplement and/or purchase order may be terminated in whole or in part upon the mutual written agreement of Seller and the Purchaser.

Termination Due To Bankruptcy: Should Seller become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or execute an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, the Purchaser may, upon the giving of thirty (30) days prior written notice, terminate a supplement and/or purchase order and this EPL Agreement without the assessment of any penalties, solely as between those two parties.

Termination Other Than For Cause: A Purchaser may terminate a supplement and/or purchase order and this EPL Agreement as to itself only, in whole or in part and without the assessment of any penalties, for any reason by giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice specifying the effective date thereof to Seller. Any payment due Seller for services rendered by Seller prior to termination and received by Purchaser shall be paid.

Termination For Cause: Either Purchaser or Seller may terminate a supplement and/or purchase order and this EPL Agreement solely as between themselves and without the assessment of any penalties upon a material breach by the other party upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice unless the defaulting party cures such breach within such thirty (30) calendar-day period. The non-defaulting party may also pursue any remedy available to it in law or in equity.

Contractor Selection Process: MSU issued Bid 24-57 on June 19, 2024, with prior approval from MDITS on CP-1 20210327. We received one response from Dell and confirmed that their response met our specifications.

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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5. **MVSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A SOFTWARE LICENSE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ELLUCIAN COMPANY, LLC (ENVISIONS)**

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi Valley State University requests retractive approval to July 1, 2024 to enter into a software license and service Order Form with **Ellucian Company, LLC (Evisions)**

Contractor’s Legal Name: Ellucian Company, LLC

History of Contract: This is a new Order Form under a Master Software License and Service Agreement executed in October 2015.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a software license and service Order form.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide services to support the configuration of Evisions Argos Advanced Features, IntelCheck, FormFusion, and Degree Works which are critical to the University’s continued business administrative operations.

Scope of Work: Software support and maintenance of Evisions Argos Advanced Features, IntelCheck, FormFusion, and Degree Works.

Term of Contract: Start Date: 7/1/2024 End Date: 6/30/2025

Contract Amount: Current Order Form cost is \$62,034.00

Funding Source for Contract: The contract will be funded by Title III funds.

Termination Options:

The agreement may be terminated for the following:

- If either party breaches a material term or condition of this Agreement or the Licensee Order Form and that breach continues for thirty (30) days after the breaching party receives written notice from the other party, then the Licensee Order Form shall be deemed terminated at the end of that period.
- MVSU may terminate the Licensee Order Form as to itself, in whole or in part, if Ellucian Company becomes the subject of bankruptcy, reorganization, liquidation or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary.
- The License Order Form may be terminated in whole or in part upon the mutual, written agreement of Ellucian Company and MVSU.
- Either party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party, but any Licensee Order Form entered into prior to the termination date of the Agreement shall survive termination of the Agreement.

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- Upon the expiration of MVSU’s Software Support Term and provided that MVSU has made all payments due to Ellucian Company under the Licensee Order Form, MVSU shall have the right to terminate its Licensee Order Form and destroy or return the Licensed Software to Ellucian Company.
- Upon termination by MVSU, MVSU will be entitled to a refund of applicable unexpended prorated annual Software Support Services fees/charges, if any. In the event of termination, Ellucian Company shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for satisfactory work completed or services rendered by Ellucian Company in connection with the Licensee Order Form through the date of termination. In no case shall said compensation exceed the total contract price.
- Upon termination, (a) MVSU shall immediately cease to use the Licensed Software, (b) MVSU shall forthwith deliver to Ellucian Company, all originals and copies of the Licensed Software and Documentation, and (c) any right to damages shall not be prejudiced by termination. All obligations relating to non-use and non-disclosure of Confidential Information and indemnity shall survive the termination.

Contractor Selection Process: Ellucian was selected in 2015 as offering the best software solutions for the needs of the University’s business operations needs.

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. MVSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A SOFTWARE LICENSE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ELLUCIAN COMPANY, L.P. (BANNER)

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi Valley State University requests approval to enter into a software license and service agreement (Banner) with **Ellucian Company, LP**

Contractor’s Legal Name: Ellucian Company, LP

History of Contract: MVSU entered into a Master Software License and Service Agreement on May 21, 1998, between Ellucian Company L.P., formerly known as “SunGard SCT, Inc.” and SCT Software & Resource Management Corporation, and “SunGard”, and Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services. This document shall serve to amend the Supplement to the Master Software License and Service Agreement executed on January 26, 2018 between Ellucian Company, L.P. and the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a software license and service agreement.

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Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide technical currency services (maintenance)

Scope of Work: Ellucian Company, L.P.'s obligation is to provide MVSU with technical currency services (maintenance) for Banner software.

Term of Contract: Start Date: 7/1/2024 End Date: 6/30/2025

Contract Amount: The total contract cost is \$263,672.00

Funding Source for Contract: The contract will be funded by E&G and restricted funds.

Termination Options:

The agreement may be terminated for the following:

- If either party breaches a material term or condition of this Agreement or the Licensee Order Form and that breach continues for thirty (30) days after the breaching party receives written notice from the other party, then the Licensee Order Form shall be deemed terminated at the end of that period.
- MVSU may terminate the Licensee Order Form as to itself, in whole or in part, if Ellucian Company becomes the subject of bankruptcy, reorganization, liquidation or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary.
- The License Order Form may be terminated in whole or in part upon the mutual, written agreement of Ellucian Company and MVSU.
- Either party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party, but any Licensee Order Form entered into prior to the termination date of the Agreement shall survive termination of the Agreement.
- Upon the expiration of MVSU's Software Support Term, and provided that MVSU has made all payments due to Ellucian Company under the Licensee Order Form, MVSU shall have the right to terminate its Licensee Order Form and destroy or return the Licensed Software to Ellucian Company.
- Upon termination by MVSU, MVSU will be entitled to a refund of applicable unexpended prorated annual Software Support Services fees/charges, if any. In the event of termination, Ellucian Company shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for satisfactory work completed or services rendered by Ellucian Company in connection with the Licensee Order Form through the date of termination. In no case shall said compensation exceed the total contract price.

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Contractor Selection Process: Since MVSU has an existing Master Agreement with Ellucian Company, a contractor selection process was not utilized.

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. **MVSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNERSTONE REHABILITATION**

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi Valley State University requests approval to enter into an agreement with **Cornerstone Rehabilitation**.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Cornerstone Rehabilitation

History of Contract: This is a new agreement.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a sports physical therapy and rehabilitation service agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide sports medicine rehabilitation services to MVSU student-athletes.

Scope of Work: Athletic physical therapy, and sports medicine rehabilitation services to MVSU’s student-athletes, athletic staff, and opponents.

Term of Contract: Start Date: 7/1/2024 End Date: 6/30/2026

Contract Amount: The total contract cost is \$280,000.00

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

Termination Options:

The agreement may be terminated for the following:

- Either party retains the right to terminate the agreement with three (3) months prior written notice to the other party at anytime, with or without cause

Contractor Selection Process: Contractor was selected based on MVSU’s assessment that Cornerstone is the best company.

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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8. UM – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SPRINGER NATURE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER, LLC

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Libraries request approval to enter into a contract with **Springer Nature Customer Service Center, LLC**. Additionally, in accordance with IHL Board Policy 707.03, Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the University of Mississippi requests the Board’s approval to make payment in advance in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Due to lengthy negotiations between Springer and Lyrisis (consortium), delaying presentation of the License Agreements to the university licensees, we are seeking retroactive approval for a contract start date of January 1, 2024.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Springer Nature Customer Service Center

History of Contract: This agreement is between the consortium Lyrisis and the publisher Springer Nature, and the University Libraries are asked to abide by the terms of the agreement to receive special pricing on a substantial package of journal content and participation in a Read & Publish program. Because we are not signatories to the agreement, we cannot make any changes to the agreement, but the Library will be asked to submit an email statement, officially agreeing to the terms of the license.

The attached agreement for approval is the fourth such agreement with these partners. The initial agreement started Jan. 2014 and required a simple email statement from the Library. The second agreement started in Jan. 2017 and was scheduled to last until Dec. 2021. Beginning in June 2020, Lyrisis began renegotiating the 2017 contract to get better pricing for 2021. In order to accomplish that goal, Lyrisis agreed with Springer Nature to cancel the 2017 contract a year early and begin a new three-year contract Jan. 2021. IHL approval to participate in the 2021 agreement was given in April 2021.

The current agreement for 2024-2027 continues the same legal terms as previous agreements and adds a “Read & Publish” program. In this program, some article processing charges (APCs) charged to researchers to publish their articles as Open Access (OA) are covered by the subscription costs paid by the library.

While the Libraries needed to give provisional agreement to the new three-year agreement via email in October, we are holding payment of the 2024 costs until IHL approves our participation, as we did in 2017 and in 2021.

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

Purpose: The purpose of the agreement is to license access to the Springer Nature Continuing Access Journal (as detailed) and to a selected list of Nature Research Group journals titles used for educational and research purposes, to control the rate of inflation

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on the cost of these subscriptions, and to establish a “Read & Publish” agreement with this publisher.

Scope of Work: This contract is for informational content.

Term of Contract: This contract will be in place from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027.

Termination Options:

A Participating Institution may opt out of this License Agreement due to material financial hardship by giving Licensor written notice of termination (including the reasons for opting-out) 60 days prior to the end of any year of the Term, effective as of the end of the current year of the Term. UM may also terminate for lack of appropriated funds.

Contract Amount: The total subscriptions costs are:

Year	Springer, et al.	Nature	Total
2024	\$478,335.07	\$35,680.50	\$514,015.57
2025	\$491,605.98	\$37,107.72	\$528,713.70
2026	\$505,617.58	\$38,592.03	\$544,209.61
2027	\$520,456.97	\$40,135.71	\$560,592.68
		Total	\$2,147,531.56

Prepayment will be made before December 1 of the previous year for access granted in the contract year. Payment for 2024 has been held until this agreement is approved. These costs may vary slightly depending on particular subscriptions each year.

Funding Source for Contract: Costs for this contract will be funded by the Library’s materials budget, which is derived from educational and general funds and from specified endowments.

Contractor Selection Process: The contractor was selected because Springer Nature Customer Service Center is a proprietary provider of the content. No other vendor offers the specific content.

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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9. UMMC- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CODING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CORROHEALTH, INC.

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a Coding Services Agreement with CorroHealth, Inc. (CorroHealth) Trust to perform hospital billing and professional fee remote coding services. Under the agreement, CorroHealth will perform hospital-based fee coding, professional fee coding, outpatient coding, and denial reviews as needed.

Contractor's Legal Name: CorroHealth, Inc.

History of Contract: On March 18, 2021, the Board approved an agreement with Trust Healthcare Consulting Services, LLC d/b/a Trust HCS (Trust HCS) to perform professional fee remote coding services. In January, 2022, Trust HCS notified UMMC, and UMMC approved, of the assignment of TrustHCS's rights under the agreement to CorroHealth in connection with a corporate rebranding and restructuring. The current agreement will expire on March 31, 2026, but will be superseded and replaced by the proposed agreement, if approved. The proposed agreement adds hospital billing to the compliment of services offered under the current contract.

UMMC utilizes multiple coding vendors for various areas, including professional fee and hospital billing, as well as for specialty departments such as emergency medicine. UMMC plans to contract with two (2) vendors to provide the majority of UMMC's hospital billing and professional fee coding: CorroHealth and Kiwi-Tek, LLC (Kiwi-Tek). UMMC plans to continue using other vendors for specialty needs as appropriate.

In addition to this request, UMMC will submit for consideration a separate service agreement with Kiwi-Tek once that agreement is fully negotiated. UMMC seeks to simultaneously contract with multiple coding vendors to provide UMMC with coding and denial services to make sure that UMMC has appropriate coverage for all coding needs.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Coding Services Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the agreement is for the provision of hospital billing and professional fee coding, outpatient coding, and denial reviews as needed. Medical coders assign the correct code to describe the type of service a patient will receive. This is necessary to make sure UMMC is charging appropriately for services provided. Coders also work as denial specialists, including responsibility for following up directly with commercial and governmental payers to resolve any billing issues and secure appropriate reimbursement.

Scope of Work: Under the Agreement, CorroHealth will:

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- provide coding specialists based in the Continental United States to code UMMC's patient medical charts as requested;
- require its employees to follow UMMC's policies and procedures;
- correct denials caused by coding errors at no charge within three (3) to five (5) business days, and
- provide ongoing coding training to UMMC staff as requested.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is five (5) years, from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2029.

Termination Options: Termination options includes the following:

- by UMMC upon thirty (30) days' written notice to CorroHealth with or without cause;
- by CorroHealth upon one Hundred eighty days (180) written notice to UMMC with or without cause;
- if CorroHealth refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of the contract or otherwise fails to timely satisfy the contract provisions, or commits any other substantial breach of the contract, and fails to cure the breach within ten (10) days of receiving written notice from UMMC;
- immediately upon CorroHealth's breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that CorroHealth's, its officers, directors and employees:
 - are not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
 - have not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs,
 - are not, nor have ever been included on the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list;
 - are not, to the best of its knowledge, under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in CorroHealth being excluded from participation in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and
 - if CorroHealth is to receive any patients' personal health information, CorroHealth represents and warrants that it has implemented safeguards to ensure that the privacy and confidentiality of patients' personal health information is protected.
- by UMMC if CorroHealth is unable to provide services for a period of thirty (30) days due to a continuing force majeure event,
- in the event of a reduction in funds;
- in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties cannot agree upon renegotiated terms within thirty (30) days;

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- upon written notice to CorroHealth of a material breach of the Agreement or violation of the HIPAA Regulations that remains uncured following ten (10) days written notice, or immediately if cure is not possible, in the event CorroHealth improperly uses or discloses protected health information; and
- by UMMC immediately if CorroHealth violates UMMC's security policy.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the agreement is \$9,175,000 over five (5) year term. Beginning in year two (2), UMMC has included a ten percent (10 %) increase for potential volume increases. Fees are based on a per chart rate or hourly rate for the coding services.

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

Contractor Selection Process: In February 2024, UMMC conducted Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 8061 for Professional and Hospital Billing Remote Professional Coding Services. Seven (7) bidders submitted proposals, including CorroHealth, United Audit Systems, Inc, Cognizant Revenue Management Solutions, Kiwi-Tek, Norwood, CHIM Consulting, and Oxford Global Resources. Proposals were evaluated based upon cost and quality so that the lowest and best proposals would be selected. CorroHealth and Kiwi-Tek received the highest overall scores and both suppliers were awarded based on scores.

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.

10. UMMC- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LEASE WITH JOURNAL, INC.

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a Medical Office Building Lease with **Journal, Inc.** (Journal) for 5,924 square feet of clinic space located at 240 Service Drive, Building 2, Suite D, Tupelo, MS. This lease will allow UMMC to continue its mission of providing high standards of medical education to physicians across our state and will provide improved space for pediatric subspecialty clinic visits and consultations to patients in the Tupelo area. Pursuant to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) policy 707.03 *Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services*, UMMC also requests a waiver to allow prepayment of the monthly rent in advance each month.

Contractor's Legal Name: Journal, Inc.

History of Contract: On May 20, 2022, UMMC received notification that the Commissioner delegated authority to UMMC to enter leases with an aggregate total expenditure of less \$100,000 as defined in section 707.01 of the IHL Policies and Bylaws,

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as amended. Through its delegated authority, on July 18, 2023, UMMC entered into a one (1) year lease with the Journal for the lease of the clinic space at a cost of \$99,050.00. The lease will expire on August 31, 2024.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building Lease.

Purpose: The purpose of the agreement is to lease 5,924 square feet of clinic space located at 240 Service Drive, Building 2, Suite D, Tupelo, MS. The space will be utilized by UMMC Children's of Mississippi for a subspecialty pediatric clinic. The pediatric subspecialties represented at this clinic include endocrinology, cardiology, nutrition, dermatology, neurology, surgery, adult congenital heart, forensic medicine, genetics, psychiatry, and urology.

Scope of Work: Under the lease, Journal will:

- Lease 5,924 square feet of clinic space to UMMC;
- Provide all utilities for common areas of the building; and
- Provide all maintenance required to keep the building and premises in good order, condition, and repair.

UMMC will pay rent to Journal's property management company Tommy Morgan, Inc. UMMC will pay all utilities, janitorial, and waste management directly to the applicable service providers.

Term of Contract: The term of the lease agreement is twelve (12) months, from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025.

Termination Options: The lease may be terminated as follows:

- by UMMC in the event Journal causes any utility service interruption lasting longer than 30 consecutive days;
- by UMMC in the event of a partial destruction of the premises and Journal does not elect to make repairs or if the repairs cannot be made timely;
- by either party in the event of a total destruction of the building; automatically if the whole of the premises or building or so much thereof as to render the balance unusable by UMMC shall be taken under power of eminent domain, condemnation or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise;
- by UMMC in the event of a partial taking under power of eminent domain, by giving Journal written notice within 30 days after UMMC's receipt of written notice of such partial taking;
- by either party in the event the other party commits an act of default under the lease, by giving the defaulting party at least ten (10) days' prior written notice;
- by either party in the event any legislation, regulation or government policy is passed or adopted, the effect of which would cause either party to be in violation of such laws due to the existence of any provision of the lease, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;

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- by UMMC immediately upon Journal’s breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that it:
 - is not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
 - has not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and
 - is not under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in the party being excluded from participation in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs;
- in the event of a reduction in funds; and
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 60 days.

Contract Amount: The total cost of the lease is \$102,011.28 over the one (1) year term. The base rent is \$17.22 per square foot, which remains firm throughout the term of the lease.

Funding Source for Contract: The lease will be funded by patient revenue and sublease revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC currently leases this space from Journal.

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.

11. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH STRYKER SALES, LLC

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its Rental Agreement with **Stryker Sales, LLC (Stryker)** to extend the term for the lease and service of endoscopic and laparoscopic equipment used to perform minimally invasive procedures using small incisions throughout the body.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Stryker Sales, LLC

History of Contract: On October 21, 2021, the Board approved a new three (3) year agreement with Stryker for the lease and service of endoscopic and laparoscopic equipment at a cost of \$4,025,000. The agreement will expire on November 16, 2024, unless amended.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to the Rental Agreement.

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Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the agreement by thirty-six (36) months. The purpose of the agreement is to lease endoscopic equipment including camera systems, scopes, light sources, insufflators, and video and laparoscopic equipment used to perform minimally invasive procedures using small incisions throughout the body. General surgical procedures using laparoscopic equipment require visual aids such as cameras, scopes, and lights to allow an image to transfer from the surgical site to the camera. The image travels by way of rigid scopes which are attached to the camera.

Scope of Work: Under the agreement, Stryker provides the endoscopic and laparoscopic equipment as well as service of equipment.

Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement is six (6) years and sixteen (16) days beginning November 1, 2021, through November 16, 2027, which is seventy-two (72) months from the delivery of the equipment which was on November 17, 2021. The term of the original agreement was three (3) years and sixteen (16) days, beginning November 1, 2021. The amendment adds thirty-six (36) months to the term of the agreement.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by UMMC in the first two (2) months of the agreement upon written notice to Stryker;
- by UMMC upon default by Stryker;
- by UMMC upon sixty (60) days' written notice; and
- by UMMC if Stryker cannot provide the equipment for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days due to an ongoing force majeure event.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the six (6) year and sixteen (16) day term is \$7,605,000. The original estimated cost of the agreement over the three (3) year and sixteen (16) day term was \$4,025,000. The amendment adds \$3,580,000 over the extended term. The flat monthly rate for lease and service of the equipment was \$108,372.28 during the original term and will be \$96,517.11 during the extended term.

Funding Source for Contract: This agreement is funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with Stryker.

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

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

Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects

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

Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval

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

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

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

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

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

Board Policy §905(A), Real Estate Management

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

Board Policy §905(B), Real Estate Management

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

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Board Policy §917, Naming Buildings and Facilities

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

APPROVAL OF INITIATIONS OF PROJECTS/APPOINTMENTS OF PROFESSIONALS

BUREAU OF BUILDING PROJECTS

1. DSU – GS 102-291B – RENOVATION OF CCED BUILDING FOR IRS

Project Request: Delta State University requests approval to initiate a project, Renovation of the Center for Community Development (CCED) Building, and to appoint Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A., as the design professional.

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

Selection Method: The project budget is not anticipated to exceed \$3M, therefore the design professional was selected from the approved Job Order Contracting process with the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Buildings, Grounds and Real Property Management.

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

Purpose: Delta State University is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the project professional, Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A., as required by Board Policy so that the university can proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: The project is intended to renovate the CCED building to lease to the IRS. This project will provide jobs for 50 individuals in the delta area and create a funding source for DSU through the lease of the building. The economic impact to the community and DSU will be more than \$5,000,000 annually. Delta State University’s CCED building will be remodeled to support a call center for the IRS. The IRS has signed a lease agreement with DSU that will amortize the construction costs over 5 years. This lease agreement was approved in the October 2023 board agenda.

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History: The IRS requested bids for the lease of a space in the Cleveland area to support the implementation of a new call center. The goal of the new call center was to have an economic impact on the community where it was located as well as be a support arm of the IRS. DSU agreed to lease the space to the IRS and submitted the appropriate paperwork to IHL Board for approval. The agreement from DSU is to lease 9,286 square feet of office space.

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: August 15, 2024

Date of Original Construction: N/A

Date of Last Renovation: N/A

Project Budget:

		<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$	1,180,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		135,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:		15,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		35,000.00
 Total Project Budget	 \$	 1,500,000.00

Funding Source(s): HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$1,500,000.00)

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

2. USM – GS 108-316 - JC002 – M.M. ROBERTS STADIUM, LOWER EAST LEVEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROJECT

Project Request: The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to initiate a project, M.M. Roberts Stadium, Lower East Level Maintenance and Repair Project, and to appoint Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, as the design professional.

Proposed Design Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC

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Selection Method: The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) issued an RFQ for a Job Order term contract for Architecture firms to serve as the professional for this project. From the DFA’s list, the University of Southern Mississippi chose Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC to serve as the professional for this project.

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

Purpose: The University of Southern Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the project professional, Wier Boerner Allin, as required by Board Policy so that the university can proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: The scope of the project will provide the necessary maintenance and repair of the steel reinforced concrete for the Lower East Level of M. M. Roberts Football Stadium.

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

Project Initiation Date: August 15, 2024

Date of Original Construction: N/A

Date of Last Renovation: N/A

Project Budget:

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 1,100,658.72
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	110,065.87
Misc. Project Costs:	0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	0.00
Contingency:	114,275.41
Total Project Budget	\$ 1,325,000.00

Funding Source(s): USM Institutional Funds (\$1,325,000.00)

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

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IHL PROJECTS

3. UM – IHL 207-507 – GILLOM SPORTS CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to initiate a project, Gillom Sports Center Improvements, and to appoint PryorMorrow, PC, as the design professional.

Proposed Design Professional: PryorMorrow, PC

Selection Method: The project budget exceeds \$3M therefore it was required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design professional. UM publicly advertised for RFQ submissions and received qualification submittals from four firms. All four teams interviewed with the five member RFQ Selection Committee. The committee reached a consensus following interviews.

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

Purpose: The University of Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the project professional, PryorMorrow, PC, as required by Board Policy so that the university can proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: Project scope includes renovation of areas vacated by Ole Miss Softball program and upgrades to remaining existing facilities. Upgrades include a new videoboard for volleyball competition area, correcting HVAC deficiencies with volleyball competition area, office realignment for female head coaches, and enhanced student-athlete spaces. The design scope also includes feasibility study of existing campus facilities and/or new campus sites to provide on-campus Ole Miss Rifle team amenities (lockers/restrooms), firing range, and team storage.

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

Project Initiation Date: August 15, 2024

Date of Original Construction: 1998

Date of Last Renovation: 2018

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Project Budget:

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 3,554,065.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	389,050.00
Misc. Project Costs:	144,711.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	260,000.00
Contingency:	<u>652,174.00</u>
 Total Project Budget	 \$ 5,000,000.00

Funding Source(s): Self-Generated Athletic Revenues (\$85,000.00) - UM Athletics / OMAF Foundation UMEBC Financing (\$4,915,000.00)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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

BUREAU OF BUILDING PROJECTS

4. ASU – GS 101-333 – WHITNEY COMPLEX RENOVATION AND EXPANSION

Project Request: Alcorn State University is requesting approval to increase the budget from \$500,000 to \$24,509,236 for an increase in the amount of \$24,009,236. Alcorn State University also requests to modify the funding source to include the addition of funds from HB 603, Laws of 2023; SB 3002, Laws of 2022; and SB 2468, Laws of 2024.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons Architects and Engineers, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

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

Purpose/Justification: The project budget increase is needed to add the funding that has been provided by the Legislature for the renovation and expansion of the Whitney

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Complex. The previous budget is just for the preplanning of the project while Alcorn State University awaited funding from the Legislature for the construction phase of the project.

Project Scope: The project is currently in the preplanning and design development phase, with the final size and components of the wellness center to be determined during the schematic design phase. Phase 1 of the project will include interior design and renovation for existing classrooms, locker rooms, Administrative Offices, common spaces, and several restrooms. This phase will renovate approximately 68,500 square feet. The project team will develop strategies to minimize disruptions during construction and ensure a smooth transition for building occupants once the renovations are complete. The scope of Phase 2 of the project will be determined at a later date and submitted to the Board at the appropriate time once funding is secured.

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

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

History: The Davey L. Whitney Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Complex at Alcorn State University is approximately 113,000 square feet. “The Whitney” has been home to multiple SWAC basketball championships, graduations, and numerous social events. Presently, the University uses this facility to conduct classes, basketball games, and community gatherings. The facility has locker rooms, showers, classrooms, office spaces, weight rooms, and athletic training areas, most of which date back to the beginning of the facility. This project is necessary due to the building's age and the deterioration of its infrastructure since its construction in 1975.

CDFL Architects and Engineers, P.A. has worked for months with the faculty, staff, and administration at Alcorn State University to develop a strategic project plan and as a result, they created a conceptual design that is amenable to the entire campus community. CDFL conducted multiple meetings and site visits to capture all of the necessary information to frame the redesign of this facility.

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Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,832,850.60	\$ 20,832,850.60
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,374,861.64	\$ 874,861.64
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 256,185.40	\$ 256,185.40
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,003,695.83	\$ 1,003,695.83
Contingency	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,041,642.53	\$ 1,041,642.53
Total Project Budget	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 24,509,236.00	\$ 24,009,236.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): HB 603, Laws 2023 (\$13,197,500.00); SB 3002, Laws of 2022 (\$3,000,000.00); SB 2468 Laws 2024 (\$8,311,736.00)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

5. USM – GS 108-313 – HILLCREST PARKING LOT STORM DRAIN REPAIR AND UPGRADE - ARPA

Project Request: The University of Southern Mississippi is requesting approval to increase the budget from \$3,000,000 to \$3,175,000 for an increase in the amount of \$175,000.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: Neel Schaffer

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 increase the project budget to ensure that the university has adequate funding to complete the ARPA project. These are federal funds and have expiration dates that the funds have to be obligated and

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expended by. USM is seeking to get the project awarded and under construction so that they do not risk losing any of the federal ARPA funds.

Project Scope: The scope of the project will provide needed stormwater detention to reduce flooding in the existing parking lot and to residents that live downstream.

History: The drainage piping is in poor condition causing occasional sinkholes. The drain runs west to east on the North end of the Hillcrest Parking Lot. The parking lot will continue to battle sinkholes because the pipe cannot handle a large deluge of water. The project will result in reduced flooding thereby improving the quality of the water run-off because of reduced trash, chemicals, and debris.

The Board of Trustees approved a budget increase in June of 2023 for this project. This will be the second budget increase for the project.

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

Project Initiation Date: February 16, 2023

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 2,045,000.00	\$ 2,045,000.00	\$ 0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 715,000.00	\$ 890,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): SB 3062, Laws of 2022 (\$3,175,000.00)

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

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6. MSU – IHL 413-003 – DORMAN HALL RENOVATION

Project Request: Mississippi State University requests approval to increase the budget from \$32,910,000 to \$44,141,362 for an increase in the amount of \$11,231,362 to provide repairs/renovations and capital improvements to Dorman Hall located on the main campus of Mississippi State University. In addition, MSU requests to modify the funding source for the addition of SB 2468, Laws of 2024 to the project.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: JH&H Architects

General Contractor: TBD

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 the rise in construction costs and the increased scope of the project.

Project Scope: This project will provide repair/renovations and capital improvements to Dorman Hall. The project will provide HVAC renovations, ADA improvements, along with interior and exterior upgrades.

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

Project Initiation Date: February 18, 2021

History: Dorman Hall was constructed in 1966 and has never been significantly renovated. IHL Project # 413-003, Dorman Renovation was initiated and approved by the Board on February 18, 2021. The board approved a project budget increase to \$32,910,000 in October of 2023.

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Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 27,000,000.00	\$ 37,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 1,410,000.00	\$ 1,641,362.00	\$ 231,362.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 32,910,000.00	\$ 44,141,362.00	\$ 11,231,362.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): HB 1730, Laws of 2020 (\$400,000); SB 297, Laws of 2021 (\$8,000,000); HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$9,610,000); HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$14,300,000); SB 2468, Laws of 2024 (\$10,231,362); MSU designated funds (\$1,600,000)

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

7. UMMC – IHL 209-557 – PES (PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION SERVICES) RENOVATIONS

Project Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to increase the budget from \$4,000,000 to \$6,700,000 for an increase in the amount of \$2,700,000. In addition, UMMC requests to modify the funding source for the addition of HRSA Community Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending grant funds to the project as a funding source.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: Canizaro Cawthon Davis

General Contractor: TBD

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

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Purpose/Justification: Escalation of the project budget is required due to the latest cost estimates provided by the professional.

Project Scope: The project will renovate the existing Med-com area and the vacated Pediatric Cath Lab. This renovation will take place in and adjacent to the existing Emergency Dept. It will provide needed space for UMMC to care for patients who are admitted to the ER and may need psychiatric evaluation services (PES).

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

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2016

History: PES Renovations project was initiated and approved by the Board on June 16, 2016. The board approved a project budget increase to \$4,000,000 in April of 2023.

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 3,200,000.00	\$ 4,250,000.00	\$ 1,050,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 249,000.00	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 176,000.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 406,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 94,000.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 6,700,000.00	\$ 2,700,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): Patient Generated Revenue (\$3,500,000); HRSA [Heath Resources and Services Administration] CPF/CDS Grant (\$3,200,000)

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

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8. UMMC – IHL 209-566 – PATIENT UNIT CARE EXPANSION

Project Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center is requesting approval to add funding sources HB 603, Laws of 2023 and SB 3008, Laws of 2023 to the project, Patient Unit Care Expansion. The scope and budget remain the same.

Design Professional: ESA Architects

General Contractor: Flagstar Construction

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim and \$7,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking to modify the funding sources of the project to include funds provided by the Legislature for this project in HB 603, Laws of 2023 and SB 3008, Laws of 2023.

Project Scope: The scope of this project includes the build-out the south wing of the 6th floor shell space in the Adult Tower for Med/Surg beds, and the build-out of the 6th floor shell space in the Critical Care Tower for ICU beds.

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

Project Initiation Date: April 19, 2018

Project Budget:

	<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$ 16,950,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	1,200,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:	900,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	3,130,000.00
Contingency:	<u>1,550,000.00</u>
Total Project Budget	\$ 23,730,000.00

Funding Source(s): UMMC SSA Building Improvements - Patient Care Revenue (\$13,875,000); HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$6,855,000); SB 3008, Laws of 2023 (\$3,000,000)

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

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APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUESTS

**9. UMMC – IHL 209-576 – MISSISSIPPI CENTER FOR MEDICALLY
FRAGILE CHILDREN – UPDATED EXTERIOR RENDERING**

Agenda Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval of the exterior design of the Mississippi Center for Medically Fragile Children

Design Professional: Eley Barkley Dale

General Contractor: Mid State Construction

Insurance Coverage: The firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$3,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking approval of the updated exterior rendering for the construction of the Mississippi Center for Medically Fragile Children.

Project Scope: This project will provide the first pediatric skilled nursing facility in the state of Mississippi. It will include patient rooms, support areas and outdoor space.

Funding Source(s): HB 1160, Laws of 2019 (\$12,500,000.00) – Original Funding Source; HB 1730, Laws of 2020 (\$2,000,000.00); Philanthropy (\$1,400,000.00)

Project Budget: \$15,900,000.00

The University of Mississippi Medical Center 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: Mississippi Center for Medically Fragile Children



10. UMMC – IHL 209-576 – MISSISSIPPI CENTER FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN – NAMING OF THE BUILDING AS THE “ALYCE G. CLARKE CENTER FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN”

Agenda Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to name the Mississippi Center for Medically Fragile Children as the “Alyce G. Clarke Center for Medically Fragile Children”.

Design Professional: Eley Barkley Dale

General Contractor: Mid State Construction

Alyce G. Clarke Bio: State Representative Alyce G. Clarke embodies all the endless possibilities Mississippi is, and can become, because of her high ideals and standards as a public servant. Born in the small community of Deovelente in Belzoni, Mississippi, her life’s work has always been about service to others. A home economist and nutritionist by education, Clarke is a proud alumna of Alcorn State University and Tuskegee University. It is in the field of Home Economics and Nutrition that she became a visionary. Clarke is responsible for implementing the first WIC program in the State as director of Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Healthcare Center (JHCHC).

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In 1985, Clarke garnered an even larger platform for her service when she was elected the first African American woman to serve in the Mississippi Legislature, representing House District 69 in Hinds County. Clarke is credited with promoting the creation of the first drug courts in Mississippi, Senate Bill 2001 from the 2003 (1st Ex. Session). For her tireless devotion to this truly worthwhile cause, fellow representatives honored Clarke’s long push to pass the bill by naming it, the “Alyce Griffin Clarke Drug Court Act.” The Drug Court Act is not the only state law named in Clarke’s honor.

In 2018, her longtime support of the Mississippi Lottery led to that law being named The “Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law” as well. For almost two decades, she had persistently introduced legislation to bring the lottery to Mississippi only to see the bill killed in the committee system. She had the vision, determination, and most of all, patience to file her lottery bill again, and again until it finally was signed into law. The bill will put new General Fund dollars to work from non-traditional taxation. The Mississippi Lottery is set up to benefit both the infrastructure and education systems of Mississippi. Net proceeds up to \$80 million generated by the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law will be paid into the State Highway Fund until June 30, 2028. The State Highway Fund will repair, renovate and maintain highways and bridges of the state. All monies deposited into the Lottery Proceeds Fund over \$80 million dollars in a fiscal year will be transferred into the Education Enhancement Fund. From and after July 1, 2028, the net proceeds will continue to be deposited into the Lottery Proceeds Fund and shall be transferred to the State General Fund, except for the amounts over \$80 million dollars, which will continue to be deposited in the Education Enhancement Fund.

In addition, Clarke has been a champion for children. House Bill 1160 was signed in 2019 and designates the facility being constructed in the City of Jackson as a center for medically fragile children as the Alyce G. Clarke Center for Medically Fragile Children.

Clarke’s service as a distinguished public official is only part of the story. In both her public and private life, she demonstrates a deep and abiding feeling for those whose opportunities have been limited by circumstances or by cruel conditions imposed on them by events beyond their control.

Purpose: The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking approval to name the Mississippi Center for Medically Fragile Children.

Project Scope: This project will provide the first pediatric skilled nursing facility in the state of Mississippi. It will include patient rooms, support areas and outdoor space.

Funding Source(s): HB 1160, Laws of 2019 (\$12,500,000.00) – Original Funding Source; HB 1730, Laws of 2020 (\$2,000,000.00); Philanthropy (\$1,400,000.00)

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Project Budget: \$15,900,000.00

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is acting in accordance with Board Policy §917, Naming Buildings and Facilities, that requires Board approval be obtained prior to naming or re-naming any institutional building or facility.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. **MSU – APPROVAL TO HIRE WINFIELD LAW FIRM, P.A. AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Mississippi State University requests approval to enter into a contract with Winfield Law Firm, P.A. to perform services necessary for intellectual property-related matters and other matters requiring specialized legal knowledge including real estate and commercial matters. The contract term is two years effective October 19, 2024 through October 18, 2026. The hourly rates are \$250 for attorneys and \$85 for paralegal services with a maximum amount payable of \$125,000 under the two-year term of the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 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.

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APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION REQUESTS

1. **Employment**

Alcorn State University

Edward Rice; Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; salary of \$165,000 per annum, pro rata; E & G Funds; 12-month contract; Effective July 1, 2024

Delta State University

Arlene Cash; Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management; salary of \$150,000 per annum, pro rata; E & G Funds; 6-month contract; effective July 11, 2024

Mississippi University for Women

Bobby Fuller; *rehired retiree*; Visiting Department Chair of Education; salary of \$42,515 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 10-month contract; effective August 1, 2024

Mississippi Valley State University

- Mulak Ahuja; *rehired retiree*; Staff Accountant-Reconciliations; salary of \$19,025 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Sandra Brim; *rehired retiree*; Recordkeeping Assistant; salary of \$9,360 per annum, pro rata; Grant Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- May Claiborn; *rehired retiree*, Project Coordinator; salary of \$22,500 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Edgar Holman, Jr.; *rehired retiree*; Instructor of Math, Computer and Information Science; salary of \$29,150 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 12, 2024
- Darrell James; *rehired retiree*; Instructor of Math, Computer and Information Science; salary of \$21,414 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 12, 2024
- Debora Jackson; *rehired retiree*; Office Manager/K-12 Liaison; salary of \$17,595 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Dorothy Jones; *rehired retiree*; Director of Property/Shipping; salary of \$18,200 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Stephen L. McDaniel; Interim Vice President for University Advancement, Governmental Affairs & External Relations; salary of \$125,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective August 1, 2024
- Billy Scott; *rehired retiree*; Assistant Buyer; salary of \$17,800 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Gwendolyn Vaughn; *rehired retiree*; Instructor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; salary of \$30,750 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 12, 2024

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- Harvey Wardell; *rehired retiree*; Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; salary of \$22,500 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 12, 2024
- Lem Williams; *rehired retiree*; Printshop Assistant; salary of \$10,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 10-month contract; effective August 1, 2024
- Raymond Williams; *rehired retiree*; Professor of Math, Computer and Information Science; salary of \$33,930 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 12, 2024

University of Mississippi

John Higginbotham; Vice Chancellor of Research and Economic Development; salary of \$366,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective August 1, 2024

2. Change of Status

Alcorn State University

- Edmund Buckner, *from* Interim Associate Provost for Research Innovation and Graduate Education; salary of \$151,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Associate Provost for Research Innovation and Graduate Education; salary of \$155,530 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective September 1, 2024
- Joyce Buckner-Brown, *from* Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; salary of \$139,050 pro annum rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; salary of \$192,000; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Maxine Greenleaf, *from* Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communication; salary of \$87,550 pro annum rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Interim Vice President for Marketing and Communication; salary of \$110,000 pro annum rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 15, 2024
- Larry Orman, *from* Vice President for Marketing and Communication; salary of \$106,090 pro annum rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communication; salary of \$109,000; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 15, 2024
- Tracee Smith, *from* Director of Academic Affairs; salary of \$80,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Interim Dean, University College; salary of \$90,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective June 1, 2024
- Lucreta Tribune, *from* Associate Vice President for Finance; salary of \$110,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Interim Vice President for Finance, Administrative Services and Operations/CFO; salary of \$165,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Marcus D. Ward, *from* Vice President for Institutional Advancement, salary of \$134,220 pro annum rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement; salary of \$143,000 pro annum rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024

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- Dexter Wakefield, *from* Interim Dean and Director of Land Grant Programs; salary of \$165,447 per annum, pro rata; E&G funds; 12-month contract; *to* Dean and Director of Land Grant Programs; salary of \$181,250 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective September 1, 2024

Delta State University

- Edwin Craft, *from* Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration; salary \$139,608 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Vice President for Finance and Administration; salary of \$174,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024
- Valarie Morgan, *from* Assistant Professor of English and English Education Coordinator; \$54,371 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* Associate Provost of Academic Affairs; salary of \$134,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2024

Jackson State University

Monica S. Lewis, *from* Director of Development for Athletics; salary of \$64,890 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *to* Interim Vice President for Development and Institutional Advancement; salary of \$170,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; effective July 1, 2024

Mississippi State University

David Russell Buys, *from* Associate Professor; salary of \$138,733.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds & Restricted Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Associate Vice Provost & Associate Professor; salary of \$225,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds & Restricted Funds; 12-month contract; effective June 1, 2024

University of Southern Mississippi

Joyce Inman, *from* Interim Dean of the Honors College; salary of \$124,960 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Dean of the Honors College; salary of \$137,500 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective September 1, 2024

3. **Sabbatical**

Jackson State University

- Alisa Mosley; Professor of Business Administration; salary of \$177,000 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
- Mario Azevedo; Chair, Full Professor of History; *from* salary of \$145,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* salary of \$72,500 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 7, 202 to May 5, 2025; professional development

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1. **USM – APPROVAL OF NEW MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS**

Below is the University of Southern Mississippi’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. Also included is the current vision statement approved by the IHL Board at its August 20, 2015 meeting and the proposed new vision statement for the Board’s consideration.

Current Mission Statement

~~The University of Southern Mississippi is a community of engaged citizens, operating as a public, student-centered, doctoral-granting research university serving Mississippi, the nation, and the world. The University is dedicated to scholarship and learning, integrating students at all levels in the creation and application of knowledge through excellence in teaching, research, creative activities, outreach, and service. The University nurtures student success by providing distinctive and competitive educational programs embedded in a welcoming environment, preparing a diverse student population to embark on meaningful life endeavors.~~

Proposed Mission Statement

The University of Southern Mississippi engages students at all levels in the exploration and creation of knowledge. Our hallmark is a fully engaged lifelong learning approach integrating inspired teaching, collaborative research, creative activity, and service to society. Southern Miss produces graduates who are ready for life; ready to succeed professionally and as responsible citizens in a pluralistic society.

Current Vision Statement

~~The University of Southern Mississippi aspires to be a model student-centered public research university that prepares students to thrive in a global society by providing high quality programs and transformative experiences in a community distinguished by inclusiveness.~~

Proposed Vision Statement

The University of Southern Mississippi is distinctive among national research universities in adding value to our students’ experience, uniquely preparing them to be ready for life.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. **STATE – APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE MISSISSIPPI NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMS ACCREDITATION STANDARDS**

The Mississippi Nursing Degree Programs Accreditation Standards have been revised based on input from the Mississippi Council of Deans and Directors of Schools of Nursing according to national nursing trends and contemporary nursing practice/education.

Board approval is requested for the following revisions to the State Specific Requirements of the Mississippi Nursing Accreditation Standards.

STANDARD II. Faculty and Staff

2. State Specific Requirements. f. All full-time, part-time, and adjunct nursing faculty must ~~implement an annual professional development plan, which includes~~ satisfy professional development requirements. Full-time faculty must complete ten (10) contact hours of continuing education each academic year. Part-time and adjunct faculty must satisfy the professional development requirement in accordance with their designated FTE.

STANDARD V. Outcomes

2. State Specific Requirements. 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.~~ The program is expected to achieve the completion rate that is specified by the national accreditation body accrediting the program. The program will report on-time degree completion rates in the Annual Nursing Report.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these changes.

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

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

REORGANIZING

A. *Unit: College of Business and Aviation*

Unit Location: Academic Affairs

Effective date: August 2024

Cost of implementation: \$0

Faculty: 7 faculty members will be moved to this unit. No new faculty will be required.

Staff: 4 staff members will be moved to this unit. No new staff will be required.

Organizational units and associated degree programs that will operate under reorganized unit:

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Division of Accountancy, Computer Information Systems, and Geospatial Information Technologies

BBA in Accountancy (52.0301, 5406)

BBA in Computer Information Systems (52.1201, 5050)

BAS in Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence (45.0702, 5860)

CP in Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence (45.0702, 8068)

MAS in Geospatial Information Technologies (45.0702, 4548)

School of Management, Marketing, and Business Administration

BAS in Business Administration (52.0201, 5895)

MBA in Business Administration (52.0201, 4004)

CP in Business Management (52.0201, 8071)

BBA in General Business (52.0101, 5045)

BBA in Health Care Administration (51.0701, 5850)

BBA in Management (52.0201, 5048)

CP in Management (52.0201, 8070)

BBA in Marketing (52.1401, 5051)

Division of Commercial Aviation

BAS in Aviation Management (49.0101, 5894)

BCA in Aviation Management (49.0101, 5104)

MCA in Commercial Aviation (49.0104, 4442)

BCA in Flight Operations (49.0102, 5105)

Delta Music Institute

BS in Entertainment Industry Studies (50.1099, 5827)

RENAMING AND REORGANIZING

- B. *Current unit title:* Division of Accountancy, Computer Information Systems, and Finance
Proposed unit title: **Division of Accountancy, Computer Information Systems, and Geospatial Information Technologies**

Effective date: August 2024

Faculty: 2 faculty members will be moved to this new division in Geospatial Information Technologies. No new faculty will be required.

Staff: 0 staff members will be displaced. No new staff will be required.

Organizational units and degree programs that operate will under this unit:

No organizational units will be placed under this unit.

The following degree programs will be housed in this unit:

BBA in Accountancy (52.0301, 5406)

BBA in Computer Information Systems (52.1201, 5050)

CP in Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence (45.0702, 8068)

BAS in Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence (45.0702, 5860)

MAS in Geospatial Information Technologies (45.0702, 4548)

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- C. *Current unit title:* College of Education and Human Sciences
Proposed unit title: **College of Education, Arts, and Humanities**
Effective date: August 2024
Faculty: 29 faculty members will be moved to this unit. No new faculty will be required.
Staff: 2 staff members will be moved to this unit. No new staff will be required.

Organizational units and degree programs that will operate under this unit:

School of Teacher Education

BS in Family and Consumer Sciences (19.0101, 5077)

BSEd in Elementary Education (13.1202, 5055)

BSEd in Secondary Education (pending approval)

MAT in Teaching (Alternate Route) (13.1206, 4512)

MEd in Elementary Education (13.1202, 4009)

School of Leadership, Research, and Psychology

BA in Psychology (42.0101, 5094)

MEd in Educational Administration and Supervision (13.0401, 4005)

EdS in Curriculum and Instruction (13.0301, 3080)

EdS in Educational Administration and Supervision (13.0401, 3001)

EdS in Higher Education (13.1214, 3081)

EdD in Professional Studies (13.0101, 1001)

School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

BSIS in Interdisciplinary Studies (30.9999, 5764)

BUS in University Studies (24.0102, 5874)

MALS in Liberal Studies (24.0101, 4560)

CP in Criminal Justice (43.0199, 8067)

BSJC in Criminal Justice and Criminology (43.0104, 5095)

MSJC in Criminal Justice and Criminology (43.0104, 4443)

- D. *Current unit title:* Division of Teacher Education, Leadership, and Research
Proposed unit title: **School of Teacher Education**
Effective date: August 2024
Faculty: 14 faculty members from the areas of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation and Leadership and Research will be moved to other units. No new faculty will be required.
Staff: 3 staff members will be moved. No new staff will be required.

Organizational units and degree programs that will operate under this unit:

No organizational units will be housed this unit.

The following degree programs will be housed in this unit:

BS in Family and Consumer Sciences (19.0101, 5077)

BSEd in Elementary Education (13.1202, 5055)

BSEd in Secondary Education (pending approval)

MAT in Teaching (Alternate Route) (13.1206, 4512)

MEd in Elementary Education (13.1202, 4009)

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- E. *Current unit title:* Counselor Education and Psychology
Proposed unit title: **School of Leadership, Research, and Psychology**
Effective date: August 2024
Faculty: 5 faculty members will be removed from this division and relocated in another area. No new faculty will be required.
Staff: 3 staff members will be moved. No new staff will be required.

Organizational units and degree programs that will operate under this unit:

No organizational units will be housed in this unit.

The following degree programs that will be housed in this unit:

- BA in Psychology (42.0101, 5094)
- MEd in Educational Administration and Supervision (13.0401, 4005)
- EdS in Curriculum and Instruction (13.0301, 3080)
- EdS in Educational Administration and Supervision (13.0401, 3001)
- EdS in Higher Education (13.1214, 3081)
- EdD in Professional Studies (13.0101, 1001)

- F. *Current unit title:* Robert E. Smith School of Nursing
Proposed unit title: **College of Nursing, Health, and Sciences**
Effective date: August 2024
Faculty: 16 faculty members will be moved to this unit. No new faculty will be required.
Staff: 0 staff members will be displaced. No new staff will be required.

Organizational units and degree programs that will operate under this unit:

Division of Mathematics and Sciences

- BS in Biology (26.0101, 5085)
- BS in Environmental Science (30.0101, 5090)

Robert E. Smith School of Nursing and Health Sciences

- CP in Family Nurse Practitioner (51.3805, 8086)
- CP in Nurse Educator (51.3203, 8088)
- BSN in Nursing (51.3801, 5075)
- MSN in Nursing (51.3899, 4436)
- DNP in Nursing Practice (51.3818, 1230)
- BS in Speech and Hearing Sciences (51.0204, 5072)
- BSW in Social Work (44.0701, 5096)
- MEd in Counseling (13.1101, 4008)

Division of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

- BS in Health, Physical Science, and Recreation (13.1314, 5780)
- MS in Sport and Human Performance (13.1314, 4555)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

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3. **DSU – REQUESTS TO ADD NEW ACADEMIC UNITS**

In accordance with Board policies 503 and 504, Delta State University submits requests to create new academic units.

A. *Proposed unit title:* **School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**

Unit location: College of Education, Arts, and Humanities

Effective date: August 2024

Faculty: 21 faculty members will be housed in this unit. No new faculty will be required.

Staff: 1 staff member will be housed in this unit. No new staff will be required.

Organizational units and degree programs to operate under proposed unit:

No organizational units will be housed in this unit.

The following degree programs are housed in this unit:

BSIS in Interdisciplinary Studies (30.9999, 5764)

BUS in University Studies (24.0102, 5874)

MALS in Liberal Studies (24.0101, 4560)

CP in Criminal Justice (43.0199, 8067)

BSJC in Criminal Justice and Criminology (43.0104, 5095)

MSJC in Criminal Justice and Criminology (43.0104, 4443)

B. *Proposed unit title:* **Robert E. Smith School of Nursing and Health Sciences**

Unit location: College of Nursing, Health, and Sciences

Effective date: August 2024

Faculty: 21 faculty members will be housed in this unit. No new faculty will be required.

Staff: 1 staff member will be housed in this unit. No new staff will be required.

Organizational units and degree programs to operate under proposed unit:

No organizational units will be housed in this unit.

The following degree programs are housed in this unit:

CP in Family Nurse Practitioner (51.3805, 8086)

CP in Nurse Educator (51.3203, 8088)

BSN in Nursing (51.3801, 5075)

MSN in Nursing (51.3899, 4436)

DNP in Nursing Practice (51.3818, 1230)

BS in Speech and Hearing Sciences (51.0204, 5072)

MEd in Counseling (13.1101, 4008)

BSW in Social Work (44.0701, 5096)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

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

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

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

A. **DSU – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Secondary Education**

CIP code: 13.1205

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: January 2025

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$325,000

Potential new, five-year revenue: No new revenue anticipated; however, this program combines five existing programs with separate faculty coordinators under one program. The program provides a more streamlined route for students to enter the teaching profession. It also eliminates the need for multiple program coordinators.

Unit where academic program will be housed: College of Education, Arts, and Humanities

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 159

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 99

Program description: This new degree program will offer a pathway for students wanting to pursue a degree and license to teach in secondary and/or K-12 subject areas. This new pathway is necessary due to program closures in secondary and K-12 education programs in the areas of English, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, and music and to meet the anticipated need for specialized secondary teachers in the region and state.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): Mississippi College

National and state supply and demand: According to the 2023-24 Educator Shortage Survey, Mississippi has 2,775 teacher vacancies. This reflects an increase of 182 vacancies from the previous year. This new degree is needed to both address this shortage and to provide a pathway for students seeking a degree and licensure in Physical Education, Music, Social Studies, Science (Biology), Mathematics, and English education due to the closure of the previous individual secondary and K-12 education preparation programs.

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B. MSU – Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Integrated Design and the Built Environment

CIP code: 4.0803

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: August 2024

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$550,000

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$2,945,400

Unit where academic program will be housed: College of Architecture, Art, & Design

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 100

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 60

Program description: This degree program is intended to provide students interested in design and the built environment a strong liberal art foundation in a more holistic disciplinary approach by combining courses from either 2 or 3 of the following disciplines: Architecture, Art, Interior Design, and Building Construction Science. The degree is built on a strong liberal art model that allows students to combine coursework from the related disciplines within this college. It also provides students with the ability to add a minor discipline or additional coursework from outside of the college.

Due to the customizable nature of the BA in Integrated Design and the Built Environment, student career opportunities are wide and varied, in general, graduates will have opportunities to find entry level positions, non-specialist or non-licensed, in the sectors of art, design, residential interior design, digital design, and construction. Students will have a broad knowledge and understanding of the language of design, architecture, interior design, fine arts, human-centered design, and will be well positioned to work in offices or firms with specialists or licensed individuals in the disciplines of Architecture, Art, Building Construction Science, and Interior Design. The creative economy's growth provides opportunities of employment in support of the creative industries, which make the broader, more flexible curriculum.

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

National and state supply and demand: The creative economy's growth provides opportunities of employment in support of the creative industries, which make the broader, more flexible curriculum. According to the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies and the US Bureau of Economic Analysis, the arts and cultural production accounts for \$2,273,486,000 and 1.8% of Mississippi's economy. Additionally, the construction industry accounts for \$4,004,000,000 and 3.7% of the state's economy. Arts, entertainment, and recreation was the largest growing industry in Mississippi by GDP in the first quarter of 2023 (14.7%). The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies reports some 35 industries linked to the creative and cultural economy. These industries range from core arts and cultural production to industries linked to or supported by design-based education. Similarly, construction related careers have continued to grow in Mississippi over the last 9 years,

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providing opportunity for students pursuing construction-related coursework within their BA in Integrated Design and the Built Environment.

Average wages: Upon completion of this degree, students will be highly marketable and command starting salaries ranging from \$50,000-\$70,000 depending on their specialization with the average starting salary of approximately \$59,000 (per: statistica.com and payscale.com).

C. MSU – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Applied Behavior Analysis

CIP code: 42.2814

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: July 2025

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$2,166,280

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$6,761,200

Unit where academic program will be housed: College of Education; Department of Counseling, Higher Education Leadership, Educational Psychology, and Foundations

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 175

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 125

Program description: This degree program is designed to provide education, training, and experience to students with the goal of preparing them for practice in real-world settings. Faculty members are equipped with extensive clinical experiences in the field of behavior analysis and have exceptional teaching, supervision, and research skills. Students will be prepared to become behavior analysts who provide high quality, evidence-based services to a wide range of ages, populations, and functioning levels in order to make socially significant changes in the lives of others.

The BS in Applied Behavior Analysis is built out of the success of the currently existing minor in Applied Behavior Analysis. As of Spring 2023, after 2 years, the minor has 76 students in it and has already had 27 students graduated with it. Currently, the minor leads to licensure in the state of Mississippi as a Licensed assistant Behavior Analyst and a Board-Certified assistant Behavior Analyst. The Applied Behavior Analysis International and Behavior Analysis Certification Board, which govern this professional pathway have announced that all course work must transition to standalone degree paths with full accreditation by 2032.

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

National and state supply and demand: The demand for professionals in the field of behavior analysis has experienced one of the highest increases across all fields of employment over the last decade. According to the US Employment Demand for Behavior Analysts, as of 2023 there were 65,366 job postings for board-certified behavior analysts and 6,268 job postings

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for board-certified assistant behavior analysts. Mississippi had approximately 80 postings that were included at that time, which is impressive given legislation for the practice of behavior analysis only rolled out in 2016 in our state. Applied behavior analysis is a subdomain of psychology, which according to the occupational handbook has a job growth outlook of 6% (faster than average) between now and 2032.

Average wages: The latest data for Mississippi has graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis earning on average \$56,000/year with a range from \$46,000 to \$90,000.

D. MSU – Master of Science (MS) in PK-12 Student Support

CIP code: 13.1199

Total credit hours: 30

Effective date: August 2024

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$1,260,000

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$4,050,000

Unit where academic program will be housed: College of Education; Department of Counseling, Higher Education, Educational Psychology, and Foundations

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 150

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 120

Program description: This degree program is a non-terminal 30-hour graduate degree program. Students are required to dual-enroll in the Educational Specialist (EdS) degree program in Professional School Counseling in order to pursue licensure as a school counselor. In the PK-12 Student Support MS degree program, students will learn the foundations of counseling and providing academic, personal, and social support services to students in the PK-12 environment and learn advanced knowledge and skills in the EdS degree program in Professional School Counseling.

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

National and state supply and demand: School Counselors are in demand now more than ever due to mental health needs and shortage of counselors. Mississippi has experienced a dramatic decline in the number of applicants seeking the school counseling license. One reason for this sharp decline is that students must complete a 60 credit hour graduate degree program to earn their license as a professional school counselor. Universities in Mississippi have been awarding this as a master's degree, while all other master's degrees in education consist of approximately 30 credit hours.

By offering the EdS degree to school counselors which leads to an AAA license, rather than the MS degree (AA license), the hope is that MSU will be able to attract more students to enter the field. This structure also aligns with the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) requirements and what universities in other southern states currently do.

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Average wages: Graduates can expect a minimum salary of \$47,000 per year as an AA licensed school counselor (on a 10-month contract) in Mississippi. Local school districts may add a salary supplement to this base salary.

E. MSU – Educational Specialist (EdS) in Professional School Counseling

CIP code: 13.1101

Total credit hours: 30

Effective date: August 2024

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$1,260,000

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$4,050,000

Unit where academic program will be housed: College of Education; Department of Counseling, Higher Education, Educational Psychology, and Foundations

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 150

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 120

Program description: Students accepted into the Ed.S. program in Professional School Counseling should hold a master's degree in PK-12 Student Support Specialist or earn the Master's degree in PK-12 Student Support Specialist en route to the completion of the Ed.S. degree. Graduates are eligible for licensure as a Professional School Counselor through the Mississippi Department of Education and as a Licensed Professional Counselor.

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

National and state supply and demand: School Counselors are in demand now more than ever due to mental health needs and shortage of counselors. Mississippi has experienced a dramatic decline in the number of applicants seeking the school counseling license. One reason for this sharp decline is that students must complete a 60 credit hour graduate degree program to earn their license as a professional school counselor. Universities in Mississippi have been awarding this as a master's degree, while all other master's degrees in education consist of approximately 30 credit hours.

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F. UMMC – Master of Science (MS) in Health Professions Education

CIP code: 51.3202

Total credit hours: 30

Effective date: August 2025

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$63,091

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$709,977

Unit where academic program will be housed: Department of Advanced Biomedical Education

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 33

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 24

Program description: This degree program is designed for clinical professionals or basic scientists to develop knowledge and skills in teaching, curriculum development, theories of learning, assessment, and scholarship of teaching. The program will be online and instructed by faculty that have expertise in teaching, learning theories, assessment methods, statistics, and education scholarship and research. Successful graduates of the program will be expected to design instruction materials and develop curricular materials and assessments that align with theories of learning and design scholarly projects related to the teaching or learning of health professions content.

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

State supply and demand: A survey was administered to gauge UMMC faculty interest in a formal program aimed at increasing skills and knowledge in health professions education. Two-hundred twelve faculty completed the survey. While 98% of respondents reported that they taught or supervised learners, less than 25% reported having formal training in teaching or learning theories. The proposed program would fill a significant gap since 96% of the respondents indicated that they would like to improve their skills in teaching or assessing learners. When asked if they were interested in a formal program to improve their skills in teaching or assessing learners, 86% of the respondents said yes. This survey reveals significant interest in the program among UMMC faculty. Additionally, the program will be open to individuals outside of UMMC. Fellows and residents may also enroll in the program. As such, the proposed number of incoming students and students admitted annually are reasonable goals. The program meets a need of UMMC faculty and others who provide training and supervision of learners.

The Master of Science in Health Professions Education would be the first such program in the state of Mississippi. There is no comparable program in the states of Louisiana or Alabama. Exploration of these states has yielded at most one similar program. The most similar program, the Master of Science in Anatomical Science, is at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) in the Department of Cell, Developmental and Integrative Biology in the Heersink School of Medicine. However, UAB's program only focuses on

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teaching anatomy while the proposed Master of Science in Health Professions Education would have a broader scope.

Employment opportunities: Given the students targeted for this program, it is reasonable that graduates will continue in the current position with a greater level of knowledge and skills in the education related areas of their work. It is anticipated that graduates will assume greater levels of responsibility as it relates to the education mission of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Graduates will be better qualified than traditional graduates whose education and training typically does not include formal education in teaching and learning.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

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1. **JSU - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED CONTRACT INFORMATION UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY PROGRAM**

Agenda Item Request: Pursuant to the Department of Defense Regulations, Jackson State University (JSU) is requesting approval of a Resolution that 1) requires certain present and future JSU officers both meet the requirements for eligibility for access to classified information and be processed for Personnel Security Clearance; and 2) permits formal exclusion of members of the IHL Board and Commissioner from both access to classified information disclosed to JSU and from processing for Personnel Security Clearance. Upon approval of the proposed Resolution, JSU will be in adherence to the Department of Defense National Industrial Security Program (NISP) for having a Facility Security Clearance (FCL). Having the FCL designation makes JSU eligible for contracts from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, NASA and other agencies under the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). NISP was established by Executive Order in 1993 for the protection of classified information, and is applicable to all cleared contractor facilities, including JSU. With the FCL status, JSU's classified activities will be governed by the provisions of the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM), which prescribes the requirements, restrictions and other safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of classified information.

The resolution follows below.

Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
Exclusion Resolution for Certain Trustees and Officers

I, Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., do hereby certify that I am the Commissioner of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), a State agency, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees, **at a meeting held in Jackson, Mississippi, on August 15, 2024 at which time a quorum was present.**

WHEREAS, Jackson State University possesses a Facility Security Clearance through the National Industrial Security Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the State Institutions of Higher Learning and the members of the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning may be excluded from the Personnel Security Clearance requirements of the National Industrial Security Program; and

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WHEREAS, current Department of Defense Regulations contain a provision making it mandatory that the Chairman of Board, Senior Management Official and Facility Security Officer meet the requirements for eligibility for access to classified information established for a contractor facility security clearance; and

WHEREAS, said Department of Defense Regulations permit the exclusion from the personnel of the requirements for access to classified information of certain members of the Board of Trustees and other officers, provided this action is recorded in the Board minutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Chief of Staff; designated Senior Management Official(s); and the Facility Security Officer at Jackson State University at the present time do possess, or will be processed for, the required eligibility for access to classified information; and

BE IT RESOLVED that in the future, when any individual enters upon any duties as the President, and Chief of Staff; designated Senior Management Official(s) and the Facility Security Officer, such individual(s) shall immediately make application for the required eligibility for access to classified information; and

BE IT RESOLVED AND DIRECTED that the following members of the Board of Trustees and other officers or members shall not require, shall not have, and can be effectively and formally excluded from access to all CLASSIFIED information disclosed to the university and shall not affect adversely university policies or practices in the performance of classified contracts for the Department of Defense or User Agencies of the National Industrial Security Program, awarded to Jackson State University and need not be processed for Personnel Security Clearance.

NAME	Title
1. Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.	Commissioner, Mississippi IHL
2. Bruce Martin	President, Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
3. Jeanne Carter Luckey	Vice President, Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
4. Dr. Ormelia Cummings	Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
5. Dr. Steven Cunningham	Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
6. Teresa Hubbard	Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
7. Hal Parker	Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
8. Gee Olgetree, Jr.	Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
9. Gregory Rader	Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
10. Donald Clark, Jr.	Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
11. Jerry L. Griffith	Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
12. James Heidelberg	Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL
13. Charles Stephenson	Board Member/Trustee, MS IHL

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, _____, 2024.

Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., Commissioner
Mississippi IHL College Board of Trustees
Signature

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: MS Code Ann. Of 1972 Section 37-101-15(a) states that the Board of Trustees shall “exercise control of all records, books, papers, equipment, and supplies” of the institutions under the management and control of the Board. By approval of this resolution, the Board of Trustees will waive the right to inspect certain records relating to the National Industrial Security Program. 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. MSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED CONTRACT INFORMATION UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Agenda Item Request: Pursuant of the Department of Defense Regulations (DOD 5220.22-M dated 05/18/2016), Mississippi State University requests Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) Board of Trustees approval of a Resolution that 1) requires certain present and future MSU officers both meet the requirements for eligibility for access to classified information and be processed for Personnel Security Clearance; and 2) permits formal exclusion of members of the IHL Board and Commissioner from both access to classified information disclosed to MSU and from processing for Personnel Security Clearance. Approval of the proposed Resolution and receipt of the Federal Security Clearance Designation will allow MSU access to NISP contracts without subjecting IHL Board members to the security clearance process.

Upon approval of the proposed Resolution, MSU will be in adherence to the Department of Defense NISP for having a Facility Security Clearance (FCL). Having the FCL designation makes MSU eligible for contracts from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, NASA and other agencies under NISP. NISP was established by Executive Order in 1993 for the protection of classified information. Title 32 of the United States Code Part 117 The National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual Rule prescribes the requirements, restrictions and other safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of classified information.

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The resolution follows below.

Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Exclusion Resolution for Certain Directors and Officers

I, Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., do hereby certify that I am Commissioner, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), a State Agency organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees. On March 26, 2024, Governor Tate Reeves announced four new appointments to the MS IHL Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, current Department of Defense Regulations contain a provision making it mandatory that the President, Vice President for Research & Economic Development, Associate Vice President of Research & Economic Development; designated Senior Management Official(s); and the Facility Security Officer meet the requirements for eligibility for access to classified information established for a contractor facility security clearance; and

WHEREAS, said Department of Defense Regulations permit the exclusion from the personnel of the requirements for access to classified information of certain members of the Board of Directors and other officers, provided that this action is recorded in the Board minutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT DECLARED that the President, Vice President for Research & Economic Development, Associate Vice President for Research & Economic Development, designated Senior Management Official(s), and the Facility Security Officer; at Mississippi State University at the present time do possess, or will be processed for, the required eligibility for access to classified information; and

BE IT RESOLVED that in the future, when any individual enters upon any duties as President, Vice President for Research & Economic Development, Assoc. Vice President of Research; designated Senior Management Official(s); and the Facility Security Officer, such individual(s) shall immediately make application for the required eligibility for access to classified information; and

BE IT RESOLVED AND DIRECTED that the following member of the Board of Directors and other officers or members shall not require, shall not have, and can be effectively and formally can be excluded from access to all **CLASSIFIED** information disclosed to the University and shall not affect adversely university policies or practices in the performance of classified contracts for the Department of Defense of the Government contracting activities (User Agencies) of the National Industrial Security Program.

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NAME	TITLE
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9. Gregory Rader	Board Member, Mississippi IHL
10. Donald Clark, Jr	Board Member, Mississippi IHL
11. Jerry Griffith	Board Member, Mississippi IHL
12. James Heidelberg	Board Member, Mississippi IHL
13. Charles Stephenson	Board Member, Mississippi IHL

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, August 15, 2024.

Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., Commissioner
Mississippi IHL College Board of Trustees
Signature

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: MS Code Ann. Of 1972 Section 37-101-15(a) states that the Board of Trustees shall “exercise control of all records, books, papers, equipment, and supplies” of the institutions under the management and control of the Board. By approval of this resolution, the Board of Trustees will waive the right to inspect certain records relating to the National Industrial Security Program. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. **UM – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED CONTRACT INFORMATION UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY PROGRAM**

Agenda Item Request: Pursuant of the Department of Defense Regulations, The University of Mississippi is requesting approval of a Resolution that 1) requires certain present and future UM officers both meet the requirements for eligibility for access to classified information and be processed for Personnel Security Clearance; and 2) permits formal exclusion of members of the IHL Board and Commissioner from both access to classified information disclosed to UM and from processing for Personnel Security

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Clearance. Approval of the proposed Resolution and receipt of the Federal Security Clearance designation will allow UM access to NISP contracts without subjecting IHL Board members to the security clearance process.

Upon approval of the proposed Resolution, UM will be in adherence to the Department of Defense NISP for having a Facility Security Clearance (FCL). Having the FCL designation makes UM eligible for contracts from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, NASA and other agencies under NISP. NISP was established by Executive Order in 1993 for the protection of classified information, and is applicable to all cleared contractor facilities, including UM. With the FCL status, UM's classified activities will be governed by the provisions of the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM), which prescribes the requirements, restrictions, and other safeguards to prevent unauthorized disclosure of classified information.

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WHEREAS, The University of Mississippi possesses a Facility Security Clearance through the National Industrial Security Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the State Institutions of Higher learning and the members of the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher learning shall not require, shall not have, and can be effectively excluded from access to all classified information disclosed to the organization. They also do not occupy positions that would enable them to adversely affect the organization's policies or practices in the performance of classified contracts. This action shall be made a matter of record by the organization's executive body. A copy of the resolution shall be furnished to the Cognizant Security Agency (CSA); and

WHEREAS, the current Department of Defense Regulations contain a provision making it mandatory that the Chairman of the Board, Senior Management Official, and the Facility Security Officer meet the requirements for eligibility for access to classified information established for a contractor facility security clearance; Such trustees or IHL

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Board Members do not hold any Positions with or serve as consultants, for any foreign person(s). (SF 328 Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interests) and

WHEREAS, said Department of Defense Regulations permit the exclusion from the personnel of the requirements for access to classified information of certain members of the Board of Directors and other officers, provided that this action is recorded in the Board minutes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT DECLARED that the Chancellor, the Provost, the designated Senior Management Official(s); and the Facility Security Officer at the University of Mississippi at the present time do possess, or will be processed for, the required eligibility for access to classified information; and

BE IT RESOLVED that in the future, when any individual enters upon any duties as Chancellor, the Provost, the designated Senior Management Official(s); and the Facility Security Officer, such individual(s) shall immediately make application for the required eligibility for access to classified information; and

BE IT RESOLVED AND DIRECTED that the following member of the Board of Directors and other officers or members shall not require, shall not have, and can be effectively and formally excluded from access to all **CLASSIFIED** information disclosed to the University of Mississippi and shall not affect adversely the University of Mississippi policies or practices in the performance of classified contracts for the Department of Defense of the Government contracting activities (User Agencies) of the National Industrial Security Program awarded to the University of Mississippi, and need not be processed for Personnel Security Clearance.

NAME	TITLE
1. Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.	Commissioner, Mississippi IHL
2. Bruce Martin	President, Mississippi IHL
3. Jeanne Carter Luckey	Vice President, Mississippi IHL
4. Ormella Cummings, Ph.D.	Board Member, Mississippi IHL
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, [Date].

Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., Commissioner
Mississippi IHL College Board of Trustees
Signature

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: MS Code Ann. Of 1972 Section 37-101-15(a) states that the Board of Trustees shall “exercise control of all records, books, papers, equipment, and supplies” of the institutions under the management and control of the Board. By approval of this resolution, the Board of Trustees will waive the right to inspect certain records relating to the National Industrial Security Program. 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. JSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AWH-BP JACKSON HOTEL, LLC-DBA HILTON JACKSON

Agenda Item Request: Jackson State University requests approval to enter into a lease agreement with **AWH-BP Jackson Hotel, LLC - DBA HILTON JACKSON (Hilton)** for the lease of hotel rooms for the housing of students enrolled in its Executive Ph.D. program during the 2024-2025 EphD program dates.

Contractor’s Legal Name: **AWH-BP Jackson Hotel, LLC - dba Hilton Jackson**

History of Contract: This is a new Lease (hotel) agreement.

Specific Type of Contract: Lease (hotel) agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the agreement is to lease hotel rooms monthly for those students who participate in JSU’s Executive Ph.D. program. The JSU’s Executive Ph.D. program runs from September 2024 through August 2025.

Scope of Work: Under this agreement, Hilton will provide up to one hundred sixty (160) room nights per event dates beginning September 10, 2024 through August 9, 2025. In addition, Hilton will provide meeting rooms, complimentary rooms for program-related faculty/staff participants, banquet facilities, internet service, parking, and complimentary breakfast.

Term of Contract: Start Date: September 10, 2024 End Date: August 9, 2025. The term of this contract is eleven (11) months.

Termination Options: This agreement may be terminated for the following reasons:

- For Convenience
- Failure to comply with E-verify Regulations;

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- Failure of Legislature to Appropriate;
- Force Majeure;
- Conflict of Interest.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the agreement is \$288,911.00. This cost is based on the use of approximately one hundred sixty (160) room nights at a rate of \$149 per room from September 10, 2024 through August 9, 2025.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement will be funded by general funds.

Contractor Selection Process: JSU obtained quotes from the Staybridge Suites, Ridgeland, Mississippi, the Hampton Inn and Suites, Jackson, MS, the Embassy Suites, Ridgeland, MS, and the Hilton - North Jackson. The JSU Business & Finance and the Executive PhD Program administrators evaluated each quote based on price, dates of availability, meeting room and event space capacity and availability, guest room accommodations, proximity and amenities. The Hilton North Jackson was selected as the best option for the Program. Although the Hilton did not offer the lowest room rate, it was the only property available to provide accommodations for each of the EPhD program room nights. The Hilton also offers the best options for the program's meeting and event space needs, is close in proximity and offers the best options for transportation of program participants.

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

5. **UM –REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE OLE MISS ATHLETICS FOUNDATION**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to enter into two subleases with the **Ole Miss Athletics Foundation (OMAF)** for use of two airplanes that are being leased to OMAF from Quality Leasing, Inc.

Contractor's Legal Name: Ole Miss Athletics Foundation

History of Contract: Three years ago, UM owned its own airplane, which was the only airplane available for UM business, including athletics business. If the airplane was being used or was out of service for maintenance, UM would charter flights when necessary for UM business. There were also times when OMAF needed to use an airplane for purposes that could not be paid by state funds, so OMAF would have to charter flights. These charter flights are very expensive.

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In the fall of 2021, due to growing demand for use of the only available airplane (especially from the athletics department), a donor offered to purchase a plane for the University and lease it through a leasing company, Quality Leasing, Inc., to OMAF. OMAF then agreed to sublease the airplane to UM. The original sublease from OMAF to UM did not require UM to pay an hourly fee for use of the plane. Thus, the original sublease did not exceed \$100,000, and it was approved by the Commissioner.

Recently, UM identified the need for another airplane because the university-owned plane is frequently out of service and its engines are approaching a costly overhaul. Therefore, the same donor offered to purchase a second airplane and similarly lease it to OMAF, with a sublease to UM. The proposed sublease of the second plane mimics the original sublease on the first plane, with one exception. UM will pay OMAF an hourly rate of \$1,500 for use of the airplane (the same rate that OMAF pays Quality Leasing whenever UM uses the plane). Accordingly, UM is seeking IHL Board approval for this sublease because it is expected to exceed \$100,000. Simultaneously, UM is seeking to modify the sublease on the first plane so that UM will pay OMAF an hourly rate of \$1,500 for use of the first plane, and UM is also seeking IHL Board approval of that amendment to the sublease on the first plane. Both subleases will be for up to 500 flight hours per year for a maximum of \$750,000 each year per plane.

Specific Type of Contract: These are two subleases.

Purpose: The purpose of the subleases is to provide UM access to two airplanes for appropriate business-related travel.

Scope of Work: These two subleases will provide UM access to two airplanes for appropriate business-related travel in exchange for payment of an hourly rate of \$1,500 for each flight hour UM uses an airplane.

Term of Contract: UM will pay OMAF \$1,500 per flight hour for each hour that UM uses the airplanes up to 500 hours each year per plane. This is the same hourly rate that OMAF is required to pay Quality Leasing for each hour the University uses the airplanes. The term shall be for five years from the original agreement on the first airplane, and five years from the effective date (anticipated to be August 16, 2024) on the second airplane. If UM continues use of the airplanes, or remains in possession of the airplanes, after the expiration of the applicable Term, the Term shall be deemed extended on a year-to-year basis.

Termination Options: UM or OMAF may terminate the leases immediately during the Term at any time upon written notice to the other. The leases shall automatically terminate upon the termination or expiration of the lease from Quality Leasing to OMAF.

Contract Amount: UM will pay OMAF an hourly rate of \$1,500 for use of the airplanes

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Funding Source for Contract: E&G funding budgeted for business travel

Contractor Selection Process: N/A

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. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A PET/CT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALLIANCE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC.

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) Services Agreement with **Alliance HealthCare Services, Inc. d/b/a Alliance HealthCare Radiology** (Alliance) to revise the schedule of services under the agreement and extend the term by two (2) years. The agreement is for use of technical personnel and a mobile PET/CT scanner at UMMC Grenada.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Alliance HealthCare Services, Inc.

History of Contract: On November 18, 2021, the Board approved a five (5) year agreement with Alliance for the lease of a mobile PET/CT Scanner for use at UMMC Grenada for a cost of \$575,000. The agreement will expire on November 30, 2026.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to the PET/CT Services Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to change the schedule for the services provided by Alliance from once every other week to once per week, and to extend the term by two (2) years. The purpose of the agreement is to provide technical personnel and a mobile PET/CT scanner at UMMC Grenada.

Scope of Work: Under the agreement, Alliance provides mobile PET/CT services, including one (1) technical personnel and provision of the mobile equipment. In addition, Alliance maintains the mobile equipment and possesses all federal and state radioactive materials licenses.

Under the agreement, UMMC obtained and will maintain all required licenses and regulatory approvals needed to operate the equipment, and provide a radiologist to provide interpretations of the PET/CT procedures.

Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement is seven (7) years, from December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2028. The term of the original agreement was five (5) years through November 30, 2026. The amendment extends the term by two (2) years.

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Termination Options: Termination options include the following:

- by the non-breaching party if the other party breaches any material covenant, term or provision of this agreement and the material breach is not cured within sixty (60) days following provision of notice to the breaching party;
- by either party if the other party commits or suffers (voluntarily or involuntarily) an act of bankruptcy, receivership, liquidation or similar event;
- by Alliance if UMMC fails to make any payment to Alliance when due and such failure continues for ten (10) days following notice;
- by UMMC upon sixty (60) days' written notice to Alliance, after the first twelve (12) months of the agreement;
- in the event of insufficient funds; and
- by either party, immediately for cause, if the other party's officers, directors, or employees or contractors providing services under the agreement become excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in the Federal health care programs.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the seven (7) year term is \$965,000. The original estimated cost of the agreement was \$575,000. The amendment increases the total estimated cost of the agreement by \$390,000 over the amended term.

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

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with Alliance.

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. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CIVIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC D/B/A JACKSON HINDS COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a Medical Office Building Lease with **Central Mississippi Civic Improvement Association, Inc. d/b/a Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center (JHCHC)** to sublet clinical space at the Jackson Medical Mall for JHCHC to operate and manage primary care continuity clinics.

Contractor's Legal Name: **Central Mississippi Civic Improvement Association, Inc. d/b/a Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center**

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History of Contract: UMMC has leased space at the Jackson Medical Mall since approximately 1995. The current Master Lease Agreement between UMMC and the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation was approved by the Board on November 18, 2010. UMMC has sublet clinical space to JHCHC since 2010. On August 17, 2023, the Board approved the current sublease agreement with JHCHC for clinical space at the Jackson Medical Mall. The current sublease will expire September 30, 2024.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building Lease.

Purpose: The purpose of the sublease agreement is to sublet clinical space at the Jackson Medical Mall for JHCHC to operate and manage primary care continuity clinics.

Scope of Work: Under the sublease agreement, UMMC will provide:

- 25,728 square feet of clinical space to JHCHC;
- Utilities, janitorial/housekeeping services, security, and maintenance; and
- Non-exclusive use of all common areas.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is one (1) year and one month, from October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025.

Termination Options: Termination options include the following:

- by UMMC if JHCHC engages in a prohibited use and fails to cure such violation within thirty (30) days following notice of such violation;
- by either party in the event of a partial destruction of the premises and UMMC does not elect to make repairs or if the repairs cannot be made timely;
- automatically in the event of a total destruction of the building;
- automatically if the whole of the premises or building or so much thereof as to render the balance unusable by UMMC shall be taken under power of eminent domain, condemnation or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise;
- by UMMC at any time in the event JHCHC commits an act of default under the lease;
- by either party in the event any legislation, regulation or government policy is passed or adopted, the effect of which would cause either party to be in violation of such laws due to the existence of any provision of the lease, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by UMMC immediately upon breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that JHCHC:
 - is not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
 - has not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and

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- is not under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in the party being excluded from participation in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs;
- automatically in the event the prime lease with the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation expires or is terminated; and
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 60 days.

Contract Amount: The sublease agreement is estimated to earn approximately \$520,370.24 over the one (1) year and one (1) month term. Base rent will be \$18.67 per square foot for 25,728 rentable square feet or \$40,028.48 per month. The rent amount includes a pro rata share of the housekeeping and security services provided under the Master Lease.

Funding Source for Contract: Not applicable. This is a revenue contract.

Contractor Selection Process: JHCHC is the existing tenant.

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.

8. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST MEDICAL PROPERTIES I, LLC

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its lease agreement with **Southeast Medical Properties I, LLC** (Southeast) for the provision of clinic space located at 2925 Layfair Drive, Flowood, Mississippi, which will be used to provide comprehensive and compassionate medical care for women during every stage of life. The amendment will change the term of the agreement from five (5) years to ten (10). The amendment will also add language allowing Southeast to use a broker for this First Amendment. Pursuant to IHL policy 707.03 *Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services*, UMMC also requests a waiver to allow prepayment of the monthly rent in advance each month.

Contractor's Legal Name: Southeast Medical Properties I, LLC

History of Contract: On March 21, 2019, the Board of Trustees approved a lease agreement between UMMC and Southeast for approximately 11,814 square feet of clinic space located at 2925 Layfair Drive, Flowood, Mississippi, for comprehensive and compassionate medical care for women.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to the Lease Agreement.

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Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the agreement and allow Southeast to use a broker for the amendment. The purpose of the agreement is to lease approximately 11,814 square feet of clinic space located at 2925 Layfair Drive, Flowood, Mississippi. At this location, UMMC Women's Care provides comprehensive and compassionate medical care for women during every stage of life. The purpose of the amendment is to change the term of the Lease from a five (5) year term to a ten (10) year term. The amendment will also add language regarding Southeast use of a Broker for this First Amendment.

Scope of Work: Under the lease, Southeast will:

- Lease 11,814 square feet of clinic space to UMMC;
- Provide an improvement allowance for minor renovations that may be necessary for UMMC's occupancy;
- Maintain and repair the premises in good order and repair;
- Provide lamp and ballast replacement services;
- Provide and maintain a service contract for HVAC services; and
- Provide all parking at the building.

UMMC will be responsible for:

- Maintenance, repair, and operation of UMMC's personal property located at the premises; and
- Reimbursement of landlord's operating expenses for the premises.

Term of Contract: The amended term of the agreement is ten (10) years, from September 16, 2019 through September 15, 2029. The original agreement was for a term of five (5) years, beginning September 16, 2019. The amendment extends the term by five (5) years.

Termination Options: Termination options include:

- by either party upon sixty (60) days' notice in the event the premises or building is damaged or destroyed and cannot be repaired or rebuilt to the condition which existed prior to such destruction or casualty;
- by either party upon written notice within thirty (30) days in the event a material portion of the premises is taken by power of eminent domain;
- in the event of a default of the lease by either party, the non-defaulting party may terminate if the default is not cured within fifteen (15) days, or forty-five (45) days in the event of UMMC's failure to pay rent when due;
- by Southeast for the portion of the lease that UMMC proposes to assign to an entity that is not a governmental entity or to an individual;
- by Southeast in the event UMMC abandons the premises for more than 180 consecutive days;
- by UMMC in the event of a reduction in funds; and
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties cannot agree upon renegotiated terms within sixty (60) days.

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Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended lease is \$3,825,000 over the ten (10) year term. The original estimated cost of the lease was \$1,765,596.42. The amendment adds \$2,059,403.58 over the extended term. The estimate includes the cost for operating expenses, repair, and maintenance.

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

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with Southeast Medical Properties I, LLC.

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.

9. **UMMC – REQUEST TO AMEND THE MASTER SOFTWARE AND SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH 3M HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its Master Software and Services Agreement with **3M Health Information Systems, Inc.** (3M) to amend the Fluency Align and Fluency Enhanced Solution Support Services Schedules to the agreement and change the party name of 3M to Solventum Health Information Systems, Inc. (Solventum). The purpose of the agreement is to provide products that assist with the scanning of charts, coding of patient interactions, as well as a speech and artificial intelligence solution that allows providers to create, review, edit and sign clinical notes directly in Epic, UMMC’s Electronic Health Record.

Contractor’s Legal Name: **3M Health Information Systems, Inc.**

History of Contract: On May 20, 2022, UMMC received notification that the Commissioner delegated authority to UMMC to enter agreements with an aggregate total expenditure of less than \$3,500,000.00 as defined in section 707.01 of the IHL Policies and Bylaws, as amended. In July 2022, the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services negotiated a Master Software and Services Agreement with 3M on behalf of UMMC though the agreement was procured through Insight Direct USA Inc. (Insight) a distributor of IT goods and services that partners with Vizient, one of UMMC’s Group Purchasing Organizations. The agreement was to provide products that assist with the scanning of charts, coding of patient interactions, as well as a speech and artificial intelligence solution that allows providers to create, review, edit and sign clinical notes directly in Epic, UMMC’s Electronic Health Record. In March 2023, ITS, 3M and UMMC entered into amendment 1 to the agreement to remove ITS as a party to the agreement except for the purposes of excluded damages and maximum liability, update the indemnification and non-appropriation of funds language, as well as replace the

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renewal term language, amend the annuity products schedule, the fluency align fee schedule and the fluency enhanced solution support services fee schedule. Through its delegated authority, in August 2023, UMMC entered into Amendment 2 which updated the fluency enhanced solution support services fee schedule of the agreement. In January 2024, UMMC entered into amendment 3 which added the FD Cloud Hosting Schedule, a new Fluency Align Schedule, and replaced the Fluency Enhanced Solution Support Services Schedule. These changes will result in increased cost, over the life cycle of the contract, which will exceed UMMC's delegated authority, as referenced above. The agreement will expire on December 31, 2028.

Specific Type of Contract: Amendment 4 to the Master software and Services Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of this agenda item is to request approval to spend up to \$4,200,000 and approval of amendment 4, which will amend the Fluency Align and Fluency Enhanced Solution Support Services Schedules to the agreement and change the party name of 3M to Solventum.

Scope of Work: Under this amended agreement, Solventum will:

- Provide coding software solution used for patient billing;
- Provide software support and maintenance for perpetual software previously licensed to UMMC;
- Provide education and demonstration software for training on the coding software solution;
- Provide all in one speech and artificial intelligence dictation software solution used by UMMC providers;
- Provide EPIC implementation services for the coding software and dictation software solutions;
- Provide software support and maintenance for coding software solution;
- Provide virtual assistant software solution; and
- Provide cloud hosting services for virtual assistant software.

Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement is July 22, 2022 through December 31, 2028. The original term of the contract was July 22, 2022 through June 30, 2025. However, the 360 Encompass System and the Coding and Reimbursement System and the Medical Necessity and Core Grouping Software Access will expire on June 30, 2025.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by either party if the other party failed to take reasonable steps to cure a breach, or either party ceases to conduct relevant business;
- for insufficient funds; and

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- by 3M if UMMC delays implementation of any module of software or scheduling services for more than one hundred fifty (150) days.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the six (6) year and six (6) month term is \$4,200,000. The original estimated cost of the agreement was \$3,220,206.76. To date, UMMC has spent an estimated \$2,965,000, with Insight and 3M for the goods and services provided hereunder.

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

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC entered into an agreement with 3M for the Fluency solution via an agreement negotiated by ITS and procured through the Vizient GPO agreement with Insight Direct USA Inc. (IT0034), which is a value-added reseller of 3M solutions. The Master Agreement as well as amendments one (1) and two (2) are the result of this procurement method.

In 2022, UMMC performed RFP #1290 for Enterprise Speech Recognition and Ambient Voice Assistance Solutions for Revenue Cycle. UMMC received two (2) proposals in response to the RFP. The respondents were 3M and Nuance. The RFP was awarded to 3M based on the lower cost and the highest selection criteria scores from the scoring committee. Amendment 3 was a product of this RFP.

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.

10. UMMC - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A POINT OF CARE AGREEMENT WITH ABBOTT LABORATORIES, INC.

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its Point of Care Agreement with **Abbott Laboratories, Inc.** (Abbott) to add UMMC's Grenada facility as an additional location to the agreement for eligibility to purchase commodities needed at that facility. The agreement is for the rental of fifteen (15) i-STAT analyzers, service for the leased analyzers, service for thirty-one (31) UMMC-owned analyzers, and the purchase of reagents and related supplies needed for diagnostic testing. The analyzers and associated supplies are used by UMMC to provide real-time lab results within minutes to test a patient's blood gases, electrolytes (sodium, potassium, etc.), Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG), and troponin levels. UMMC also requests approval to add or remove reagents and related supplies under the agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available.

Contractor's Legal Name: Abbott Laboratories, Inc.

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History of Contract: On August 20, 2020, the Board approved a three (3) year Point of Service Agreement with Abbott at a cost of \$3,175,000. On August 17, 2023, the Board approved an amendment to extend the agreement through August 31, 2025, with a total cost of \$4,675,000 over the five (5) year term. The agreement will expire on August 31, 2025.

Specific Type of Contract: This is the second amendment to the Point of Care Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to add UMMC's Grenada facility as an additional location to the agreement for eligibility to purchase commodities needed at that facility. The purpose of the agreement is to rent fifteen (15) i-STAT analyzers and to purchase service for the leased analyzers, service for thirty-one (31) UMMC-owned analyzers, and reagents and related supplies needed for diagnostic testing. These analyzers and associated supplies are used by UMMC to provide real-time lab results within minutes to test for things such as a patient's blood gases, electrolytes (sodium, potassium, etc.), HCG, and troponin levels.

Scope of Work: Under this agreement, Abbott provides fifteen (15) i-STAT Analyzers; service for both the leased and UMMC-owned i-STAT analyzers; and reagents and related supplies for use with the instruments. Under the agreement, UMMC will purchase an annual volume commitment of commodities in order to obtain title to the fifteen (15) rented i-STAT analyzers.

Term of Contract: The term of the amended contract remains five (5) years, from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2025. The term of the original agreement was three (3) years, beginning September 1, 2020. The first amendment added an additional two (2) years to the term of the agreement through August 31, 2025.

Termination Options: Termination options include the following:

- by Abbott in the event UMMC does not, or notifies Abbott it does not intend to, fulfill ninety percent (90%) of the purchase commitment in any calendar year;
- by either party upon ninety (90) days' written notice, prior to the first day of each of contract year, after the second year of the agreement;
- If either party breaches any of the terms of this Agreement, the other party may, in its discretion and without further liability, immediately terminate this agreement;
- by Abbott immediately if UMMC resells the equipment or products or does not use the products as indicated; and
- in the event of a reduction in funds.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the five (5) year term remains unchanged, it is \$4,675,000. The original estimated cost of the agreement was \$3,175,000 for the original three (3) year term.

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Funding Source for Contract: This agreement is funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with Abbott.

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.

11. **UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AND SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH BAXTER HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into an Exactamix Compounder Lease and Abacus Software License Agreement with **Baxter Healthcare Corporation** (Baxter) to lease three (3) pieces of Exactamix 2400 Compounder equipment and license the software that runs the equipment. The Exactamix equipment is used to prepare total parental nutritional (TPN) support solutions to adult and pediatric patients. These solutions deliver nutrition to patients that cannot eat by mouth or other enteral means such as tube feedings, which provide needed nourishment to allow for healing.

Contractor’s Legal Name: **Baxter Healthcare Corporation**

History of Contract: On August 15, 2019, the Board approved an agreement for the lease of three (3) pieces of Exactamix 2400 Compounder equipment and license the software that runs the equipment. The agreement will expire on August 31, 2024.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new lease software license agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the agreement is to lease three (3) pieces of Exactamix 2400 Compounder equipment and license the software that runs the equipment. The Exactamix equipment is used to prepare total parental nutritional support solutions to adult and pediatric patients. These solutions deliver nutrition to patients that cannot eat by mouth or other enteral means such as tube feedings, which provide needed nourishment to allow for healing. The Exactamix Compounder software is the embedded software that runs the equipment itself. The Abacus software powers the Exactamix equipment, allowing information entered into Epic, UMMC’s electronic health record, to be sent to the intravenous compounding station and ensuring appropriate mixing and volume of admixtures to product patient specific TPN formulations. The software ensures safe compounding of TPN through hard stops and limitations set by pharmacy specialists.

Scope of Work: Under this Agreement, Baxter will:

- lease two (2) Exactamix 2400 Compounder units and related components for live production;

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- lease one (1) Exactamix 2400 Compounder units and related components for use as a back-up only;
- license the embedded Exactamix compounder software;
- provide a single workstation license for the Abacus software;
- repair or replace defective equipment;
- make available software updates or modifications; and
- provide integration of the compounders with EPIC.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is thirty-six (36) months, from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- in the event the equipment or software becomes, or is likely to become, the subject of an intellectual property infringement claim, Baxter may terminate the agreement upon notice;
- by either party with cause, provided that the breaching party has been notified in writing and failed to cure the material breach within sixty (60) days of the date of the breach notification;
- by UMMC upon ninety (90) days' written notice in the event funds are not available;
- by UMMC immediately, if Baxter becomes excluded from participating in the Federal Healthcare Programs; or
- in the event UMMC is involved in a merger or consolidation with another party, is sold to another party, or UMMC's assets relating to this Agreement are sold, contributed, or otherwise transferred or conveyed to another party, and if UMMC's commitments hereunder, including without limitation the commitment to pay all applicable fees during the Term, are not assumed by UMMC's successor.

Contract Amount: The estimated cost of the agreement over the thirty-six (36) month term is \$107,000.00. The flat monthly cost of \$2,776.32 includes two (2) pieces of live equipment, one (1) backup equipment, and the Abacus software license.

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

Contractor Selection Process: The Exactamix compounder equipment qualifies as clinical commodities under Miss Code Ann. §31-7-1, which are exempted from procurement requirements under §31-7-13. The Abacus software is a sole source purchase as the software is the only software that will direct the Exactamix compounders that UMMC operates. No other vendor may sell or distribute the software to be used with the leased Exactamix equipment. In June 2024, UMMC advertised its intent to purchase the Abacus software as sole source in accordance with procurement regulations and received no objections.

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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.

12. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CARDINAL HEALTH 105, LLC

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its Purchase Agreement with **Cardinal Health 105, LLC** (Cardinal Health) for the ability to purchase the autologous cell therapy product, CARVYKTI®, from Janssen Biotech, Inc. (Janssen), along with the continued ability to purchase the autologous cell therapy products, Yescarta® and Tecartus®, from Kite Pharma Inc. (Kite Pharma) through Cardinal Health’s third-party logistics title model program. The autologous cell therapy products are immunological therapies that utilize a patient’s immune system to destroy their cancer cells. Specifically, CARVYKTI® is an autologous immunotherapy in which a patient’s T cells are genetically modified to encode a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) to find and destroy B-cell maturation antigen (BCMA)–expressing cells. BCMA is overexpressed on the surface of malignant multiple myeloma B-lineage cells; it is also expressed on the surface of late-stage B cells and plasma cells. Yescarta® is a genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy treatment for adult patients with various types of lymphoma such as Large B cell, diffuse large B cell (DLBCL), primary mediastinal large B-cell and others. Tecartus® is also a genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy treatment for adult patients who have relapsed or refractory mantle cell lymphoma as well as relapsed or refractory B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). It is expected that there will be additional pharmaceutical autologous cell therapy products manufactured by pharmaceutical companies and distributed through Cardinals’ third-party logistics title model. In an effort to act expeditiously in the treatment of patients, UMMC requests permission to purchase additional or different autologous cell therapy products under this Purchase Agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Cardinal Health 105, LLC

History of Contract: On April 18, 2024, the Board approved a new purchase agreement to give UMMC the ability to purchase the autologous cell therapy products, Yescarta® and Tecartus®, from Kite Pharma through Cardinal Health’s third-party logistics title model program. The agreement will expire on April 30, 2029. UMMC now requests approval to amend this Purchase Agreement so that we have the ability to purchase Janssen’s autologous cell therapy product, CARVYKTI®, and so that we can purchase new autologous cell therapy products, as they become available through Cardinal, without seeking prior Board approval so long as adequate funds are available.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a request to amend the purchase agreement.

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Purpose: The purpose of this request is to amend this purchase agreement, which will allow UMMC to purchase Janssen and Kite Pharma’s autologous cell therapy products, CARVYKTI®, Yescarta® and Tecartus®, through Cardinal Health’s third party logistics title model program and to allow UMMC to purchase new autologous cell therapy products, as they become available through Cardinal, without seeking prior Board approval so long as adequate funds are available.

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

Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement remains unchanged, with a term of five (5) years, from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2029.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

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

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement is \$19,375,000.00 over the five (5) year term. The original estimated cost for the agreement was \$4,950,000.00. UMMC anticipates the need for an additional \$14,425,000.00 for the remainder of the term.

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

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with Cardinal Health.

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.

13. UM – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH A3 COMMUNICATIONS

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi (UM) requests approval to enter into a contract with **A3 Communications, Inc. (A3)** for services related to doors and cameras.

Contractor’s Legal Name: **A3 Communications**

History of Contract: This is a new contract.

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Specific Type of Contract: This contract is a result of RFP 745 for Security System Integration Services to migrate UM's Department of Student Housing ("Student Housing") cameras and door access controls to the Genetec Security System.

Purpose: This contract provides transition to a security platform that integrates with StarRez, UM's residential property management software, and with software used by other campus partners, and provides support and labor for installation and maintenance of cameras and doors for Student Housing.

Scope of Work: As Student Housing transitions to the Genetec Security platform, A3 shall be responsible for purchase, installation and the maintenance and upgrades of the entire system. A3 shall evaluate and assess each building to determine the best plan of action to mitigate the building to the new platform and shall create a project timeline and scope for each building. UM will be enrolled in a custom premier support plan with A3, whereas A3 shall maintain the new server and provide upgrades as needed and do continual inspections of all exterior and gender doors to ensure they are always operational and secure. As new buildings come online A3 shall maintain the exterior and gender door infrastructure. This includes mercury hardware, PIMS, door hardware, wiring/cabling, and the reader. A3 shall continue to focus on the above areas to ensure exterior and gender doors and cameras are operational.

Term of Contract: The term of this contract will automatically expire on June 30, 2025, unless both parties mutually agree, in writing, to extend the contract for additional one-year terms, not to exceed a total agreement life of 5 years.

Termination Options: This agreement will terminate automatically on June 30, 2025. If the agreement is extended, it will terminate each June 30 (not to exceed 5 years) unless both parties mutually agree to extend. UM may terminate this agreement, in whole or in part for the convenience of UM by providing written notice no less than ten (10) days' notice prior to the effective date of termination. Either party may terminate this agreement immediately upon issuance of written notice if the other party fails to perform the obligations to the other party under this agreement but may allow 30-days within which the other party may attempt to cure the failure to fulfill the obligations.

Contract Amount: The total amount of this contract shall not exceed \$4,300,000.

Funding Source for Contract: Self-generated Student Housing funds

Contractor Selection Process: The contractor was selected through the RFP process with review by the RFP selection committee. Two vendors provided proposals during the process. The awarded contractor presented a proposal that was marginally similar in cost, but provided a project proposal that more closely met the criteria set forth in the RFP. The awarded contractor also provided a robust service contract to meet the needs of not only the new system, but to service our existing door infrastructure.

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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.

14. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PHILIPS HEALTHCARE

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its service agreement with **Philips Healthcare, a division of Philips North America LLC** (Philips) to extend the term for an additional one (1) year. The agreement is for planned maintenance services, software updates, as well as parts and labor needed for repair, support, and maintenance on various cardiovascular and radiological equipment owned by UMMC. Additionally, UMMC requests approval to add or remove equipment from the Agreement without requiring prior submission for Board approval, so long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Philips Healthcare, a division of Philips North America LLC.

History of Contract: On August 19, 2021, the Board approved the original service agreement with Philips for service and maintenance of various cardiovascular and radiological equipment owned by UMMC at a cost of \$2,700,000.00. On May 20, 2022, UMMC received notification that the Commissioner delegated authority to UMMC to enter agreements with an aggregate total expenditure of less than \$3,500,000.00 as defined in section 707.01 of the IHL Policies and Bylaws, as amended. Through its delegated authority, on February 13, 2024, UMMC increased the total cost of the agreement to \$3,345,044.67. The additional funds were due to additional equipment being added to the service agreement. Unless amended the agreement will expire August 31, 2024.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to the service agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the current service agreement for an additional one (1) year for equipment maintenance and service. Purpose of the agreement is for planned maintenance services, software updates, as well as parts and labor needed for repair, support, and maintenance on various cardiovascular and radiological equipment owned by UMMC.

Scope of Work: Under the amended agreement, Philips will continue to provide planned maintenance services, on-site repairs, software updates, as well as parts and labor needed for repair, support, and maintenance on various cardiovascular and radiological equipment owned by UMMC.

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Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement is four (4) years, from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2025. The term of the original agreement was three (3) years, beginning September 1, 2021. The amendment will extend the term by one (1) year.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- UMMC may cancel the service coverage for an individual covered piece of equipment with sixty (60) days written notice to Philips;
- UMMC may cancel the agreement for breach with sixty (60) days' notice to Philips if said breach is not cured by Philips within the sixty (60) day notice period;
- UMMC may terminate the coverage on equipment with thirty (30) days' notice to Philips for any equipment sold to a third party but remains installed at UMMC; and
- UMMC may terminate the agreement for non-availability of funding.

Contract Amount: The estimated total cost of the amended agreement over the four (4) year term is \$5,000,000.00. The original estimated cost of the agreement was \$2,700,000.00. The total cost was increased to \$3,345,044.67 via UMMC's delegated contracting authority. The amendment will add an additional \$1,654,955.33 to the agreement.

Funding Source for Contract: This agreement is funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with Philips.

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.

15. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRIMEDX HOLDINGS, LLC

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a Healthcare Technology Management Services Agreement with **TriMedx Holdings, LLC** (TriMedx) to provide Clinical Engineering Services to UMMC. Under the agreement TriMedx will provide and/or coordinate inspection, maintenance, and repair of UMMC's medical equipment and management of service agreements with original equipment manufacturers. UMMC requests approval to substitute, add, or remove items on the assumed service contract list, covered equipment list, and UMMC locations included in the agreement without requiring prior submission for Board approval, as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. Additionally, UMMC requests permission to amend the agreement as needed to make changes that may affect contract pricing without seeking prior board approval as

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long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. Such changes include, but are not limited to, adding or removing UMMC equipment and locations to be covered by TriMedx, adjusting the monthly contract price due to additional or unforeseen costs, expansion of services requested by UMMC, or annual increases due to increases in the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers, National Average, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (CPI). Pursuant to IHL policy 707.03 *Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services*, UMMC would like to request a waiver to allow prepayment of annual service and patient equipment management fees on a monthly basis and prepayment of fees for the management of the location tags and replacement of batteries on an annual basis.

Contractor's Legal Name: TriMedx Holdings, LLC

History of Contract: Historically, clinical engineering services for patient care equipment at UMMC have been performed by UMMC's department of biomedical engineering, and service agreements with equipment manufacturers were managed separately by the departments housing the equipment. In 2022, UMMC issued RFP #8034 for the outsource of clinical engineering services, an approach that is becoming common practice for hospitals and medical centers across the U.S. This service model offers improved management of equipment and service contracts with various original equipment manufacturers (OEM). Consolidating these functions with a single service provider will help UMMC achieve efficiency of scale and provide one point of contact for equipment repair needs.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Healthcare Technology Management Services Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the agreement is for clinical engineering services to UMMC, which will include the provision and/or coordination of inspection, maintenance, and repair of UMMC's medical equipment and management of service agreements with original equipment manufacturers.

Scope of Work: Under the agreement, TriMedx will provide:

- clinical engineering services including
 - oversight of service operations,
 - repair maintenance and performance assurance,
 - testing of equipment,
 - replacement parts and sourcing of those parts,
 - management of third-party service contracts;
- medical equipment management services including
 - patient equipment inventory cleaning and function testing,
 - equipment tracking and inventory control using real time location system (RTLS) tracking;
- service levels and personnel including

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- full time site manager,
- clinical engineering technicians,
- equipment management staff; and
- regulatory and compliance and reporting including
- compliance and performance indicators,
- documentation of service activity for all covered equipment,
- reporting on services provided.

Under the agreement, UMMC will:

- provide a list of covered equipment to TriMedx;
- notify TriMedx of any deletions of equipment;
- transition current service agreements to TriMedx through cancelation or expiration;
- provide TriMedx with access to the equipment to be maintained; and
- help identify missing service manuals.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is five (5) years and two (2) months beginning September 1, 2024, and expiring five (5) years from the commencement of services which is expected to be on or about November 1, 2024, for an anticipated expiration date of October 31, 2029.

Termination Options: Termination options include the following:

- upon mutual agreement of the parties;
- by the nonbreaching party, upon written notice of a breach of any material obligation of the agreement if the breach is not cured, or a good faith effort to cure is not initiated, within sixty (60) days following the receipt of the notice;
- by the nonbreaching party, upon thirty (30) days written notice of a breach causing an emergent patient safety concern solely caused by any such material breach;
- by UMMC upon one hundred eighty (180) days' prior written notice after the beginning of year three (3) of the term as long as UMMC is not replacing TriMedx with another third-party vendor, and UMMC reimburses TriMedx for investments made at UMMC;
- in the event of insufficient funds;
- by either party upon one hundred twenty (120) days' written notice to the other party if the agreement is believed to violate any applicable provision of state or federal law and the parties fail to renegotiate the provision to make it compliant;
- by UMMC, if TriMedx is unable to provide required services for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days as a result of a continuing force majeure event;
- by UMMC, upon written notice to TriMedx if it or any of its officers, directors, subsidiaries or employees are convicted of a crime involving healthcare or excluded from participation from any Federal or state health benefits program; and
- upon written notice to TriMedx of a material breach of the Agreement or violation of the HIPAA Regulations that remains uncured following ten (10) days written

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notice, or immediately if cure is not possible, in the event TriMedx improperly uses or discloses protected health information.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the agreement over the five (5) years and two (2) months term is \$109,650,000. The annual estimated cost of the agreement is \$12,314,000. Beginning in year two (2), UMMC has included a nine percent (9%) increase for equipment volume and fee increases. The price may increase annually based on CPI as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, up to twenty percent (20%) over the term. UMMC has also included funds for potential increases in covered equipment based on planned capital projects and inventory adjustments, patent equipment management services, remote device monitoring and any services that may incur additional charges, such as but not limited to end of life equipment that would be repaired based on TriMedx's time and materials fee schedule.

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

Contractor Selection Process: In March 2022, UMMC conducted Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 8034 for Biomedical Engineering Services and five (5) bidders submitted proposals. After reviewing the proposals, a selection committee composed of representatives from UMMC's departments of nursing, supply chain, and biomedical services as well as hospital executive leadership found that only three (3) met the scope of the RFP, Sodexo Healthcare, Crothall Healthcare Technology Solutions, and TriMedx. Out of the three (3) remaining vendors, TriMedx received the highest score. Although TriMedx submitted the highest cost proposal, it is the only vendor able to offer a full-service solution to UMMC.

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 OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUESTS

1. UM – APPROVAL TO ENTER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (ICM) FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER ADVISOR (CMA) SERVICES – GILLOM SPORTS CENTER IMPROVEMENTS (IHL #207-507)

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 – Gillom Sports Center Improvements IHL# 207-507

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 Gillom Sports Center IHL# 207-507.

Scope of Work: The scope of the Construction Manager as Adviser's work includes all tasks listed in the AIA Doc C132-2019 Agreement. Project scope includes renovation of areas vacated by Ole Miss Softball program and upgrades to remaining existing facilities. Upgrades include a new videoboard for volleyball competition area, correcting HVAC deficiencies with volleyball competition area, office realignment for female head coaches, and enhanced student-athlete spaces. The design scope also includes feasibility study of existing campus facilities and/or new campus sites to provide on-campus Ole Miss Rifle team amenities (lockers/restrooms), firing range, and team storage.

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Terms of Agreement: Contract duration is August 16, 2024, through twelve (12) months after Substantial Completion of the Gillom Sports Center Improvements 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 \$1,370,915.90. This will fluctuate with actual construction contract values and any time extensions granted during construction.

Funding Source: The funding source for this contract is Self-Generated Athletic Revenues (UM Athletics / Ole Miss Athletics Foundation) and bond proceeds from the university's planned bond issuance through the University of Mississippi Educational Building Corporation.

Contractor Selection Process: UM solicited Request for Qualifications via public advertisement. Two (2) 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 both responding firms for in-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.

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1. **MSU – APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI FOR SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) SAFETY ACTION PLAN GRANT PROJECT**

Mississippi State University requests approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Starkville, Mississippi for purpose of developing a Safety Action Plan for transportation related safety improvements impacting the City and University under the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program and for the purpose of defining the parties' roles, responsibilities, and commitments related to the project. The City of Starkville has applied for the SS4A grant on behalf of the City and MSU. Pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, MSU and the City of Starkville will share equally in the 20% cost share for developing a Safety Action Plan to improve safety for City and University transportation routes. The estimated cost for designing and creating the plan is \$240,000, with \$192,000 coming from federal grant funds. After an action plan has been finalized, the parties will be able to apply in coming years for funding of safety related projects identified in the plan. The funding sources of the project are DOT Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds and MSU designated funds.

Pursuant to Mississippi statute and Mississippi Attorney General policy, interlocal agreements are submitted to the Mississippi Attorney General for final review and approval after the governing body of each party approves the agreement.

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STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI AND MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION, CITY OF STARKVILLE - MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
ACTION PLAN 693JJ32340308**

This INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is executed by and between STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI (the "City") and MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY (the "University") effective as of the ___ day of _____, 2024.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Miss. Code Ann. §17-13-7 authorizes local governmental units of the State to contract with one another for joint or cooperative action to provide services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City and the University (sometimes collectively "the Parties") are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §17-13-7, and independently and cooperatively to exercise the power, authority and responsibility to engage in the functions and perform the services outlined below; and

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WHEREAS, the City and the University have committed to work cooperatively to pursue a Safety Action Plan for transportation-related safety improvements for all modes of transportation impacting the City and University ("Plan");

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that it is in their best interest to take action as may reasonably be necessary to facilitate and accelerate the creation of the Plan because it will provide and improve transportation safety in their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City has applied for and received Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to create a safety action plan to benefit the City and University ("Safety Action Plan" or "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the City and the University desire to enter into this Interlocal Agreement for the purpose of funding the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City reasonably estimates that the total cost of designing and creating the Plan will be approximately \$240,000 with \$192,000 coming from Federal Funds and the remainder of the cost being split between the Parties; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have found that the creation of the Plan is feasible, beneficial, and within the financial resources of the Parties, and will benefit the Parties, and, in turn, the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to work in coordination and cooperation with each other in a government-to-government relationship for their benefit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE. This Agreement establishes the protocol and defines the responsibilities and obligations of the Parties in connection with their joint and cooperative efforts to complete the Plan. The City proposes to create the Plan with federal funds outlined above. The Parties agree to split the remaining costs as outlined below. The City will oversee all aspects of the creation of the Plan with input and approval by the University.

2. ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. The City agrees as follows:

1. To conform throughout the Plan to appropriate details and requirements of all applicable state and federal laws;
2. To provide oversight management for the Plan;

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3. To advertise for RFQs, receive RFQs, open RFQs, and award a contract or contracts for the creation of the Plan;
4. To administer the Plan contract or contracts, including making all payments to the consultant, and to complete the creation of the Plan with other legally available funds of the City;
5. To manage the engineering and plan creation process in a manner that furthers the purpose of this Agreement; and
6. To provide an equal one-half (1/2) share of the cost of the Plan over and above the Federal Funds;

- B. The University hereby covenants, warrants and agrees as follows:
1. To assist the City in every reasonable and appropriate manner by providing the City with financial, statistical, and other records and reports as may be requested or required by state and federal regulations or guidelines for development of the Plan; and
 2. To provide an equal one-half (1/2) share of the cost of the Plan over and above the Federal Funds.

3. AMENDMENTS. This Agreement may only be amended in writing as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

4. DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY. Throughout the operation of this Agreement, and following its expiration, all property attendant to the Plan shall remain the property of the original owner.

5. SEVERABILITY. Should any provision of this Agreement be found to be unconstitutional, or otherwise contrary to the laws of the State of Mississippi or the United States of America, to the extent that it is reasonably possible to do so, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

6. AUTHORITY. Authority for this Agreement has been granted by the Mississippi Legislature pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §17-13-7, Miss. Code Ann. §37-101-15, Miss. Code Ann. §21-17-1 (8) & (10), and Miss. Code Ann. §21-37-3.

7. DURATION. The Agreement will not become effective until the date it has been approved by the Attorney General's Office and filed with the Secretary of State. The Agreement shall remain in effect until completion of the Plan.

SO EXECUTED AND AGREED, THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
D. Lynn Spruill, Mayor

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MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

By: _____
Dr. Mark Keenum, President

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

2. **UM – APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI**

The University of Mississippi requests approval to enter into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Lafayette County, Mississippi and the City of Oxford, Mississippi for the purpose of establishing a protocol for and defining the respective responsibilities and obligations of the Parties with respect to their joint and cooperative efforts to provide law enforcement within 500 feet of the property owned by the University.

Pursuant to Mississippi statute and Mississippi Attorney General policy, interlocal agreements are submitted to the Mississippi Attorney General for final review and approval after the governing body of each party approves the agreement.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
AND
LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

This INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is executed by and between THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI (“University”), OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI (“City”) and LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (“County”) and is effective as of the ___ day of _____, 202_.

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the County and City are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated §17-13-7, and the County and City may independently exercise the power, authority and responsibility to engage in the functions and perform the services outlined below; and

Whereas, the University is authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated §37-105-3 to perform those functions or services contemplated by this Agreement; and

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Whereas, the County, City, and the University (“the Parties”) desire to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the purpose of specifying the individual and joint duties of the Parties to enforce the law within 500 feet of any property owned by the University; and

Whereas, the Parties desire to work in coordination and cooperation with each other in a government-to-government relationship for their mutual benefit;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and premises set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

I. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Interlocal Agreement is to establish a protocol for and define the respective responsibilities and obligations of the Parties with respect to their joint and cooperative efforts to provide law enforcement within 500 feet of the property owned by the University.

II. ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES.

A. A separate entity or administrative body is not created under this Cooperative Agreement.

B. The City hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

1. To defer primary law enforcement responsibility to the University on all property physically owned and controlled by the University; and
2. To have primary law enforcement responsibility on all property physically located in the City limits within 500 feet of the property owned and controlled by the University.

C. The County hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

1. To defer primary law enforcement responsibility to the University on all property physically owned and controlled by the University; and
2. To have primary law enforcement responsibility on all property located outside the City limits, but within the County, and within 500 feet of the property owned and controlled by the University.

D. The University hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

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1. To defer primary law enforcement responsibility to the City on all property physically located within 500 feet of property owned and controlled by the University that is located within the City limits; and
2. To defer primary law enforcement responsibility to the County on all property physically located within 500 feet of the property owned and controlled by the University that is located outside of the City limits but within Lafayette County; and
3. To have secondary law enforcement responsibility for the purpose of providing assistance to the County and City within 500 feet of the property owned and controlled by the University; and
4. To control traffic on streets in conjunction with the City and/or the County before and after special events; and
5. To have concurrent primary jurisdiction on roads and streets within 500 feet of University Property within the County; and
6. To develop a map to provide to the County and City showing all University Property within the City and County and all property within 500 feet of such University property.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION.

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated §17-13-11, this Interlocal Agreement will not become effective until it has been approved by the Attorney General's Office and has been filed with the Chancery Clerk and the Secretary of State. This agreement will remain in effect until amended or terminated by the parties.

IV. AMENDMENTS & TERMINATION.

This Interlocal Agreement may only be amended in writing as mutually agreed upon by the Parties. This Interlocal Agreement may be terminated by any Party with 60-days written notice to the other Parties.

V. SEVERABILITY.

Should any provisions of this Agreement be found to be unconstitutional, or otherwise be contrary to the laws of the State of Mississippi or the United States of America, to the extent that it is reasonably possible to do so, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

VI. AUTHORITY.

Authority for this Agreement has been granted by the Mississippi State Legislature pursuant to §17-13-7 and §37-105-3 of the Mississippi Code.

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SO EXECUTED AND AGREED THIS _____ day of _____, 202__.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
Glenn Boyce, Chancellor

CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
Robyn Tannehill, Mayor

LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
Mike Roberts, President, Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Joey East, Lafayette County Sheriff

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

3. **UMMC - APPROVAL TO SETTLE TORT CLAIM**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking Board approval for settlement of tort claim number 3524.

4. **UMMC - APPROVAL TO SETTLE TORT CLAIM**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is seeking Board approval for settlement of tort claim number 3471.

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1. **MSU – INTENT TO OFFER EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAMS 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 Mississippi State University submits the intent to offer already approved degree programs by distance learning to the Board for information.

A. Degree program title: **Master of Science (MS) in Educational Psychology with a Concentration in General Educational Psychology**

Total credit hours: 35

CIP Code, Sequence: 42.2806, 4093

Cost to offer by distance learning: \$12,000

Effective date: August 2024

B. Degree program title: **Master of Science (MS) in Special Education**

Total credit hours: 33

CIP Code, Sequence: 13,1001, 4095

Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0

Effective date: August 2024

2. **SYSTEM – INTENT TO OFFER CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

A. **ASU – Certificate program title: Early Childhood Education**

Responsible academic unit: School of Education and Psychology

Level: pre-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 12

CIP code: 13.1210

Effective date: August 2024

Program summary: The purpose of this certificate program is to equip individuals with the necessary knowledge and skills to embark on a new career in early childhood education. This program provides a certificate option that emphasizes childcare, educational support, and the management of childcare programs within diverse private facilities.

B. **MSU – Certificate program title: Global Affairs and Leadership**

Responsible academic unit: Provost’s Office

Level: post-baccalaureate

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Total credit hours: 12

CIP code: 1.0301

Effective date: August 2024

Program summary: The purpose of this certificate program is to provide an option for interested individuals to develop and enhance their leadership skills both nationally and globally.

C. **MSU – Certificate program title: World Language Teaching**

Responsible academic unit: Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Level: post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 15

CIP code: 16.9999

Effective date: August 2024

Program summary: The purpose of this certificate program is to provide an option for K-12 in-service educators to learn more about teaching a world language other than English and to apply new knowledge by interacting directly with Mississippi’s K-12 schools.

D. **MSU – Certificate program title: School Psychology**

Responsible academic unit: College of Education

Level: post-master’s

Total credit hours: 36

CIP code: 42.2805

Effective date: August 2024

Program summary: This certificate program is designed as a professional re-training for working professionals in various fields (i.e., psychometry, special education, and school counseling) to pursue alternate and advanced training in school psychology. The certificate program will allow currently employed individuals to be eligible for an advanced and supplemental endorsement (AAA 451 School Psychologist) from the State Board of Education of Mississippi. Also, this certification will allow these individuals to expand mental health services provided in local school districts; thus, addressing the concerns of school safety, social and emotional learning, and early identification of students with academic, behavior, and emotional difficulties.

3. **SYSTEM – ANNUAL REPORT ON POST-TENURE REVIEW**

Board Policy 403.0103: Post-Tenure Review states: “*Each institution shall prepare an annual report of post-tenure reviews. The report shall be in a format specified by the Commissioner and shall be submitted to the Board by August 1 for the preceding academic year.*”

In accordance with Board policy, the post-tenure review report is presented to the Board for information. In 2023–2024, 95% of full-time faculty received an annual evaluation. Thirty-

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two (32) faculty were triggered for a post-tenure review. Three (3) faculty are participating in a faculty development plan.

Number of Full-time Faculty	Number of Full-time Faculty Evaluated	Number of Tenured Faculty	Number of Tenured Faculty Triggering Post Tenure Review Process	Maximum Length of Faculty Development Plan	Number of Tenured Faculty in Faculty Development Plan	Number of Tenured Faculty Completing Development Plan		Tenured Faculty Separated from Employment as a Result of the Post Tenure Review Process
						Successful	Unsuccessful	
Alcorn State University								
119	111	51	0	3 years	0	0	0	0
Delta State University								
122	121	56	0	3 years	0	0	0	0
Jackson State University								
288	283	166	1	2 years	0	0	1	0
Mississippi State University								
1,106	1,087	500	26	3 years	0	0	0	0
Mississippi University for Women								
155	144	62	0	3 years	0	0	0	0
Mississippi Valley State University								
91	91	35	5	2 years	0	0	0	0
University of Mississippi								
990	879	429	0	3 years	0	0	0	0
University of Mississippi Medical Center								
915	873	168	0	1 year	0	0	0	0
University of Southern Mississippi								
668	646	323	0	2 years	3	0	0	0
System Totals								
4,454	4,235	1,790	32	1-3 years	3	0	1	0

DSU – College of Business Administration - one (1) faculty member had a one-year contract and evaluation was not required by HR Dept.

JSU – Criminal Justice & Sociology - one (1) faculty could not access the digital evaluation form and the chair is currently attempting to meet with the faculty to use paper copy; English and Foreign Languages - one (1) tenured faculty was on medical

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leave for the majority of the academic year; Public Policy and Administration - three (3) faculty, one of which is now retired, did not submit self-evaluations to begin the evaluation process after multiple attempts. Chair is attempting to contact them for evaluation.

UM – Accountancy – two (2) faculty members resigned; Applied Sciences- one (1) faculty member retired, one (1) faculty member was new hire; Engineering – one (1) retiree working temporarily, two (2) retired, two (2) serving interim leadership outside of Engineering; Journalism – one (1) retiree, one (1) administrator undergoing quadrennial review; Liberal Arts – five (5) retired, three (3) departures, three (3) Honors College, four (4) Provost Office; Libraries – three (3) administrators undergo quadrennial review.

UMMC – Forty (40) faculty members hired or promoted to faculty on or after February 1, 2024, so not included in the annual review process for 2024.

USM – This year’s review numbers represent the full transition from the academic year review cycle to the calendar year review cycle. The latest annual evaluation included the 2022 calendar year and the fall 2023 semester. The next annual evaluation will cover only the 2024 calendar year. College of Arts & Sciences had ten (10) faculty leave the institution, one (1) faculty retired, and four (4) new hires outside of the annual evaluation period. College of Business and Economic Development had one (1) faculty leave the institution and one (1) faculty retired this review cycle. College of Education and Human Sciences had three (3) faculty leave the institution this review cycle. College of Nursing and Health Professions had one (1) faculty leave the institution this review cycle and one (1) new hire outside of the annual evaluation period. Per USM Faculty Handbook 4.7.1, Post-Tenure Review “is initiated when faculty do not meet expectations in any one category for four consecutive years or in two or more categories for two consecutive years.”

4. SYSTEM – ANNUAL REPORT ON FACULTY TENURE

In 2018–2019, IHL institutions hired 163 tenure-track faculty members. As of the 2023–2024 academic year, 39.26% were awarded tenure from the 2018–2019 cohort.

Institution	Number Hired (2018-2019)	Number Applied for Tenure	Number Awarded Tenure	Percentage Awarded who Applied for Tenure	Number of Cohort Received Tenure	Percentage of Cohort Awarded Tenure
Alcorn State University	21*	3	2	67%	4	19%
Delta State University	13	2	2	100%	2	15%
Jackson State University	3	3	3	100%	2	100%
Mississippi State University	48	30	30	100%	27	50.25%
Mississippi University for Women	10	5	5	100%	5	100%
Mississippi Valley State University	3	1	1	100%	1	100%
University of Mississippi	35	23	22	96%	9	26%
University of MS Medical Center	14	10	10	100%	1	7%
University of Southern Mississippi	16	18	18	100%	13	81.25%
**System Totals	163	95	93	97.89%	64	39.26%

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ASU – Two (2) faculty in this cohort were hired with tenure. They are not counted in the number applied/awarded tenure, but they are counted in the cohort totals.

DSU – One (1) faculty hired in 2018-19 with two-years credit

JSU – One (1) faculty member hired in 2020 and requested to apply for tenure early; One (1) faculty member was granted a one-year extension.

MSU – Two (2) faculty resigned before applying for tenure and one (1) has received an extension to apply in fall 2024. One (1) faculty hired in the cohort year left before tenure, and one (1) faculty member from a previous cohort received an extension due to Covid.

UM – Number that applied for tenure includes everyone who applied in the last academic year – those in the cohort and others who came up for tenure in the reporting year.

USM – One (1) covid extension, three (3) faculty with one-year credit towards tenure, one (1) faculty with two-years credit toward tenure, and one (1) faculty member with four-years credit towards tenure.

5. SYSTEM – ANNUAL REPORT OF OFF-CAMPUS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Board Policy 201.0507 states: “It is the responsibility of the State Institutions of Higher Learning to serve the citizens of the state with programs and services at on and off-campus locations through distance learning.”

In accordance with Board policy, the annual report of off-campus academic programs is presented to the Board for information.

CIP	Type	Academic Program	Location	Hours
Alcorn State University				
51.3801	ASN	Generic Nursing	15 Campus Drive, Natchez	36
51.3801	ASN	LPN Advanced Placement	15 Campus Drive, Natchez	36
51.3801	BSN	Generic Nursing	15 Campus Drive, Natchez	60
51.3801	BSN	Nursing (RN to BSN)	15 Campus Drive, Natchez /Online	34
51.3899	MSN	Nursing (Nurse Educator)	15 Campus Drive, Natchez /Online	35
51.3899	MSN	Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)	15 Campus Drive, Natchez /Online	49
51.3818	DNP	Nursing Practice	15 Campus Drive, Natchez /Online	36
7 Off-Campus Programs Offered by Alcorn State University				
Jackson State University				
College of Health Sciences				
44.0701	MSW	Social Work	Universities Center	6
51.0203	BS	Communicative Disorders	Jackson Medical Mall	42
51.0201	MS	Communicative Disorders	Jackson Medical Mall	57
51.0201	MS	Communicative Disorders	Universities Center	6
51.0701	BS	Health Care Administration	Jackson Medical Mall	51
51.2201	MPH	Public Health	Jackson Medical Mall	102
51.2201	DPH	Public Health	Jackson Medical Mall	141
56.2201	BS	Public Health	Jackson Medical Mall	12
College of Education and Human Development				
13.0406	PhD	Urban Higher Education	MS e-Center	226
24.0102	BUS	University Studies (C2C)	Universities Center	27

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30.9999	BS	Professional Interdisciplinary Studies	Universities Center	27
College of Liberal Arts				
09.0102	BS	Journalism and Media Studies	MS e-Center	75
09.0102	MS	Journalism and Media Studies (Online)	MS e-Center	6
44.0401	MPPA	Public Policy and Administration	JSU Downtown/101 Building	81
44.0401	PhD	Public Administration	JSU Downtown/101 Building	69
College of Science, Engineering, and Technology				
04.0301	MA	Urban & Regional Planning	JSU Downtown/101 Building	66
04.0301	PhD	Urban & Regional Planning	JSU Downtown/101 Building	69
17 Off-Campus Programs Offered by Jackson State University				
Mississippi State University				
09.0101	BA	Communication	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
13.0101	EdS	Education (Counselor Education)	College Park Campus, Meridian	30
13.0101	EdS	Education (Elementary Education)	College Park Campus, Meridian	30
13.0101	EdS	Education (School Administration)	College Park Campus, Meridian	40
13.0101	EdS	Education (Teacher Leadership)	College Park Campus, Meridian	30
13.0401	MS	Educational Leadership (School Administration)	College Park Campus, Meridian	33
13.0401	MS	Educational Leadership (Teacher Leadership)	College Park Campus, Meridian	30
13.0407	MAT	Community College Instruction	College Park Campus, Meridian	30
13.1101	MS	Counselor Education (School Counseling)	College Park Campus, Meridian	60
13.1101	MS	Counselor Education (Clinical Mental Health)	College Park Campus, Meridian	60
13.1202	BS	Elementary Ed. (Early Childhood; Middle School)	College Park Campus, Meridian	63
13.1202	MS	Elementary Education	College Park Campus, Meridian	33
13.1203	MAT-ML	Middle Grades Education (Alternate.Route)	College Park Campus, Meridian	36
13.1205	MAT- S	Secondary Teacher Education (Alternate.Route)	College Park Campus, Meridian	33
23.0101	BA	English	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
24.0101	BA	General Liberal Arts	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
30.9999	BS	Interdisciplinary Studies	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
42.0101	BA	Psychology	College Park Campus, Meridian	60
44.0701	BSW	Social Work	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
45.0401	BA	Criminology	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
51.0701	BAT	Applied Technology (Event and Hospitality Services)	College Park Campus, Meridian	60
51.0701	BAT	Applied Technology (Healthcare Services)	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
54.0101	BA	History	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
52.0201	BBA	Business Administration	Riley Campus, Meridian	62
51.0912	MPAS	Physician Assistant Studies	Riley Campus, Meridian	108
14.1001	BS	Electrical Engineering	Gulf Coast Campus, Gautier	65
14.3501	BS	Industrial Engineering	Gulf Coast Campus, Gautier	65
14.1901	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Gulf Coast Campus, Gautier	64
04.0201	BArch	Architecture (fifth year)	Jackson Center, Jackson	30

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04.0201	MS	Graduate Certificate	Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, Gulfport	18
01.8001	DVM	Veterinary Medicine	Veterinary Specialty Center, Starkville	4
01.8001	DVM	Veterinary Medicine	Institute for Marine Mammal Studies, Gulfport	14
01.8001	DVM	Veterinary Medicine	Aquatic Laboratory, Stoneville	14
32 Off-Campus Programs Offered by Mississippi State University				
Mississippi University for Women				
51.3801	BSN	RN to BSN Advanced Placement Option	Tupelo, MS	45
51.3801	BSN	Nursing Electives	Tupelo, MS	18
2 Off-Campus Programs Offered by Mississippi University for Women				
Mississippi Valley State University				
11.0101	BS	Computer Science	Bolivar County Regional Correctional Facility	24
15.0612	BS	Engineering Technology	Bolivar County Regional Correctional Facility	24
52.0201	BS	Business Administration	Bolivar County Regional Correctional Facility	24
11.0101	BS	Computer Science	Delta Correctional Facility	12
15.0612	BS	Engineering Technology	Delta Correctional Facility	12
52.0201	BS	Business Administration	Delta Correctional Facility	12
6 Off-Campus Programs Offered by Mississippi Valley State University				
University of Mississippi				
09.0401	BAJ	Journalism (emphasis in Integrated Marketing Communication)	Tupelo	62
13.1101	MEd	Counselor Education (Community Counseling)	Tupelo	60
13.1101	MEd	Counselor Education (School Counseling)	Tupelo	48
22.0000	BSLS	Law Studies	Tupelo	60
42.0101	BA	Psychology	Tupelo	60
44.0701	BSW	Social Work	Tupelo	60
52.1201	BBA	Management Information Systems	Tupelo	60
52.0301	BAccy	Accountancy	Tupelo	60
13.0401	MEd	Educational Leadership (K-12)	Tupelo and Booneville	30
13.0401	EdS	Educational Leadership (K-12 Administration)	Tupelo and Booneville	30
13.1202	BAEd	Elementary Education	Tupelo and Booneville	62
24.0102	BUS	University Studies (C2C)	Tupelo and Booneville	30
30.0000	BA	Interdisciplinary Studies	Tupelo and Booneville	60
30.0000	BMdS	Multi-Disciplinary Studies	Tupelo and Booneville	60
43.0103	BSCJ	Criminal Justice	Tupelo and Booneville	60
51.0000	BA	Allied Health Studies	Tupelo and Booneville	60
51.0201	BS	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Tupelo and Booneville	62
52.0201	BBA	General Business	Tupelo and Booneville	60
52.0201	BBA	Management	Tupelo and Booneville	60
52.0801	BBA	Finance	Tupelo and Booneville	60

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52.1401	BBA	Marketing	Tupelo and Booneville	60
09.0401	BAJ	Journalism (emphasis in Integrated Marketing Communication)	Southaven	62
13.0401	MEd	Educational Leadership (K-12 Administration)	Southaven	30
13.0401	EdS	Educational Leadership (K-12 Administration)	Southaven	30
13.1202	BAEd	Elementary Education	Southaven	62
22.0000	BSLS	Law Studies	Southaven	60
24.0102	BUS	University Studies	Southaven	30
30.0000	BA	Interdisciplinary Studies	Southaven	60
30.0000	BMdS	Multi-Disciplinary Studies	Southaven	60
42.0101	BA	Psychology	Southaven	60
43.0103	BSCJ	Criminal Justice	Southaven	60
43.0103	MCJ	Criminal Justice	Southaven	30
44.0701	BSW	Social Work	Southaven	60
51.0000	BA	Allied Health Studies	Southaven	60
51.0201	BS	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Southaven	62
52.0201	BBA	General Business	Southaven	60
52.0201	BBA	Management	Southaven	60
52.1201	BBA	Management Information Systems	Southaven	60
52.0301	BAccy	Accountancy	Southaven	60
52.0801	BBA	Finance	Southaven	60
52.1499	BBA	Marketing	Southaven	60
13.0401	MEd	Educational Leadership (K-12 Administration)	Grenada	30
13.0401	EdS	Educational Leadership (K-12 Administration)	Grenada	30
13.1202	BAEd	Elementary Education	Grenada	61
24.0102	BUS	University Studies (C2C)	Grenada	30
30.0000	BMdS	Multi-Disciplinary Studies	Grenada	60
43.0103	BSCJ	Criminal Justice	Grenada	60
51.0000	BA	Allied Health Studies	Grenada	60
51.0201	BS	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Grenada	62
52.0201	BBA	General Business	Grenada	60
13.1202	BAEd	Elementary Education	Rankin	62
64 Off-Campus Programs Offered by University of Mississippi				
University of Mississippi Medical Center				
51.3801	BSN	Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Oxford, MS	48
51.3801	BSN	Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Oxford, MS	62
1 Off-Campus Program Offered by University of Mississippi Medical Center				
University of Southern Mississippi				
11.0101	BS	Computer Science	Gulf Park	62
11.0101	MS	Computer Science	Gulf Park	1
11.0301	BS	Informational Technology	Gulf Park	12
11.1003	BAS	Cybersecurity	Gulf Park	11

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13.0501	PhD	Instructional Technology and Design	Gulf Park	2
13.1202	BS	Elementary Education	Gulf Park	78
13.1316	MS	STEM Education	Gulf Park	4
13.1316	PhD	STEM Education	Gulf Park	1
14.2401	BS	Ocean Engineering	Gulf Park	117
15.0101	BS	Architectural Engineering Technology	Gulf Park	10
15.0612	BS	Industrial Engineering Technology	Gulf Park	24
16.0101	BA	World Languages	Gulf Park	15
23.0101	BA	English	Gulf Park	76
24.0101	BLS	Liberal Studies	Gulf Park	21
24.0102	BUS	University Studies (C2C)	Gulf Park	3
26.0101	BS	Biological Sciences	Gulf Park	152
26.0101	MS	Biological Sciences	Gulf Park	1
26.1302	BS	Marine Biology	Gulf Park	175
26.1302	MS	Coastal Sciences	Gulf Park	8
26.1302	PhD	Coastal Sciences	Gulf Park	9
27.0101	BS	Mathematics	Gulf Park	68
30.3301	BS	Sustainability Sciences (Coastal System Dynamics)	Gulf Park	26
30.9999	BIS	Interdisciplinary Studies	Gulf Park	9
31.0501	BS	Sport Coaching	Gulf Park	6
31.0505	BS	Kinesiology	Gulf Park	7
40.0607	MS	Hydrographic Science	Gulf Park	1
40.0607	BS	Marine Science	Gulf Park	127
40.0607	MS	Marine Science	Gulf Park	1
40.0607	PhD	Marine Science	Gulf Park	2
42.0101	BS	Psychology	Gulf Park	109
42.0101	PhD	Psychology	Gulf Park	3
43.0104	BA	Criminal Justice	Gulf Park	131
43.0406	BS	Forensics	Gulf Park	11
44.0701	BSW	Social Work	Gulf Park	80
44.0701	MSW	Social Work	Gulf Park	62
45.0603	BS	Applied Economics	Gulf Park	6
45.0604	PhD	International Development	Gulf Park	2
45.0701	BS	Geography	Gulf Park	26
45.0701	MS	Geography	Gulf Park	12
45.1001	BA	Political Science	Gulf Park	46
45.1001	BS	Political Science	Gulf Park	72
45.1001	MA	Political Science	Gulf Park	3
45.1101	BS	Sociology	Gulf Park	7
50.0702	BA	Art	Gulf Park	3
50.0706	BA	Media and Entertainment Arts	Gulf Park	70
50.1003	BA	Entertainment Industry	Gulf Park	21
51.1005	BS	Medical Laboratory Science	Gulf Park	4
51.2309	BS	Recreational Therapy	Gulf Park	4
51.3801	BSN	Nursing	Gulf Park	38
51.9999	BS	Health Sciences	Gulf Park	60
52.0201	BSBA	Business Administration	Gulf Park	49
52.0201	BSBA	Management	Gulf Park	6

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52.0801	BSBA	Finance	Gulf Park	3
52.0301	BSBA	Accounting	Gulf Park	34
52.1001	BSBA	Human Resources Management	Gulf Park	6
52.1005	MS	Human Capital Development	Gulf Park	3
52.1005	PhD	Human Capital Development	Gulf Park	16
52.1401	BSBA	Marketing	Gulf Park	29
52.2001	BS	Construction Management	Gulf Park	7
54.0101	BA	History	Gulf Park	79
26.0101	BS	Biological Sciences	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	1
26.0101	MS	Biological Sciences	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	2
26.1302	MS	Coastal Sciences	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	32
26.1302	PhD	Coastal Sciences	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	15
26.1302	BS	Marine Biology	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	36
40.0607	BS	Marine Science	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	2
40.0607	MS	Marine Science	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	5
29.0306	CP18	Uncrewed Maritime Systems (UG)	Marine Research Center	10
40.0501	PhD	Chemistry	Stennis Center	3
40.0601	MS	Geology	Stennis Center	3
40.0607	MS	Hydrographic Science	Stennis Center	36
40.0607	BS	Marine Science	Stennis Center	2
40.0607	MS	Marine Science	Stennis Center	4
40.0607	PhD	Marine Science	Stennis Center	37
74 Off-Campus Programs Offered by University of Southern Mississippi				
A Total of 203 Off-Campus Programs Offered by the System				

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

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INFORMATION ITEM
FINANCE
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**1. SYSTEM– MISSISSIPPI INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH ELLUCIAN**

Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (MS-ITS) is acting as contracting agent for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) and is entering into an amendment with Ellucian Company, L.P. This amendment is for an additional one year of Advantage (formerly Bronze) Level maintenance services for the Banner software not to exceed an additional \$53,462. The total estimated contract cost with this amendment is \$630,140.52.

**2. SYSTEM– MISSISSIPPI INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH INTERNET2**

The following document represents the approval of MS-ITS for the continued use of Internet2's connector site in Jackson, Mississippi for the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) and four research institutions in the state. Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, including the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and the University of Southern Mississippi use the high bandwidth optical network to share research material and data with other member universities and research institutions in the networking consortium. The Attorney General's staff assigned to the MS-ITS reviewed the agreement prior to execution. The Agreement is between Internet2 and MS-ITS on behalf of the IHL.

See Exhibit #PENDING.

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**SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE
JUNE 20, 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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ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

1. ASU-GS 101-324 – CAMPUS LIGHTLING AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

Approval Request #1: Rebid

Board staff approved Rebid as submitted by Schultz & Wynne, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 26, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Schultz & Wynne, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,250,000.00

2. ASU -GS 101-338 – ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE WATER TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION

Approval Request #1 (INTERIM): In accordance with Board Policy §904 (B) Board Approval, *Interim Chair Approval* was granted by Mr. Greg Rader, Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee on July 15, 2024, to approve the budget increase from \$7,075,000.00 to \$8,172,204.45 for an increase of \$1,097,204.45 for the ARPA Infrastructure Water Transmission and Distribution project.

Interim Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 15, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Pickering, Inc.

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$8,172,204.45

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JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

3. JSU-GS 108-308 – DINING HALL EXPANSION

Approval request #1: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Durrell Design Group.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 25, 2024

Project Initiation Date: April 21, 2022

Design Professional: Durrell Design Group

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$12,500,000.00

4. JSU- GS 103-319 (PH1) RESIDENCE HALL RENOVATIONS (MCALISTER WHITESIDE) – IT BLDG.

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Foil Wyatt Architects and Planners, PLLC

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 25, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 25, 2024

Project Initiation Date: October 19, 2023

Design Professional: Foil Wyatt Architects and Planners, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$448,216.42

Total Project Budget: \$20,089,500.00

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5. JSU- GS 103-319 (PHI1) RESIDENCE HALL RENOVATIONS (MCALISTER WHITESIDE) – INTERIOR DEMO

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Foil Wyatt Architects and Planners, PLLC

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 25, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 25, 2024

Project Initiation Date: October 19, 2023

Design Professional: Foil Wyatt Architects and Planners, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$1,293,208.25

Total Project Budget: \$20,089,500.00

6. JSU- GS 103-331(B) UNIVERSITY PLACE IMPROVEMENTS

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Engineering Resource Group (ERG)

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 25, 2024

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group

General Contractor: Alliant Construction

Phased Project Budget: \$3,344,994.73

Total Project Budget: \$3,500,000.00

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MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

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

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of 1,638,000.00 to the apparent low bidder H&H Construction and Excavating, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 3, 2024

Project Initiation Date: February 16, 2023

Design Professional: Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

General Contractor: H&H Construction and Excavating, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$1,900,000.00

8. MSU-IHL 205-326 – ROSENBAUM HEALTH SCIENCES RENOVATION-3RD FLOOR SIMULATION LABORATORY

Approval Request #1: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the credit amount of \$45,554.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Mid State Construction of MS LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 21, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: provided additional wood blocking, tv boxes, conduit, power, framing and sheet rock patching; deleted upper cabinet; and credit for switchgear.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$148,661.00.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: LPK Architects

General Contractor: Mid State Construction of MS LLC.

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Total Project Budget: \$4,250,000.00

9. MSU-IHL 205-328A – NEW RESIDENCE HALL SITE AND FOUNDATION

Approval Request #1: Change Order #4

Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$298,193.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Roy Anderson Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 16, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: revised the storm drainage piping; demolished and removed concrete structures encountered underground and backfilled; revised the location for a junction box corrected storm drainage piping between boxes to include new piping work south of a junction box to connect the new storm drainage system to the existing campus storm drain.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of \$546,629.00.

Project Initiation Date: October 25, 2022

Design Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture

General Contractor: Roy Anderson Corporation

Phase Project Budget: \$5,600,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$103,500,000.00

10. MSU-IHL 205-328B – AZALEA HALL

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the credit amount of \$333,175.00 and twenty-one (21) additional days to the contract of Roy Anderson Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 26, 2024

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Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: electrical battery inverter modification done; modified the limestone headers on the first floor; deduct for HVAC controls allowance reconciliation; additional insurance premium cost for increasing the New residence Hall – Building package; changed the floor box cover color; coordination and revision of the flat strapping being used on the project; credit for the maroon market allowance; added limestone changes; added steel support for the installation of movable partitions in the dining commons area; changes made to the electrical study panel; added a quazite pullbox and two spare 4” conduit for future use; and twenty-one (21) days to the contract.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total credit amount of \$333,175.00.

Project Initiation Date: October 25, 2022

Design Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture

General Contractor: Roy Anderson Corporation

Phase Project Budget: \$89,802,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$103,500,000.00

11. MSU-IHL 205-329 – SANDERSON CENTER RENOATIONS AND REPAIRS

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$6,215.75 and seven (7) additional days to the contract of Ethos Contracting Group, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 24, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: added a sprinkler head beneath the new stairs; removed existing wood flooring at the bouldering cave; added concrete infill, and material and installation LVT for the surrounding floor area; and seven (7) days to the contract.

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

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$6,215.75.

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: WBA Architects

General Contractor: Ethos Contracting Group, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$2,500,000.00

12. MSU-IHL 205-334 RCU RENOVATIONS

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$6,238.75 and ten (10) additional days to the contract of Ethos Contracting Group, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 6, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: removed existing kitchen and janitor closet door and installed two (2) barn sliding doors; installed K-60 floor leveler for area phase A only; removed exposed catwalk sections; modified an existing fire riser door to change from an inswing door to an outswing door; installed a new frame and new slab.

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

Approval Request #2: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$89,130.81 and thirty (30) additional days to the contract of Ethos Contracting Group, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 3, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: demolished the existing restroom fixtures and finished and provided new fixtures and finishes; demolished the existing loading dock, electrical items; painted, replaced or repaired the existing door slabs and installed new door hardware at the doors to receive the new flus wood doors; removed mold and patched the paint-affected areas; installed data and receptacle outlets in the conference room and patched the drywall as needed; and thirty (30) days to the contract.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two change orders for a total amount of \$95,369.56.

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

Design Professional: MP Design Group

General Contractor: Ethos Contracting Group, LLC.

Total Project Budget: \$2,000,000.00

13. MSU- IHL 205-336 – SOUTH CAMPUS MECHANICAL PLANT – PKGS. B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$27,023,155.00 to the apparent low bidders.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 16, 2024

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: CMA

Total Project Budget: \$35,000,000.00

14. MSU-IHL 205-339– CENTRAL PLANT COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the credit amount of \$168,765.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of McLain Plumbing & electrical Services, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 19, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: a deduct to reconcile energy management and controls system installation.

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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 \$2,582,235.00.

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group, Inc.

General Contractor: McLain Plumbing & Electrical Services, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$7,000,000.00

15. MSU- IHL 205-351 – NEW 13kV DISTRIBUTION BAYS - MSU ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION

Request #1: Contract Documents

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 19, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 19, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023

Design Professional: Atwell & Gent P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,000,000.00

16. MSU- IHL 213-145 – AQUATIC FOOD RESEARCH CENTER

Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by McCarty Architects P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 19, 2024

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Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 19, 2024

Project Initiation Date: November 19, 2020

Design Professional: McCarty Architects P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$7,300,000.00

17. MSU-IHL 213-149 – BEDENBAUGH INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

Approval request #1: Design Development Documents

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 26, 2024

Project Initiation Date: November 16, 2023

Design Professional: Belinda Stewart Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$1,500,000.00

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

Approval Request #1: Change Order #4

Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$553,014.00 and thirty-five (35) additional days to the contract of Anderson Corp, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 8, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: redesigned 2nd & 3rd floor levels and thirty-five (35) days to the contract.

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

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of \$807,970.70.

Project Initiation Date: March 1, 2019

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Anderson Corp, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$65,000,000.00

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

Approval Request #1: Change Order #4

Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$48,653.30 and ten (10) additional days to the contract of West Brothers Construction.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 6, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: increased the branch sizes on the process chilled water piping; finishes changes done; installed upgraded Mullion Mate from series 30 to series 40; credit issued for unused portion of the existing utility line demo allowance.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of \$284,914.66.

Project Initiation Date: October 19, 2020

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: West Brothers Construction

Total Project Budget: \$45,000,000.00

20. MSU-IHL 405-006 – BOST DRIVE EXTENSION FOR CAAD

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$69,985.02 and six (6) additional days to the contract of Byrum Construction, Inc.

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Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 6, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: demolition of existing conduit and existing fiber, and eliminated new fiber run from the soccer pressbox to McArthur Hall and box removal; cut and sodded the ditch downstream to maintain positive drainage; adjusted the design for three (3) inlets; removed electric from an existing fiber pullbox and installed a new quazite box for the lighting controls for the soccer field lighting; bridged up to 300' of roadway due to organic and unstable material; a deduct for removal of the 4" boring, bore pipe, medium voltage cable, and terminations; and six (6) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change order 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: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$69,985.02.

Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022

Design Professional: Neel-Schaffer, Engineers & Planners Inc.

General Contractor: Byrum Construction, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$3,000,000.00

21. MSU- IHL 413-003 – DORMAN HALL RENOVATION

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$23,049,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Codaray Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 19, 2024

Project Initiation Date: February 16, 2023

Design Professional: JH&H Architects

General Contractor: Codaray Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$32,910,000.00

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22. MVSU- GS 106-258 – ACADEMIC SKILLS PH III

Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Architecture South

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 25, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 25, 2024

Project Initiation Date: October 15, 2015

Design Professional: Architecture South

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$8,939,632.82

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

Approval Request #1: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$55,768.60 and eighty-seven (87) additional days to the contract of Richard Womack Construction LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 13, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: installed conduit and a temporary wall with a door at the northeast corner of Chik-Fil-A; removed electrical ductbank; and eighty-seven (87) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to latent job site conditions and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$1,049,720.19.

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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

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**24. UM- IHL 207-473.3 (PH 3) MISC – OLE MISS SOFTBALL COMPLEX
ADDITION & RENOVATION (PKG J)**

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$26,474.55 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Steel Fab, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 27, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: revised steel at ridge beams to add filler tube and plating; added a dropped beam under the concourse beam; added bleacher raker beam attachment plates; and added steel plates at web of concourse beam for attachment of raker beams.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$1,049,720.19.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Steel Fab, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$5,665,658.93

Total Project Budget: \$33,250,000.00

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**25. UM- IHL 207-473.4 STADIUM – OLE MISS SOFTBALL COMPLEX ADDITION
& RENOVATION (PKG U)**

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$7,559.72 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Dant Clayton Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 27, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: deduct aluminum railing at the bleacher stairs at the end walls and add aluminum railing around the top of the dugouts at seating.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$7,559.72.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Dant Clayton Corporation

Phased Project Budget: \$19,447,332.06

Total Project Budget: \$33,250,000.00

**26. UM- IHL 207-473.4 STADIUM – OLE MISS SOFTBALL COMPLEX ADDITION
& RENOVATION (PKG. Z)**

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$878,447.00 to the apparent low bidder Audio Communications Consultants, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 2, 2024

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Audio Communications Consultants, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$19,447,332.06

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Total Project Budget: \$33,250,000.00

27. UM- IHL 207-492.2 – OXFORD UNIVERSITY STADIUM EXPANSION

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,110,760.00 to the apparent low bidder Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 24, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 30, 2023

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

General Contractor: Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC

Phased Project Budget: \$3,180,953.00

Total Project Budget: \$30,000,000.00

**28. UM- IHL 207-497.1 – NEW STUDENT HOUSING - KINCANNON HALL
DEMOLITION**

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$127,253.26 and forty-two (42) additional days to the contract of EAI.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 25, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: deduct for amount university-performed repairs at the damaged chilled water line; additional work for utility disconnects; cost for equipment & extended superintendent costs during delays caused by added utility work; owner requested additional security and escort vehicle; and forty-two (42) days to the contract.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$127,253.26.

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Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023
Design Professional: McCarty Architects
General Contractor: EAI
Phased Project Budget: \$2,104,748.68
Total Project Budget: \$165,000,000.00

29. UM- IHL 207-503 – BREVARD HALL ENVELOPE CORRECTIONS PH II

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$462,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Century Construction Group, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 13, 2024

Project Initiation Date: March 23, 2023
Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: Century Construction Group, Inc.
Phased Project Budget: \$678,141.05
Total Project Budget: \$2,500,000.00

30. UM- IHL 207-506 – SHOEMAKER HVAC REPLACEMENT

Approval Request #1: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Corbett Legge & associates, PLLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 12, 2024

Approval request #2: Waiver of Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Waiver of Design Development Documents

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 12, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023
Design Professional: Corbett Legge & Associates, PLLC
General Contractor: TBD

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Total Project Budget: \$1,500,000.00

31. UM- IHL 207-510 – SOC FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$2,281,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Advance Electric Co., Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 26, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 18, 2024

Design Professional: Corbett Legge & Associates, PLLC

General Contractor: Advance Electric Co., Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$2,600,000.00

32. UM- IHL 207-511 – BROWN HALL HVAC RENOVATION

Approval Request #1 (INTERIM): In accordance with Board Policy §904 (B) Board Approval, *Interim Chair Approval* was granted by Mr. Greg Rader, Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee on June 18, 2024, to approve the budget increase from \$1,042,690.72 to \$1,702,167.00 for an increase of \$659,476.28 for the Brown Hall HVAC Renovation project

Interim Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 18, 2024

Approval Request #2: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,409,450.00 to the apparent low bidder Martin & White Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 12, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 18, 2024

Design Professional: Corbett Legge & Associates, PLLC

General Contractor: Martin & White Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$1,702,167.00

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

Approval Request #1: Change Order #10

Board staff approved Change Order #10 in the amount of \$326,374.90 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 24, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #10 includes the following: additional support to the design structural attachment of the handrail; vents added in the biology storage cabinets; additional student tables were added in a room along with additional power; redesigned the canopy hood for the autoclave; provided sensors for flow measurements; and additional sleeves added for routing cable.

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: Ten (10) change orders for a total amount of \$3,452,743.36..

Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023

Design Professional: McCarty Architects

General Contractor: W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company

Phased Project Budget: \$153,356,476.95

Total Project Budget: \$175,200,000.00

34. UM- IHL 407-001.2 – CSTI FAULKNER MEMORIAL GARDEN

Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by McCarty Architects

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 19, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

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Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 19, 2024

Project Initiation Date: January 16, 2012
Design Professional: McCarty Architects
General Contractor: TBD
Phased Project Budget: \$5,100,000.00
Total Project Budget: \$175,200,000.00

35. UM- IHL 407-010 – FASER HALL LAB 453 & 454 RENOVATIONS

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$1,228.65 and one (1) additional days to the contract of Barnes & Brower, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 17, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: added an additional 208v circuit for a humidifier; and one (1) day to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; and a day for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$6,264.45.

Project Initiation Date: January 19, 2023
Design Professional: McCarty Architects
General Contractor: Barnes & Brower, Inc.
Total Project Budget: \$1,000,000.00

**36. UM- IHL 407-008.1 – NWMP (ELECT. PH II) – 13 kV ELECT. DIST. IMP. PART
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Request #1: Contract Documents

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 27, 2024

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Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 27, 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

37. UM- IHL 407-009 – BREVARD HALL 2ND FLOOR LABS

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$38,341.69 and eleven (11) additional days to the contract of K.T. Builder.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 8, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: revised the electrical work; storage fees for storing casework; and eleven (11) 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 \$391,080.06.

Project Initiation Date: January 19, 2023

Design Professional: McCarty Architects

General Contractor: K.T. Builder

Total Project Budget: \$2,943,296.00

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

Approval Request #1: Change Order #4

Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$180,804.51 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Codaray Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, May 29, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: removed concrete in a crawlspace; added three (3) inground pull boxes to the communications line coming into the building; added one (1) pull box for the primary power; removed unstable dirt and replaced to a depth of 3-5 feet; credit for 1” conduit that my interface with the cable tray form the top in lieu of the side; and added length of drilled pilings to reach stable soil.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of \$292,964.81.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

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

General Contractor: Codaray Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$105,910,527.00

39. UMMC- IHL 209-580A – RENOVATION FOR ADOLESCENT PSYCH – ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$43,935.47 and eight (8) additional days to the contract of Diversified Construction Services.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 18, 2024

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Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: demolished the existing controls components and installed the new HVAC controls components; and eight (8) days to the contract.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$43,935.47.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 16, 2024

Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

Design Professional: JH&H

General Contractor: Diversified Construction Services

Phased Project Budget: \$2,170,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$8,500,000.00

40. UMMC- IHL 409-008 – ROOF REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS FY24

Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 25, 2024

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, July 25, 2024

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

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

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,250,000.00

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41. USM – GS 108-308 – REED GREEN COLISEUM ROOF REPLACEMENT

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$85,680.00 and forty-five (45) additional days to the contract of Roofing Solutions, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, June 11, 2024

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: installed 115-mil TPO FB(fleeced-backed) instead of 60-mil TPO; the new cope includes a mechanically fastened cover board and a fully adhered TPO roof membrane with applied TPO batten strips; and forty-five (45) days to the contract.

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: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$85,680.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

Design Professional: WBA Architecture, PLLC

General Contractor: Roofing Solutions, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$3,500,000.00

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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 6/3/24 and 6/3/24) from the funds of Alcorn State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$100.00 and \$3,610.00, represent services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,710.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 6/3/24, 6/3/24, 6/30/24 and 7/1/24) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,460.00, \$32.22, \$2,805.00 and \$3,460.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 9,757.22

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, PLLC (statements dated 6/14/24 and 7/23/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,137.50 and \$350.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,487.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush (statements dated 12/19/23, 6/10/24, 6/10/24, 7/23/24, 7/23/24 and 7/23/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$460.00, \$6,625.00, \$161.00, \$5,099.00, \$483.00 and \$345.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 13,173.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar, LLP (statements dated 5/10/24 and 6/13/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$8,407.50 and \$153.18, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,560.68

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statement dated 7/1/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of

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\$559.00, represents services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 559.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Barnes & Thornburg, LLP (statement dated 7/18/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$157.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 157.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini (statement dated 6/19/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$162.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 162.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 6/17/24, 6/17/24, 6/17/24, 7/22/24, 7/22/24, 7/22/24 and 7/22/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$416.00, \$2,240.00, \$5,728.00, \$1,216.00, \$160.00, \$2,880.00 and \$224.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 12,864.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statements dated 6/17/24 and 7/12/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$26,790.69 and \$8,789.00, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 35,579.69

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 6/5/24, 6/5/24 and 7/8/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$51.00, \$2,150.00 and \$500.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,701.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 5/15/24, 6/3/24, 6/3/24, 7/1/24 and 7/1/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,500.00, \$75.36, \$541.00, \$2,500.00 and \$715.00,

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respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,331.36

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Alexander Law, P.A. (statements dated 2/8/24, 3/6/24 and 4/5/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,428.00, \$289.00 and \$1,088.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,805.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 7/13/23, 2/23/24, 2/23/24, 3/19/24, 4/2/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 5/15/24, 5/30/24, 5/30/24, 5/30/24, 5/30/24, 5/30/24, 5/30/24, 5/30/24, 5/30/24, 6/21/24 and 6/21/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,304.00, \$17,356.60, \$38,703.50, \$33,700.00, \$1,089.40, \$6,598.40, \$312.00, \$1,612.50, \$6,697.20, \$960.80, \$983.25, \$207.50, \$620.00, \$2,657.25, \$61,223.27, \$4,544.00, \$704.00, \$128.00, \$4,083.20, \$1,046.60, \$236.00, \$4,262.95, \$195.00, \$1,792.00, \$22,956.40, \$7,818.80, \$17,861.70 and \$15,060.30, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 256,714.62

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Currie Johnson & Myers, P.A. (statements dated 4/18/24, 4/25/24, 4/25/24 and 5/20/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$11,997.77, \$14,097.65, \$1,221.00 and \$2,309.79, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 29,626.21

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Foreman, Watkins & Krutz, LLP (statement dated 5/1/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,234.50, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,234.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Gore, Kilpatrick & Dambrino, PLLC (statements dated 4/25/24, 4/25/24, 5/28/24 and 5/28/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$240.00, \$66.00, \$580.00 and \$66.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

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TOTAL DUE.....\$ 952.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hogan Lovells, US, LLP (statements dated 5/16/24 and 6/13/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$43,832.50 and \$36,051.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 79,883.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 4/4/24, 5/2/24, 5/2/24, 5/2/24, 5/2/24, 6/5/24 and 6/5/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$9,924.95, \$1,282.50, \$1,161.00, \$48,562.53, \$3,392.36, \$100.00 and \$2,936.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 67,359.34

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Kruger & Holland (statements dated 5/1/24, 5/1/24, 5/1/24, 5/1/24, 5/1/24, 5/1/24, 6/3/24, 6/3/24, 6/3/24 and 6/3/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$735.22, \$230.90, \$480.00, \$20.00, \$66.00, \$2,975.00, \$1,457.00, \$170.00, \$920.00 and \$132.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,186.12

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Steen, Dalehite & Pace (statements dated 3/31/24, 4/30/24, 4/30/24, 4/30/24, 5/1/24, 5/27/24, 5/28/24, 5/28/24, 5/28/24, 5/29/24, 5/29/24 and 6/10/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$132.00, \$440.00, \$227.00, \$1,386.00, \$362.50, \$640.50, \$1,375.00, \$396.00, \$900.00, \$1,507.50, \$1,551.00 and \$132.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 9,049.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Vernis & Bowling of Mississippi (statements dated 4/15/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 4/19/24, 5/23/24, 5/23/24, 5/23/24, 5/23/24, 5/23/24, 5/23/24, 5/23/24, 5/23/24, 6/18/24, 6/18/24, 6/18/24, 6/18/24, 6/18/24, 6/18/24 and 6/18/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,411.84, \$5,495.00, \$802.50, \$3,718.50, \$183.00, \$185.00, \$100.00, \$155.00, \$260.00, \$400.00, \$984.00, \$755.00, \$1,197.41, \$555.00, \$486.00, \$2,942.50, \$167.50, \$315.00, \$438.70, \$857.50, \$1,385.85, \$642.50, and \$1,875.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins & Eager, PLLC (statements dated 4/10/24, 4/12/24, 4/17/24, 4/17/24, 5/7/24, 5/7/24, 5/13/24, 5/13/24, 5/20/24, 5/20/24, 5/21/24, 5/21/24, 5/21/24, 6/3/24, 6/3/24, 6/3/24, 6/13/24, 6/13/24, 6/13/24, 6/13/24, 6/13/24, 6/13/24, 6/14/24, 6/14/24, 6/14/24,) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$374.00, \$3,710.00, \$10,375.14, \$6,378.65, \$1,245.50, \$1,111.40, \$8,162.00, \$2,771.00, \$12,768.61, \$2,859.22, \$5,263.90, \$82.50, \$5,827.00, \$7,186.10, \$49.50, \$19,777.16, \$3,791.00, \$1,325.00, \$6,525.70, \$49.50, \$6,145.30, \$413.96, \$221.50, \$1,293.39 and \$4,001.09, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 111,708.12

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by the Workman Nydegger (statements dated 5/6/24, 5/6/24 and 5/6/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,549.00, \$422.50 and \$1,192.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,163.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 6/30/24 and 7/22/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$442.50 and \$2,208.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,650.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Caves & Caves, PLLC (statement dated 6/30/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$9,451.55, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 9,451.55

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 7/8/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$3,739.54, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,739.54

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by McDonald Hopkins, LLC (statement dated 7/24/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,121.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,121.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Richard & Thomas, PLLC (statement dated 7/16/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,027.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,027.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 5/1/24, 5/15/24, 5/17/24, 6/3/24, 6/3/24, 6/3/24, 6/3/24, 6/14/24, 6/14/24, 6/14/24, 7/1/24 and 7/1/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$6,457.00, \$220.13, \$3,110.00, \$200.00, \$32.14, \$71.16, \$32.14, \$6,415.00, \$6,415.00, \$6,415.00, \$34.60 and \$20.05, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 29,422.22

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 8/7/23 and 5/7/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$8,125.00 and \$60.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,185.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 6/11/24, 6/18/24, 6/18/24, 7/9/24, 7/22/24 and 7/22/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$448.00, \$64.00, \$750.00, \$896.00, \$3,520.00 and \$1,504.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,182.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose (statement dated 7/8/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,120.00, represents services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

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TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,120.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy (statements dated 4/12/24, 4/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 7/10/24 and 7/10/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$158.00, \$2,359.00, \$1,072.50, \$4,243.00, \$3,677.00, \$50.00, \$50.00, \$118.50, \$320.50, \$75.00, \$2,115.00 and \$3,391.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 17,629.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated 6/27/24, 6/27/24, 7/22/24 and 7/22/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$32.00, \$76.00, \$620.00 and \$4,270.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,998.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Weatherly IP Solutions (statements dated 4/30/24 and 5/31/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,560.50 and \$336.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,896.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated 4/17/24, 4/17/24, 4/29/24, 5/14/24, 5/15/24, 5/15/24, 5/15/24, 5/15/24, 5/15/24, 5/15/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24, 6/12/24 and 6/12/24) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,279.00, \$5,487.06, \$3,798.50, \$4,776.00, \$6,925.00, \$432.00, \$587.50, \$288.00, \$540.00, \$192.00, \$599.50, \$712.50, \$987.50, \$653.50, \$609.50, \$634.50, \$721.50, \$256.00, \$288.00, \$288.00, \$160.00 and \$4,500.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 35,715.56

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 12/19/23, 12/19/23, 3/19/24, 5/22/24, 5/14/24, 6/18/24, 6/18/24, 6/20/24, 6/21/24 and 6/27/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,975.00, \$851.50, \$1,230.00, \$3,287.00, \$96.00, \$800.00, \$128.00, \$3,186.50, \$1,565.00 and \$2,055.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters).

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TOTAL DUE.....\$ 17,174.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 12/12/23, 12/12/23, 12/12/23, 12/12/23, 12/12/23, 12/12/23, 12/12/23, 5/23/24 and 5/23/24) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$210.00, \$1,541.26, \$270.00, \$152.00, \$805.00, \$2,100.00, \$735.00, \$3,550.00, and \$140.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters:).

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 9,503.26

2. **UM – EMERGENCY APPROVAL TO HIRE McDONALD HOPKINS, LLC AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Trustee Gee Ogletree, as Board Legal Committee Chair, on behalf of the Board, has approved UM’s emergency request to hire attorney Jim Griszczak of McDonald Hopkins, LLC as outside counsel to provide legal services related to a cyber incident. The term of the contract is July 15, 2024 through June 30, 2025, unless terminated earlier by either party. Services are provided at the hourly rates of \$395 for lead attorney, Jim Griszczak, \$295 for associate attorneys, and \$160 for paralegal services, with a maximum amount payable of \$75,000 under the term of the agreement. UM is insured for cyber incident response and carries a deductible for legal services related to a cover incident of \$5,000. Therefore, UM will not be responsible for more than \$5,000 of the \$75,000 maximum amount payable under the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$5 million per claim and an annual aggregate of \$5 million. This agreement is pending approval of the Office of the Attorney General.

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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. **ASU** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets which do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implantation and subsequently reported to the Board. On May 29, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the revisions to the FY 2024 *Ayers* academic programs budgets after conducting a review of the programs. It appears that these revisions were necessary to align 2024 budgets to individual program needs over the remaining months of the year. Per IHL *Ayers* administrative guidelines, the institutions are required to either report these revisions to the IHL Executive Office (i.e. self-approved revisions) or have certain proposed budgetary revisions pre-approved by the IHL Executive Office. The requested revisions do fit under the pre-approval by the IHL Executive Office policy section of the guidelines. The IHL Executive Office financial and academic staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. These revisions contain no increases in total budgets but rather reallocations among individual expense categories. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.
- b. **ASU** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets which do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implantation and subsequently reported to the Board. On July 25, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the revisions to the FY 2024 *Ayers* academic programs budgets after conducting aa review of the programs. It appears that these revisions were necessary to align FY 2024 budgets to individual program needs for the year. Per IHL *Ayers* administrative guidelines, the institutions are required to either report these revisions to the IHL Executive Office (i.e. self-approved revisions) or have certain proposed budgetary revisions pre-approved by the IHL Executive Office. The requested revisions do not fit under the pre-approval by the IHL Executive Office policy section of the guidelines. The IHL Executive Office financial and academic staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. These revisions contain no increases in total budgets but rather reallocations among individual expense categories. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.
- c. **JSU** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets which do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implantation and subsequently reported to the Board. On May 29, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the revisions to the FY 2024 *Ayers* academic programs budgets after conducting a review of the programs. It appears that these revisions were necessary to align FY 2024 budgets to individual program needs over the remaining months of the year. Per IHL *Ayers* administrative guidelines, the

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institutions are required to either report these revisions to the IHL Executive Office (i.e. self-approved revisions) or have certain proposed budgetary revisions pre-approved by the IHL Executive Office. The requested revisions do fit under the pre-approval by the IHL Executive Office policy section of the guidelines. The IHL Executive Office financial and academic staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. These revisions contain no increases in total budgets but rather reallocations among individual expense categories. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.

- d. **MSU** – On June 10, 2024 Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and EDR College View MS, LLC for a studio apartment. The MSU Office of Survivor Support (OSS) is renting the apartment for use as emergency housing for students in crisis. The initial term of the lease is one year from August 14, 2024 through July 31, 2025 at a total cost of \$12,480. This will be funded by the Mississippi State Department of Health Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant. MSU will prepay the full one-year term of the lease to take advantage of the availability of the grant funds. MSU has confirmed that the use of these grant funds for this purpose is consistent with the terms of the grant agreement. 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 at the IHL Board Office.
- e. **MSU** – On June 20, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Mr. John C. Bardwell for a parcel of property located in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi and specifically described in the Agreement, for the site of an emergency services radio tower. The circular site of the tower totals 11.5 acres that includes two parcels of land owned by two different parties. This is the smaller of the two parcels. MSU has leased these two parcels for this purpose since 1995 with the current leases set to expire on June 30, 2024. The term of this new lease is seven years effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2031. MSU will make annual payments in advance: as follows: July 1, 2024 - \$5,400; July 1, 2025 - \$5,562; July 1, 2026 - \$5,729; July 1, 2027 - \$5,902; July 1, 2028 - \$6,080; July 1, 2029 - \$6,264; and July 1, 2030 - \$6,453. The lease payments are made with general funds and then billed to local emergency services agencies. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file at the IHL Board Office.
- f. **MSU** – On June 20, 2024 Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Copiah-Lincoln Community College for 1102 square feet of space on the Natchez 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

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term of the lease is one-year effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at a total cost of \$12,000.00 payable in monthly installments of \$1,000.00 each and due on the first of each month. There is an option to extend the term of the agreement for an additional three years at that same rate. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- g. **MSU** – On June 20, 2024 Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Mr. Robert Eugene Winston and Ms. Frances M. Winston for a parcel of property located in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi and specifically described in the Agreement, for the site of an emergency services radio tower. The circular site of the tower totals 11.5 acres that includes two parcels of land owned by two different parties. This is the larger of the two parcels. MSU has leased these two parcels for this purpose since 1995 with the current leases set to expire on June 30, 2024. The term of this new lease is seven years effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2031. MSU will make annual lease payments in advance as follows: July 1, 2024 - \$12,000; July 1, 2025 - \$12,360; July 1, 2026 - \$12,732; July 1, 2027 - \$13,116; July 1, 2028 - \$13,512; July 1, 2029 - \$13,920; July 1, 2030 - \$14,340. The lease payments are made with general funds and then billed to local emergency services agencies. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file at the IHL Board Office.
- h. **MSU** – On July 2, 2024 Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Red Sky Development, LLC for 1800 square feet of space located at 132 South Vardaman Street in Wiggins, MS 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 July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, at a total cost of \$60,000.00 payable in monthly installments of \$2,500.00 each and due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- i. **MSU** – On July 23, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and GCC, LLC for 1,700 square feet of space located at 2012 US-90 Suite 5, Gautier, MS to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective July 15, 2024 through July 14, 2026, at a

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total cost of \$40,750 payable in monthly installments of \$1,550 each, due on the first of each month and including a deposit in the amount of \$1,550 and a one-time renovation fee of \$2,000. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- j. **MSU** – On July 23, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Rice Road Retail, LLC for 3,000 square feet of space located at 7157 Old Canton Road, Ridgeland, Mississippi 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 August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026 at a total cost of \$96,000.00 payable in monthly installments of \$4,000.00 each and due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- k. **MSU** – On July 23, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University (lessee) and Biloxi Public School District (lessor) for six classrooms and associated areas on the Nichols Elementary School campus in which to operate a Head Start location in connection with Nichols Elementary. The term of the lease is one year from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. The cost is \$57,600 annually to be paid in 12 equal monthly installments of \$4,800 each due on the first day of each month. This lease will be funded by a grant awarded to Mississippi State University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. Mississippi State University currently operates a Head Start at this location and this new lease will be a continuation of that relationship with no change in the annual cost. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- l. **MSU** – On July 23, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and CornerStone Properties of Brookhaven, LLC for 3,000 square feet of space located at 128 Railroad Avenue, Brookhaven, MS 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 August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026 at a total cost of \$94,800.00 payable in monthly installments of \$3,950.00 each and due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and

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- Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- m. **MSU** – On July 23, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and 126 West Main, LLC for approximately 3,000 square feet of space located at 126 West Main Street, Raymond, Mississippi 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 September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026 at a total cost of \$86,400.00 payable in monthly installments of \$3,600.00 each and due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- n. **MSU** – On July 23, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Modification of the Lease Agreement #15 between Mississippi State University and the Mississippi State University Research & Technology Corporation for 3,192.45 square feet of Class A office space at the NASA Stennis Space Center. This modification extends the term of the current agreement by one year beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and increases the monthly rental rate from \$21.16 per square foot or \$5,629.35 per month to \$21.58 per square foot or \$5,741.09 per month (\$68,893.07 annually) plus prorated actual cost of utilities and telephones. All other provisions of the original lease agreement with its previous Modifications #1 through #14 remain unchanged. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- o. **MSU** – 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 and regulations, which shall include university parking and traffic fines and fees, on behalf of the Board.” On July 24, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the MSU OP 95.501 Traffic and Parking Rules and Regulations for Academic Year 2024-25. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed and approved the documents.
- p. **MSU** – On July 24, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Missouth Properties, L.P. for 9,000 square feet of space located at 2121 5th Street in Meridian, Mississippi in which to operate a behavioral health clinic serving the Meridian community and providing Mississippi State University students supervised clinical learning opportunities. The term of the lease is one year from August 1, 2024, at a cost of \$54,000 annually to be paid in 12 equal monthly installments of \$4,500 each due on the first day of each month. This lease will be funded through donations from the Riley Foundation, the Phil Hardin Foundation, and the Broadhead Foundation.

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The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- q. **MVSU** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets which do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implementation and subsequently reported to the Board. On May 29, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the revisions to the FY 2024 *Ayers* academic programs budgets after conducting a review of the *Ayers* programs. It appears that these revisions were necessary to align FY 2024 budgets to individual program needs over the remaining months of the year. Per IHL *Ayers* administrative guidelines, the institutions are required to either report these revisions to the IHL Executive Office (i.e. self-approved revisions) or have certain proposed budgetary revisions pre-approved by the IHL Executive Office. The requested revisions do not fit under the pre-approval by the IHL Executive Office policy section of the guidelines. The IHL Executive Office financial and academic staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. These revisions contain no increases in total budgets but rather reallocations among individual expense categories. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.
- r. **MVSU** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets which do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implementation and subsequently reported to the Board. On July 24, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the revisions to the On Campus Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The IHL Executive Office financial staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. These 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.
- s. **MVSU** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets which do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implementation and subsequently reported to the Board. On July 25, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the revisions to the FY 2024 *Ayers* academic programs budgets after conducting a review of the *Ayers* programs. It appears that these revisions were necessary to align FY 2024 budgets to individual program needs for the year. Per IHL *Ayers* administrative guidelines, the institutions are required to either report these revisions to the IHL Executive Office (i.e. self-approved revisions) or have certain proposed budgetary revisions pre-approved by the IHL Executive Office. The requested revisions do fit under the pre-approval by the IHL Executive Office policy section of the guidelines. The IHL Executive Office financial and academic staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. These revisions contain no increases in total budgets but rather reallocations among

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individual expense categories. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.

- t. **UM** – On July 2, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Easement between the University of Mississippi (grantee) and Robert Brent and Laura B. Smith (grantors) for a stormwater management improvement project. This is a perpetual easement to construct, inspect, maintain, repair, operate, replace, relocate, change the size of and remove all at will, in whole or in part, a stormwater drainage pipeline and appurtenances thereto located across, over and through grantor’s property. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- u. **UMMC** – 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 and regulations, which shall include university parking and traffic fines and fees, on behalf of the Board.” On June 13, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Policies for Parking and Traffic Rules and Regulations. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed and approved the documents.
- v. **UMMC** – On June 13, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Medical Building Lease Agreement between the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Merit Health Hospital for 2,401 square feet of space in Merit Health’s location at 163 River Oaks Drive in Canton, MS. The term of the lease is one-year effective July 1, 2024. Base rent for the space is \$6,740.81 per month plus an additional amount of \$354.79 for furniture, fixtures, and equipment and medical waste disposal for a total monthly cost of \$7,095.60, payable in advance each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- w. **UMMC** – On July 2, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Medical Office Building Lease between the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Baker-Hardy Real Estate, L.P. for 3,000 square feet of space located at 2109 Hardy Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in which to operate a pediatrics specialty clinic. The term of the lease is one-year effective July 1, 2024, at a cost of \$6,000.00 per month payable in advance each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

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- x. **USM** – On June 25, 2024, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the request for the University of Southern Mississippi to amend the existing outside counsel contract with the law firm of Mendelsohn Dunleavy PC to increase the maximum amount payable under the one-year term of that agreement from \$80,000 to \$95,000. This increase does not exceed 25% of the original Board-approved maximum amount budgeted for this agreement and the total amount of the agreement remains below \$250,000. All other provisions of the original agreement will remain unchanged and in effect until its expiration date on June 30, 2024. The Office of the Attorney General has reviewed this agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 1102.02 Payment of Outside Counsel subsection D.

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PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT

1. **Sabbatical**

Mississippi State University

FROM: Kenya M. Cistrunk; Associate Professor of Sociology; *from* salary \$82,414.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$41,207.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2025, to May 15, 2025; professional development.

[Originally approved by IHL Board March 21, 2024]

CORRECTED: Kenya M. Cistrunk; Associate Professor of Sociology; *from* salary \$82,414.00 per annum, pro rata; Designated & E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$41,207.00 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; Designated & E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024, to December 31, 2024; professional development.

FROM: Saeed Rokooei; Associate Professor of Building Construction Science; *from* salary \$91,507.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$45,753.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024, to May 15, 2025; professional development.

[Originally approved by IHL Board March 21, 2024]

CORRECTED: Saeed Rokooei; Associate Professor of Building Construction Science; *from* salary \$91,507.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary \$45,753.50 per annum, pro rata for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2024, to December 31, 2024; professional development