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To: Universities and
Colleges

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2915

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-101-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT
3 BODY PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL SHALL HAVE A RESERVED SEAT AT MEETINGS OF
4 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND
5 SHALL ADVISE THE BOARD ON AN ANNUAL BASIS; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-101-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-101-3. (1) The Governor, by and with the advice and
11 consent of the Senate, shall appoint the members of the Board of
12 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, one (1) member
13 from each congressional district of the state as existing as of
14 March 31, 1944, one (1) member from each Supreme Court district
15 and two (2) members from the state at large, with the terms of
16 each to begin on May 8, 1944. One-third (1/3) of the membership
17 of said board so appointed shall be appointed for a period of four
18 (4) years, one-third (1/3) for a period of eight (8) years and
19 one-third (1/3) for a period of twelve (12) years. On the
20 expiration of any of said terms of office the Governor shall
21 appoint successors, by and with the advice and consent of the
22 Senate, for terms of twelve (12) years in each case.

23 The current president, or his/her designee, of the Student
24 Body President's Council of Mississippi (SBPCM) shall have a
25 reserved seat at each meeting of the Board of Trustees of State
26 Institutions of Higher Learning. No less than once a year, the
27 board shall seek the advise and counsel of the student body
28 president's organization.

29 (2) In case of a vacancy on said board by death or
30 resignation of a member or from any other cause than the
31 expiration of such member's term of office, the board shall elect
32 his successor who shall hold office until the end of the next
33 session of the Legislature. During such term of the session of
34 the Legislature the Governor shall appoint the successor member of
35 the board from the district from which his predecessor was
36 appointed to hold office until the end of the period or term for
37 which said original trustee was appointed, to the end that
38 one-third (1/3) of such trustees' terms shall expire each four (4)
39 years.

40 (3) The Executive Director of the State Board for Community
41 and Junior Colleges, or his designee, and one (1) member of the
42 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges to be designated by
43 the chairman of said board, shall attend all regular meetings of
44 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.
45 Said community/junior college representatives shall have no
46 jurisdiction or vote on any matter within the jurisdiction of the
47 board. The Executive Director of the State Board for Community
48 and Junior Colleges and any designee who is a state employee shall
49 receive no per diem for attending meetings of the board, but shall
50 be entitled to actual and necessary expense reimbursement and
51 mileage for attending meetings at locations other than Jackson,
52 Mississippi. The designee of the State Board for Community and
53 Junior Colleges shall receive per diem compensation as authorized
54 by Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, for attending said
55 meetings, and shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual
56 expense reimbursement and mileage, which shall be paid from funds
57 appropriated to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
58 Higher Learning.

59 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
60 and after July 1, 2006.