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#### Chipola to offer Bachelor’s Degree in Secondary Ed

It’s official. Chipola will offer a bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education beginning in the Fall of 2003.

The offering of a bachelor’s degree will probably necessitate a name change for the 54 year-old college. CJC will retain its community college status for participation in intercollegiate athletics.

The Florida Board of Education in May adopted a plan to offer four-year degrees in selected disciplines on the campuses of Chipola, Edison and Miami-Dade Community Colleges.

Chipola was given 30 days to negotiate with Florida State University to decide which school would provide access to baccalaureate degrees in Business Administration, Nursing and Secondary Education.

In a June 18 memorandum, Florida Education Secretary Jim Horne granted Chipola the authority to offer a bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education beginning in the Fall of 2003. FSU will offer bachelor’s degrees in Nursing and Business Administration on the CJC campus beginning this Fall.

Secretary Horne had high praise for Chipola’s Secondary Education program. “CJC has a unique program tailored to local students, with a career ladder for school district paraprofessionals. This program requires flexibility in offering alternatives for paraprofessionals currently working in surrounding school districts,” said Horne.

FSU proposed offering the Secondary Education program at the FSU Panama City campus. But Horne said he adopted Chipola’s proposal in the interest of local students. “The CJC approach was constructed to provide greater program delivery flexibility for community members,” Horne said.

FSU will assign additional full-time faculty to expand office hours, advisement and instruction in its Nursing program at CJC.

FSU also will offer a Business Administration bachelor’s degree at CJC beginning this Fall. Secretary Horne said, “While this is a general business degree and does not contain the specific tracks of accounting and MIS that CJC had proposed; a negotiated plan to test enrollment interest in those specified areas will provide the evidence needed to determine if expansion of the degrees is warranted.”

Chipola president Dr. Dale O’Daniel “We’re very excited about the prospects of making these programs available to our students. We have a large number of students who are place-bound and work-bound who cannot move beyond the two-year degree, but who have the desire and the ability. This will allow the opportunity and the avenue to do so.”

O’Daniel indicated it would take a year to set up the program and begin the accreditation process.

In 2001, the Florida Legislature earmarked $3 million in the Department of Education budget in startup funds for community colleges to offer four-year programs.

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St. Petersburg College, formerly St. Petersburg Community College, was granted permission to offer baccalaureate degree programs in 2001, making it the first community college to take advantage of the four-year opportunity.

Chipola will receive $187,000 to support start-up costs associated with establishing the Secondary Education bachelor’s program. FSU will receive $310,000 for start-up costs associated with offering the Nursing and business Administration degrees at Chipola.

Several bachelor’s and advanced degrees are presently offered on the Chipola campus through the University Center @ Chipola. The University of West Florida offers bachelor’s degrees in criminal justice, special/elementary education, social work and interdisciplinary information technology; a master’s degree in educational leadership with certification in administration; specialist and doctoral degrees in curriculum and instruction on the CJC campus.

For information about four-year and advanced programs at CJC, call Dr. Kitty Myers at 850-718-2260.

Chipola board elects chair and approves budget

The Chipola Junior College District Board of Trustees elected pharmacist Jenny Goodman of Bonifay as chair for 2002-03 during the board’s regular monthly meeting on June 18. Mark Plummer, a pharmacist from Bristol, was elected vice chair.

In other business, the board approved the college’s 2002-03 operating budget. The $10,535,000 spending plan is down two percent from last year’s budget of $10,700,000. The college’s 2001-02 budget was reduced by $502,000 during this fiscal year due to a downturn in state revenue collections.

The new budget calls for a five percent increase in overall student fees. The increase will cost a full-time academic student around $37 more per semester. Chipola president Dr. Dale O’Daniel said, “We make every effort to hold down costs, but because tuition in Florida is low, a state goal is to have students pay a greater share of the cost of education. Our fees remain well within the state average and I believe that we offer a high quality education at a reasonable cost.” The budget also provides for a five percent fund balance which is recommended by state law.

The college receives 79 percent of its revenues from the state, 19 percent from student fees and two percent from other sources such as interest income. The college spends 78 percent on personnel, 21 percent on current expenses and one percent on capital outlay. O’Daniel says, “This budget reflects our emphasis on people. Because students are our focus, we spend the vast majority of the budget on teaching them.”

The board also approved a personnel agenda which includes the reclassifications of: Betty Broome, from Senior Office Assistant to Department Associate in Student Services; Carole Edenfield, from Staff Assistant to Departmental Staff Assistant in Planning; and Lisa Shores, from Clerk to Senior Office Assistant in Testing.

CJC Summer Session II classes begin June 24

Summer Session II classes at Chipola begin Monday, June 24.

Late registration also is Monday June 24, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and from 8 a.m. to Noon, Tuesday, June 25.

Chipola’s open-door policy guarantees acceptance to any student with a high school diploma. Prospective students should complete an application—available in the Registration Office—and provide an official high school or college transcript.

For information, call the CJC Registration Office at 718-2211.

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