

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
September 16, 2010**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session at the Bonne Terre in Nesbit, Mississippi, at 9:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on December 3, 2009, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this September 16, 2010 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith and Ms. Amy Whitten. Mr. Scott Ross was absent. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Bettye Neely, President, and opened with prayer by Mr. Ed Blakeslee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Pickering, seconded by Trustee Whitten, with Trustee Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on August 19, 2010, stand approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Trustee Blakeslee, seconded by Trustee Patterson, with Trustee Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved the following Consent Agenda.

BUDGET, FINANCE AND AUDIT

1. **UMMC** - Approved the 43rd amendment to the lease agreement with the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation for the lease of 36,110 square feet of space to relocate the UMMC Administrative Offices while renovations are made to the Learning Resources Center on the main campus. The contract length is ten years – January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2020. The cost per square foot is \$23.66 for an annual cost of \$854,362.60. The cost for the entire lease period is \$8,543,626. The agreement will be funded by interest income. A copy of the agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office is included in the *September 16, 2010 Board Working File*.
2. **UMMC** - Approved the 44th amendment to the lease agreement with the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation for the lease of 4,814 square feet of space for off-site storage space for the UMMC Rowland Medical Library. The agreement length is nine years and one-month – January 1, 2011 to January 31, 2020. The cost per square foot is \$17.92 for an annual cost of \$86,266.88. The cost for the entire lease period is \$783,590.83. A copy of the agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General’s Office is included in the *September 16, 2010 Board Working File*.

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3. **System** - In accordance with the *Ayers* Settlement Agreement, the Board, through its counsel, shall provide to lead counsel for the private plaintiffs and counsel for the United States an annual disclosure report reflecting specified line-item information. This document is due October 1 of each year. Pending review by the Attorney General's Office, the Board approved the *Ayers* Accountability Manual for submission.

REAL ESTATE

4. **ASU** - Approved the request to increase the amount of *Ayers* funds that will be used to fund **GS 101-269, Dumas Hall Renovation**, from \$3,500,000 to \$4,730,144. The \$3,500,000 is the original amount requested and allocated through the *Ayers* Settlement as approved by the Board for Dumas Hall. The project will consist of \$4,573,417 in *Ayers* funds allocated for GS 101-269, Dumas Hall Renovations and an additional \$156,727 in *Ayers* funds allocated for GS 101-258, Renovation of Dumas Hall. The funds are available from excess *Ayers* funds moved from previously completed *Ayers* projects. The total project budget is \$7 million. Funds are available from HB 246, Laws of 2007 (\$2,057,735); HB 1641, Laws of 2008 (\$368,847.64); SB 2988, Laws of 2003 – *Ayers* (\$300,000); SB 2010, Laws of 2004 – *Ayers* (\$4,273,417.36). ASU will also use \$156,727 in *Ayers* funds from SB 3158, Laws of 2001 that is allocated to GS 101-258, Renovation of Dumas Hall.
5. **MSU** - Approved the request to re-name the Lloyd-Ricks Building as the Lloyd-Ricks-Watson Building as directed by the Mississippi Legislature in 2008 after former university employees Edward R. Lloyd, James R. Ricks, and Vance H. Watson.

6. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

CHANGE OF STATUS

Mississippi State University
Don A. Zant

LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Alan Perry, Chair

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Robinson, with Trustee Ross absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approved agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Legal Agenda.

1. **System** - Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy 301.0806 University Foundation/Affiliated Entity Activities and waived the requirement that this policy change be approved for first reading, and for final reading at a subsequent meeting of the Board. This policy is effective immediately.

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301.0806

UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION/AFFILIATED ENTITY ACTIVITIES

A. Purpose of Foundations and Similar University Affiliated Entities:

This policy shall apply to the relationship between Mississippi public universities (“universities”) and university development foundations, research foundations, athletics foundations, alumni associations and all other similar entities affiliated with any of the eight state universities (collectively referred to as the “Foundation/ Affiliated Entities” or “Entities”).

The Board of Trustees (hereinafter “Board” or “IHL”) recognizes that such Entities have played and continue to play an important role in providing financial and other support for its institutions. This support has assisted the institutions in achieving a level of excellence not possible through state funding and tuition alone. While the Board of Trustees recognizes and appreciates the contributions made to higher education by such foundations and similar entities, the Board of Trustees reaffirms that the goal of the Entities is not to replace necessary support from the state.

The Board of Trustees also acknowledges that the independent nature of the Entities provides flexibility to state universities in fiscal management and responsiveness.

The primary purpose of the foundations and other entities affiliated with the state universities is to engage in raising and managing funds and/or other activities consistent with the mission and priorities of their respective affiliated institutions, as determined by the Institutional Executive Officer (the “IEO”) of each. Each Entity is expected to have a mission statement relevant to this purpose and to adopt policies, plans, and budgets designed to achieve that mission.

The Board fully recognizes the importance to the universities and to the Entities of preserving the confidentiality of information related to donors or potential donors. Providing appropriate confidential treatment for information related to donors who have voluntarily provided funds to support the state universities is in the best interests of this state and its citizens. Thus, it is the policy of the Board that its oversight of the relationship between the foundations and the universities shall be accomplished in a manner that will effectively and appropriately preserve and protect the confidentiality of such information to the fullest extent possible which is consistent with the duty of the universities and the IHL to assure that assets intended to benefit the state universities are appropriately and effectively managed and utilized.

B. Relationship Between Board And Affiliated Entities

As provided in Miss. Const. Art. 8, Section 213-A and Section 31-101-1 of the Miss. Code Ann. of 1972, as amended (the “Miss Code”), the Board of Trustees has governing authority over the eight state universities. Under such authority, the Board of Trustees has responsibility for ensuring that the public interest is served by any individual or organization that is established to support one of the eight state universities.

The Board recognizes that the Entities are not state agencies. The Entities have their own governing authorities. The Board recognizes that it does not have the power to exercise governing control over the Entities.

While the Board of Trustees does not have the power or authority to exercise governing control over the Entities, the Board has the full authority to establish the terms under which state universities will contract with private organizations. That is particularly necessary with respect to these Entities, since they, or some of them, will solicit and manage funds on behalf of and for the benefit of the state universities, and may use the name, logo, or other insignia identified with the state universities. The Board has the authority to require that any organization that manages funds for any state university, or whose name is associated with a state university under the governance of the Board, must adhere to ethical standards appropriate for such organizations and must properly manage, utilize and account

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for funds contributed to or for the benefit of the universities.

To ensure the independence of the affiliated Entities, no member or employee of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall hold a voting position on an institutionally affiliated Entity board. The Board of Trustees may allow exceptions to this restriction if needed to comply with NCAA requirements or other proper purposes. Senior administrators of the institution should only participate on the Foundation/ Affiliated Entity's board in an ex-officio capacity.

C. Affiliation Agreements Required

Each university must enter into a formal contractual affiliation agreement (the "Affiliation Agreement") with its development foundation(s), research foundation(s), athletics foundation(s), alumni association(s) and any other similar university affiliated Entity in a form submitted to and approved by this Board. The Affiliation Agreement shall be reviewed for approval by the Board of Trustees at least every five (5) years, or whenever the Affiliation Agreement is changed (other than changes for non-substantive, conforming or purely administrative matters).

Each university shall submit all existing or amended Affiliation Agreements to the Board for approval on or before June 30, 2010, in a form that the university believes will fully comply with the requirements of this policy as amended.

In order to appropriately conserve the resources of the universities and the IHL, and to expedite the Board's review of the proposed Affiliation Agreements within the time period set forth above, the IEO's of the universities are expected to direct the resources of their university to work in coordination with the other universities in developing and reviewing templates of proposed affiliation agreements to be used by all similar Entities and universities. Counsel for the Board will be directed to assist in that process. The universities are expected to use those templates insofar as practical, given the acknowledged differences between universities and the Entities, as the basis and pattern for preparing the proposed Affiliation Agreements which are required by this Policy.

D. General Requirements of Affiliation Agreements

The Affiliation Agreements for each Entity shall address and comply with the following general requirements and subjects:

1. Outlining the services and benefits the institution and the Entity are to provide to each other and the compensation or other requirements related thereto;
2. Describing the mechanisms by which the institution shall, through its IEO, keep the Entity apprised of the needs and priorities of the institution, and requiring that the Entity, in concert with donor intent or directives, if any, agree to consider and communicate to the university its ability and plans to fund university needs and priorities, as determined by the IEO;
3. Describing whether, and the terms under which, any institutional assets of the institution itself are to be managed by the Entity on behalf of the institution and providing for appropriate rights of inspection and auditing for such funds by the IHL and all appropriate state officials;
4. Delineation of the terms upon which the Entity is authorized to accept gifts, restricted and unrestricted, on behalf of or for the benefit of the institution;
5. Outlining the method under which all gifts, grants, endowments and other assets are accepted and accounted for by the Entity, the methods and procedures to be utilized in determining how the income related to those assets is to be computed and distributed to the universities, and the terms and conditions under which any portion of such assets or the income related thereto may be used for the operating or other expenses of the Entity;
6. Requiring that all gifts made to the university shall be accounted for and ownership maintained by that university, even though they may be managed by the Entity;
7. Requiring that the records of such Entity shall be maintained separately from the records of

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- the respective affiliated institution;
8. Requiring maintenance of financial and accounting records in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles;
 9. ~~Requiring that the entity prepare annual financial statements of the condition of the entity (which shall include such detail as the Board may from time to time require), and requiring an annual audit of those statements by a Certified Public Accounting firm approved by the IHL;~~
 10. Requiring the Entity to submit the annual audited financial statements to the IEO and the IHL by each December 1 [to allow compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 39] along with a list of Entity officers, directors, or trustees.; that the Entity must cause to be prepared annual financial statements of the condition of the Entity, which shall include such detail as the IHL Board may from time to time require; The Entity must also engage a Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firm to perform annual audits of the Entity's annual financial statements; The Entity shall submit the audited financial statements, along with a list of Entity officers, directors or trustees, not later than five months following the completion of the Entity's fiscal year, to the affiliated university's IEO and to IHL; However, the annual audited financial statements of some of the Entities will be required for inclusion in the State of Mississippi's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR); Those Entities which will be required to submit annual audited financial statements for inclusion in the CAFR, as determined by the IHL Board's Deputy Commissioner of Finance and Administration and the external auditing firm hired to perform the annual IHL system audit, must submit annual audited financial statements to the affiliated university's IEO and to the IHL, along with a list of Entity officers, directors or trustees, by October 15 of each year; The IHL Board's Deputy Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall notify each such Entity of the applicability of the October 15 deadline to such Entity as far in advance of the deadline as possible each year; The CPA firm to be utilized by the Entity must be approved by the IHL Board and all requests for approval of the CPA firm must be submitted to the IHL Board for approval not later than three months prior to the end of the Entity's fiscal year for which the audit will be conducted; Unless approval is specifically granted for multiple years, approval of a firm by the IHL Board for one year does not constitute approval for other years, and requests for approval of the CPA firm must be submitted on an annual basis; However, at the request of the Entity, the IEO of a university, with the approval of the IHL Board, may grant a request of the Entity to waive the requirement of an annual audit by a CPA firm on a showing of adequate grounds, such as a showing that the assets of the Entity are so limited as to make the expense of engaging a CPA firm to perform an audit financially burdensome to the Entity and unnecessary; Such a waiver may be conditioned upon such other review of the financial records of the Entity in lieu of an audit as the University and the IHL may deem feasible; Such a request for a waiver must be accompanied by (a) the most recent annual audited financial statements of the Entity (if any such statements exist), (b) the financial statements of the most recently completed fiscal year, (c) a written description of how the Entity anticipates that the year-end financial statements for the current year will differ from the financial statements as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal year, and (d) a good faith estimate of the cost of engaging an auditor with respect to the statements; The granting of any request to waive the requirement of an annual audit by a CPA firm approved by the IHL is within the sole discretion of the University and the IHL Board; Any waiver of the audit requirement will apply only for one year, and any request to waive the requirement for the next year should be submitted as outlined above;
 11. Requiring that the Entity only accept or solicit gifts for the benefit of the university that are consistent with the university's mission, goals or objectives;
 12. Requiring that the Entity manage all funds in its control in a fiscally sound and prudent manner;
 13. Requiring that the Entity establish and maintain a conflict-of-interest policy that complies with all requirements of Miss. Code Ann. §79-11-269 (1972) as amended, entitled "Conflict of interest Transaction";
 14. Requiring that no form of additional compensation for an IEO or any IHL system office

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employee be underwritten or increased by the Entity without the prior approval of the Board; The request for approval shall come through the Commissioner to the IHL Board; As to other university employees, the Affiliation Agreement will provide that no form of additional compensation may be provided or paid by the Entity without the prior approval by the IEO; All such approvals by the IEO must be reported to the Board of Trustees at its next official meeting; This provision does not apply to transfers from the Entity to the supported university for items such as professorships, chairs, and other programmatic support that are paid directly to the university and included in its annual budget;

15. Requiring the Entity to submit to the IHL an annual report providing a detailed list of supplemental compensation provided to administrators, faculty, athletic staff, and other employees; provided however that the Affiliation Agreement may provide for appropriate exceptions for such compensation made by the institution out of funds routinely provided to the institution to be included in its budget; and,
16. Requiring compliance with all state and federal laws applicable to such organizations.
17. Establishing appropriate maximum limits on the period of time for which the Entity shall enter into contracts for professional, advisory, or other personal services.
18. Requiring that the provisions of the affiliation agreement shall apply to any and all entities owned or controlled by the affiliated Entity, with the exception of a special purpose entity created for the sole and specific purpose of utilization as a financing vehicle for the private financing of university auxiliary facilities by a private developer using the alternate dual-phase design-build privately financed construction method, as specially authorized by Miss. Code Ann. Section 37-101-41, et seq. (1972), as amended. If the use/purpose of any such special purpose entity ever changes, the special purpose entity would then be required to comply with any and all provisions of the affiliation agreement between the university and the Entity which owns or controls the special purpose entity.

E. Affiliation Agreements Shall Require Notice of Certain Events

In addition to the foregoing general requirements, the Affiliation Agreement shall contain provisions requiring that the IHL be notified of certain events or actions that may affect the operations, reputation, legal status, and assets of any entity or any university. The Affiliation Agreement shall require that the chief executive officer of the Entity and its other governing authorities will immediately notify the IEO and the IHL, in writing, if any of the following events (hereinafter "Reportable Events") occur:

1. The Entity has materially breached any of its contractual obligations under the Affiliation Agreement;
2. The Entity has materially failed to properly receive, apply, manage or disburse any funds or has materially failed to properly comply with any binding instructions from donors relating to those funds;
3. The Entity has engaged in any conduct that is prohibited or subject to sanction under state or federal law, including any and all requirements applicable to tax exempt organizations;
4. There has been a failure by the Entity or any of its officers and directors to comply with any conflict of interest requirements created by applicable state or federal law or by the governing documents or procedures of the Entity;
5. Any state or federal regulatory body begins any investigation of any matter that may have a significant financial or regulatory effect on the Entity or upon its status as a tax exempt organization; or
6. The Entity has contracted with or entered into any business or pecuniary relationship with any of its board members, other than a full time employee of the Entity, or any Entity controlled directly or indirectly by the board member, which would reasonably be expected to provide for payment or benefits to that person exceeding the value of \$50,000 in any calendar year; The previous sentence creates a duty for the Entity to report any such transaction but does not suggest or imply that all such transactions are either prohibited or permitted.

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The Affiliation Agreement shall require that the chief executive officer of the Entity shall submit to the IEO of the supported university and the IHL a signed certification statement annually, before January 31 of each year, which affirmatively states that the Entity has examined its donor records and business transactions occurring during its fiscal year ending within the prior calendar year, and that to the best of its knowledge, there is no evidence that any Reportable Events occurred, other than those which have been duly reported to the IEO and the IHL as required above. The chief executive officer of each Entity shall re-affirm that, in the event he/she becomes aware of any such Reportable Events, the chief executive officer will immediately notify, in writing, the IEO of the university.

- F. Affiliation Agreements must Require Entity to Provide Certain Additional Information to IEO upon Request

In addition to the foregoing general requirements, the Affiliation Agreement of each Entity will contain provisions requiring that the Entity furnish to the IEO of the corresponding university, or such person as the IEO may designate, any and all information relating to the operation or management of the Entity or any funds contributed to, received by, expended by, or managed by the Entity.

It is the policy of the Board that to the extent that information is inspected, reviewed or received by the IEO or his designees with respect to the identity of donors who have expressly stated they wish to remain anonymous, or with respect to any information relating to the identification, cultivation and solicitation of donors, or with respect to personal information relating to a donor or his/her family business, such information shall be treated as confidential by the IEO and any designee who may acquire such information. The IEO is expected to take appropriate safeguards to assure that such information is utilized or disseminated only in a manner that is appropriate under the circumstances.

The IEO shall promptly notify the Board and Commissioner of Higher Education if the Entity refuses or fails to produce any information requested by the IEO.

- G. Affiliation Agreement must Provide for Right of Board to Require Information from Entity or to Examine Records of Entity

Ordinarily, the Board will not request information from any Entity and will allow the IEO to oversee the compliance by the Entity with the Affiliation Agreement and to determine that funds are being appropriately received, managed, and expended. In some circumstances, however, the Board may determine it to be necessary to secure additional information from the Entity or to review appropriate records of the Entity. The Entities hold funds that are intended to benefit the institutions of the state, and the Board has an interest in the proper administration of those funds. Thus, the Affiliation Agreement will provide that the Board may require the Entity to provide information or allow inspection of its records as required by the Board to determine that the Entity is in compliance with the Affiliation Agreement and that the funds held for the institution or for its benefit are appropriately utilized and protected. No such request for information will be made by individual Board members to any Entity or to any IEO.

As a matter of general policy, the Board will attempt, when appropriate, to resolve any issues or concerns about the activities of any Entity informally. Examples of such informal methods include responses by the Entities to requests from the auditors employed by the Board or a report from an accounting firm approved by the Board to review records related to the matters at issue. The decision of any entity as to whether and how to comply with such informal requests is within the discretion of the governing authorities of the entities. The Board anticipates that, normally, any questions related to the Entities can be resolved through such informal procedures.

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The Affiliation Agreement shall provide, however, that the Board may determine by appropriate action, at a duly called meeting of the Board, that informal measures are or will be untimely, insufficient, or inappropriate to secure information necessary to allow the Board to determine that the Entity is appropriately complying with the Affiliation Agreement and that funds intended to be used for the benefit of the institution are appropriately maintained and expended. The Affiliation Agreement will provide that, if the Board makes such a finding, the Entity will permit an audit, inspection or review of the financial and other records of the entity by persons selected by the Board, which persons shall have the power to determine the appropriate scope of the investigation and the records to be examined, and that the Entity will fully cooperate with any such inquiries.

As noted above, it is the policy of the Board that it will not unnecessarily disclose or disseminate any information relating to the Entities, and in particular, any information related to donors to the Entity. In some circumstances, however, such as those involving alleged misuse or misappropriation of funds, appropriately limited disclosure of information related to donors may be necessary in order to conduct the investigation and to recover the funds, or to allow prosecution with respect to any misappropriation of funds. Thus, the Affiliation Agreement must specifically recognize that the final determination as to the appropriate extent of any disclosure or other use of the information is in the discretion of the Board. Any decision to release any information that would identify any particular donor shall be made by the Board. No individual Board member or employee of the IHL will release such information without authorization from the Board.

H. Required Termination Provisions to Be Included in Affiliation Agreement

The Affiliation Agreement will provide that the Affiliation Agreement may be terminated by the IEO, with the prior approval of the IHL, for cause with no notice or without cause upon thirty days notice. Upon termination, (1) the Entity shall cease to use and shall not assign or delegate the authority to use the respective university's name or registered marks or logos to any person or entity without the written approval of the IEO, (2) the Entity shall remit any and all unrestricted funds held for the benefit of the university to such entity as designated in writing by the IEO on behalf of the university, (3) the Entity shall work in concert with its donors, to the extent practicable and allowed by law, to move any restricted funds held for the benefit of the university to such entity as designated in writing by the IEO on behalf of the university, (4) the Entity shall work in concert with persons or entities with which it had contractual relations to the extent practical and allowed by law, to assign any contracts to such entity as designated by the university IEO; and (5) the Entity shall work in concert with the university to provide the university or its designee with records and materials of the Entity as are necessary to continue the business and/or wind up the affairs of the Entity.

Because an Entity may hold assets intended to benefit the universities, the Affiliation Agreement will provide that the Entity will have no right to terminate the Affiliation Agreement without the consent of the IEO and the Board.

I. Restructuring Relationship in Event of Irreconcilable Differences

The Board expects there to exist a cooperative relationship between the Entities and the universities. The Board is aware of situations in other states where foundations have attempted to use the leverage provided by control of funds contributed for the benefit of the universities to require the university to take action desired by the foundation. Exercise of such power would interfere with the power of the IEO's and, ultimately, the power of the Board. To provide for the eventuality in which it appears that the IEO and the Entity have irreconcilable differences that interfere with the Entity serving the purposes for which it is intended, the Affiliation Agreement must provide for some mechanism to allow a resumption of normal relationships to benefit the university. In such a case, it would be detrimental to the university to allow the Entity to simply terminate the relationship – since it may hold funds and other assets intended for the benefit of the university. Thus the Affiliation Agreement shall provide for a mechanism to deal with that possibility that will effectively accomplish the purpose of insuring that the Entity's goals remain appropriately aligned with those of the university.

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The Affiliation Agreement must therefore provide for such a mechanism. The universities are expected to finalize the relationship with the Entities to accomplish the purpose on or before December 31, 2010.

Any university, after consultation with an affiliated Entity, may propose, on or before December 31, 2009, to include an appropriate plan to accomplish this purpose in the Affiliation Agreement for that Entity.

For example, a university may choose to propose a mechanism to allow the Entity to restructure its governing board. As an illustration of such a mechanism, such a plan might provide as follows:

In the event that the IEO notifies the IHL that the relationship between the IEO and the Entity's governing authorities is detrimental to the well being of the university, then IHL shall attempt to reconcile the parties. However, if the IHL determines that it is in the best interests of the university to substitute new governing authorities of the Entity, and unless the matters are resolved, the IHL Board may direct, in its sole discretion, that at the expiration of a 90 days notice period, the terms of office of the then existing board of directors of the affiliated Entity (or the persons serving that role in governance of the Entity, regardless of title) shall be deemed to have expired. Those persons shall be replaced by a nine member board selected by the following persons: 1) one member appointed by the mayor of the municipality in which the subject university is located or to which it is nearest, 2) one member appointed by the subject university's IEO, 3) one member appointed by the subject university's chief academic officer, 4) one member appointed by the president of the board of supervisors of the county in which the subject university is located, 5) one member appointed by the governor, 6) one member appointed by the Commissioner of Higher Education, 7) such other person, as the Affiliation Agreement may provide, who is affiliated with another Entity associated with the affected university; 8) one member appointed by the current president of the subject university's student body, and 9) one member appointed by the most recent past president of the subject university's student body.

However, each university and Entity may choose to agree upon some different arrangement which would accomplish the same end. Because of the differences in the various Entities, the types and amounts of assets held by the Entities, the debt obligations of some Entities, ongoing contractual obligations, and other similar factors, the Board will address such proposals on an individual basis to determine their effectiveness, feasibility and practicality. Any such proposal must be submitted with all of the information necessary to fully evaluate the proposal. The exact language of all documents required to implement such a proposal shall be included in the submission to the Board.

Any such proposals will be considered by the Board and acted upon before March 31, 2010. Failure to submit sufficient information to allow a full understanding as to the effectiveness and practicality of such a plan will prevent the Board from considering the proposal. In the absence of approval by the Board of some other alternative provisions to accomplish such purpose by March 31, 2010, or any extension granted by the Board, it is expected that each university will enter into a contract with all related Entities under terms similar to those in the illustration set out above.

If the Entity is a university research foundation formed pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 37-147-15 (1972), as amended, the new board of directors shall be appointed by the subject university's IEO, in accordance with applicable state law.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

- President Neely thanked Mr. Marcus Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer, and Ms. Bridget Breithaupt, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, for their hard work in planning the events of the Board Retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Pickering, seconded by Trustee Robinson, with Trustee Ross absent and not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn the meeting.

Betty Z. Neely

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Paul W. Bounds

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning