



**Minutes from the MACTE Meeting
1st Floor MDE Room 102
July 11, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Blackburn, President. Dr. Blackburn shared his excitement about serving in the capacity of president of MACTE. He expressed his concerns about the challenges EEPs are facing on campuses and related how MACTE is a source of organizational strength. Dr. Blackburn then introduced the new MACTE members: Dr. Hand from Belhaven, and Dr. Burnett from William Carey.

The agenda was distributed and approved.

Minutes from the last meeting were distributed and approved after one correction was made to the spelling of Dr. Hilpert's name. Dr. Locke made the motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith seconded.

Members in attendance: Ben Burnett, William Carey; Richard Blackburn, MSU; Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Diane Fisher, USM; Leslie Griffin, DSU; David Hand, Belhaven; Sue Jolly-Smith, MUW; Don Locke, Miss. College; David Rock, UM; Janetta Waddell, Blue Mt. College; Daniel Watkins, JSU.

Cerissa Neal, MDE representative and Dr. Susan Lee, IHL representative

Treasurer's report presented by Debbie Burson:

- June 01, 2014 opening balance was noted to be 14,155.32.
- Funds in the amount of 107.60 were expended for expenses to cover the cost of gifts in recognition of Dr. Rasberry's service to MACTE.
- June 30, 2014 closing balance was noted to be 14,047.72

Updates from IHL presented by Dr. Susan Lee:

- Dr. Glenn Boyce from Holmes CC is the new Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs at IHL.
- Dr. Lee added her welcome to the new MACTE members.
- Provided an update on summer institutes funded by Title II. For more information check the IHL website under Academic Affairs for RFPs. Two more awards will be added providing 12 grants instead of 10.
- Shared information about MUW's vision book on their summer institution. It was suggested this was a good example for Title II funds to aid in supporting partnerships with K-12.
- A Title II national meeting will be held in August for Title II directors.
- Shared that Dr. Bounds' message this is the "year of post secondary." He is highlighting issues for post secondary and wants to provide start up money for new and innovative programs.

Updates from MDE presented by Ms. Cerissa Neal:

- Relayed Dr. Wright's concern over issues related to educator misconduct and student intern misconduct.
- Code of Ethics posters were provided to all IHLs.
- Presented information on how a tiered licensing process might work.
- Reading Panel will meet to determine what is needed for a Praxis II for reading. Members may contact Dr. Kim Benton at kbenton@mde.k12.ms.us.
- Teach.k-12.ms.us is a live website with all jobs in the state posted.
- Tiffany Jones, 601.359.3631, is the director of teacher recruitment. There are also scholarship and grant opportunities available.

Old business items included:

- Dr. Griffin discussed the plans for a MACTE presentation at AACTE. She shared that a small group had met to discuss the possibility; however, time constraints prevented the group from developing this effort.
- Dr. Blackburn asked for suggested topics of interest.
- Dr. Jolly-Smith stated she has some ideas from past topics.
- Dr. Locke mentioned an initiative being conducted between MS State and Ole Miss. He expressed interest in continuing this effort.

New business items included:

- Concerns were brought forward about MACTE not be involved in MDE's effort with a tiered licensure process and the student code of ethics. It was suggested that Dr. Blackburn meet with Ms. Neal to assure MACTE's input on such matters.
- Dr. Locke shared information about the Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program for advanced degrees for public and private institutions. Visit MTFP.net or contact Cindy Melton for more information.

Special recognition of Dr. Leslie Griffin:

- For her years of service and dedication to MACTE as the president, Dr. Griffin was presented with a plaque. A luncheon in her honor followed the meeting.

There being no other items of business brought forward, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Blackburn.

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Burson, Secretary/Treasurer