

Key Events for Mississippi Woman's College / William Carey College 1953-1954

Mississippi Baptist Convention recommendations and votes,
Wednesday, November 18, 1953

First Ballot

# 1	To close Mississippi Woman's College as of June 30, 1954	132
# 2	To reorganize Mississippi Woman's College as Co-ed Junior College	336
# 3	To reorganize Mississippi Woman's College as Co-ed Senior College	373

Second Ballot (vote on the two highest votes from the First Ballot)

To reorganize Mississippi Woman's College as Co-ed Junior College	291
To reorganize Mississippi Woman's College as Co-ed Senior College	304

It's All in a Name—Changing the College's Name in 1954

As a result of becoming a co-educational, four-year college, the following bodies voted to change the name from Mississippi Woman's College to William Carey College as illustrated below:

Mississippi Woman's College, Board of Trustees	April 20, 1954
Education Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention	April 28, 1954
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board	May 5, 1954

On January 18, 1955, the College's Board of Trustees acted again asserting a unanimous vote in favor of the name change to William Carey College.

On August 11, 1955, Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, certified the name change.

On August 30, 1955, Heber Ladner, Secretary of State, State of Mississippi, signed the name change as an Amendment to the College's Charter of Incorporation.