

MISSISSIPPI POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD



3825 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, MS 39211

July 18, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Minutes

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board held a teleconference meeting on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Members of the media and public were invited to attend the meeting in Room 432 of the Education and Research Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi, 39211.

The following members participated via teleconference:

- Ben Burnett, MAICU appointee
- Jim Gibson, MCCB Institutional appointee
- Cynthia Melvin, MAICU appointee
- Sharon Ross, Governor's appointee
- C.D. Smith, IHL Board appointee
- Jim Turcotte, Governor's appointee

The following members were unable to participate:

- Lee Bush, MCCB appointee
- Mack Grubbs, Lt. Governor's appointee
- Al Rankins, IHL Institutional appointee

Also in attendance were:

- Meg Harris, Assistant Director of Student Financial Aid
- Corey Hicks, Loan Repayment Specialist
- Jennifer Rogers, Director of Student Financial Aid and Postsecondary Director

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Mr. C.D. Smith, Chairman.

MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gibson, all Board Members legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on June 20, 2016.

INTRODUCTIONS

No guests were introduced.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

On motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Gibson, all Board Members legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve Regular Agenda Item #1: Approval of Updates to All Undergraduate Program Rules and Regulations with References to Full-Time Enrollment.

1. Approval of Updates to All Undergraduate Program Rules and Regulations with References to Full-Time Enrollment

On June 1, 2016 the Board voted to change the definition of full-time enrollment for undergraduate students from 9 credit hours per term to 10 credit hours per term for schools on the quarter system pending completion of the Administrative Procedures Act Process. During the APA Process, the Office learned the new definition will cause undue hardship on institutions that operate on the quarter system. The only such institution in the state, William Carey University, will need to create 1-hour courses for undergraduate students to be able to comply and maintain eligibility for aid. Therefore, the Office requests that the Board resume use of the original definition of full-time enrollment as 9 credit hours per trimester for state aid eligibility for students attending institutions operating on the quarter system.

The requested change would apply to the following program Rules and Regulations in the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1 – Page 6: APA Part 605 – General Administration Rules and Regulations

Exhibit 2 – Page 29: APA Part 611 – Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) Rules and Regulations

Exhibit 3 – Page 34: APA Part 613 – Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG) Rules and Regulations

Exhibit 4 – Page 39: APA Part 615 – Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students (HELP) Rules and Regulations

Exhibit 5 – Page 44: APA Part 617 – Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen (LAW) Rules and Regulations

Exhibit 6 – Page 49: APA Part 635 – Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan (TES) Rules and Regulations

Exhibit 7 – Page 59: APA Part 637 – William Winter Alternate Route Teacher Forgivable Loan (WWAR) Rules and Regulations

Exhibit 8 – Page 69: APA Part 639 – William Winter Teacher Forgivable Loan (WWTS) Rules and Regulations

Exhibit 9 – Page 79: APA Part 651 – Health Care Professions Forgivable Loan (HCP) Rules and Regulations

Recommendation:

The recommended changes have been reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General. Board approval is recommended, contingent upon completion of the Administrative Procedures Act process.

INFORMATION AGENDA ITEMS

The Board did not consider any information agenda items.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS IF NECESSARY

The Board did not consider any additional agenda items.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms.

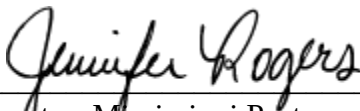
The Board did not consider any other business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF DETERMINED NECESSARY

The Board did not determine a need to enter into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ben Burnett motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and Sharon Ross seconded the motion. Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned.



Director, Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial
Assistance Board