

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

February 24, 2011

The Board of Regents met in session at 8:08 a.m., Thursday, February 24, 2011, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Robert Levy called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Chairman  
Ed Antie  
Scott Ballard  
Charlotte Bollinger  
Maurice Durbin  
Joseph Farr  
Chris Gorman  
Donna Klein  
Victor Stelly  
Harold Stokes  
Demetrius Sumner  
Roland Toups  
Joseph Wiley

Absent from the meeting were:

Robert Bruno  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Mary Ellen Roy, Vice Chair

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Levy noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2011

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 27, 2011.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 8, 2011.**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS****FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Todd Barré, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, moved to dispense with the reading of the Finance Committee Report of February 23, 2011, and approve the following motions “in globo.”

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee:**

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSE TO SCR 108 OF THE 2010 REGULAR SESSION BY SENATOR NEVERS

**Approve the response to Senate Concurrent Resolution 108 of the 2010 Regular Session by Senator Ben Nevers and forward the report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature.**

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSE TO HR 200 OF THE 2010 REGULAR SESSION BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

**Approve the response to House Resolution 200 of the 2010 Regular Session by Representative Herbert Dixon and forward to the appropriate committees of the Legislature.**

Deputy Commissioner Barré also discussed responses needed for the following:

- 1) Act 1000 of the 2010 Regular Session which requests the Board of Regents to establish a reporting system to track vacant positions and manage attrition for postsecondary education. Regents’ staff have been working with the Office of Planning and Budget and the Department of Civil Service to address the changes in the personnel data system needed to meet this request. This report is due April 1, 2011.
- 2) Senate Bill 746 of the 2010 Regular Session which requests the Board of Regents provide a report on the funding formula by March 15, 2011. This report must be submitted to the House Appropriation Committee, House Education Committee, Senate Finance Committee, and the Senate Education Committee.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 23, 2011

**Adopt the Finance Committee Report of February 23, 2011.** *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of February 23, 2011, and approve the following motions “in globo.” *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee:**

REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESEARCH UNITS – GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY – CENTER FOR MATHEMATICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Grant approval for the Center for Mathematical Achievement in Science and Technology at Grambling State University, effective immediately, for a period of one year from this date. By February 1, 2012, the University shall submit a report which details necessary funding secured for subsequent years of Center operations.**

CONSOLIDATION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS – LSU A&M – M.S. AND Ph.D. DEGREES IN THE SCHOOL OF RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES

**Grant approval for an M.S. and a Ph.D. degree in Renewable Natural Resources (CIP Code 030101) at Louisiana State University and A&M College. With approval of these degree programs, the following programs will be terminated: M.S. in Forestry (CIP 030501), M.S. in Wildlife (CIP 030601) and Ph.D. in Forestry (CIP 030501).**

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Bossier Parish Community College – Associate of Science in Engineering

**Grant conditional approval for the Associate of Science (A.S.) in Engineering (CIP Code 140101) at Bossier Parish Community College. On March 1, 2012, the College will update the Board on the following: (1) enrollment and**

**completion data and (2) transfers to baccalaureate engineering programs. When a statewide curriculum for an AS/Louisiana Transfer degree concentration in Engineering is established, the Associate of Science in Engineering may be reconsidered.**

B. Doctor of Nurse Practice (DNP) – Three Letters of Intent

**Accept the Letters of Intent and grant conditional approval for the development of a plan for collaborative delivery of a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Any forthcoming proposal(s) submitted should address issues presented in the staff summary and analysis.**

REPORTS OF THE STAFF

**Approve all staff recommendations relevant to progress reports for conditionally approved academic programs and research units as presented.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 23, 2011

**Adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee report of February 23, 2011. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, moved to dispense with the reading of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of February 23, 2011, and approve the following motions “in globo.”

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to:**

LICENSURE

**Approve the request for license renewal for Southern Arkansas University, located in Magnolia, Arkansas.**

LA GRAD ACT

**Approve the staff recommendation:**

1. **To approve the amendment to the GRAD Act language,**
2. **To authorize the staff of the Board of Regents to proceed to enter into the amendments of the GRAD Act agreements with all institutions, and**
3. **To authorize Chair Levy to sign the amendments to the GRAD Act on behalf of the Board of Regents.**

#### RESPONSES TO 2010 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

**Adopt the response to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60 of the 2010 Regular Session and authorize the staff to forward the report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature.**

**Adopt the response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 212 of the 2010 Regular Session and authorize the staff to forward the report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature.**

**Adopt the response to House Resolution No. 204 of the 2010 Regular Session and authorize the staff to forward the report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature.**

**Adopt the response to House Resolution No. 197 of the 2010 Regular Session and authorize the staff to forward the report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature.**

#### ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 23, 2011

**Adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee report of February 23, 2011. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

#### **SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Regent Durbin, Chair of the Search Committee, presented the Search Committee Report of February 23, 2011. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

Regent Durbin noted that the Committee had met and accepted the report from Dr. Betty Asher of Greenwood/Asher and Associates who conducted the nationwide search for candidates interested in the position of Commissioner of Higher Education. She continued by stating that an

interview had been conducted with Dr. James Purcell, Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, and candidate for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education.

#### COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

**On motion of Regent Durbin, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Search Committee to appoint Dr. James Purcell as the next Commissioner of Higher Education for the state of Louisiana.**

Regent Gorman thanked the Search Committee and Greenwood/Asher and Associates for its exhaustive and far-reaching search from coast to coast to find such a quality candidate.

Dr. Purcell thanked everyone for the opportunity to share in this exciting time in Louisiana.

**On motion of Regent Durbin, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Regents to negotiate and execute a letter of appointment with Dr. James Purcell in keeping with Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) approval.**

Regent Levy noted that Search Committee Chair Durbin undertook a very difficult job at a difficult time to bring to Louisiana a quality candidate. The search for a Commissioner was long and arduous, but the Search Committee discharged its role perfectly. He said the Board owes Search Committee Chair Maurice Durbin a round of applause for her hard work.

#### ADOPTION OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 23, 2011

**On motion of Regent Durbin, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Search Committee report of February 23, 2011.**  
*(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regent Levy, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated there was not a quorum for the Executive Committee; therefore, it was not held.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF  
THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

Regent Levy noted that he had submitted two items to the Board for review, discussion and possible adoption at this month's meeting. The first was a copy of the *Bylaws for the Internal Operation and the Transaction of Business*. Regent Levy noted that he would ask for a motion to table action on the Bylaws until next month due to further edits of the document.

**On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to table action on the *Bylaws for the Internal Operation and the Transaction of Business* until the March 2011 meeting.**

The next item for review was the *Leadership Agenda 2011-2012*. Mr. Levy said the Leadership Agenda is a set of 10 priorities, beliefs and operational principles to guide the Board in its overall educational attainment effort. He stated these priorities are appropriate and necessary to keep all actions the Regents undertake on course while pursuing adoption of the *Master Plan*.

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the *Leadership Agenda 2011-12* as presented. (Copy of *Leadership Agenda 2011-2012* attached.)**

Regent Levy said the adopted Leadership Agenda cites the low level of educational attainment in Louisiana. He mentioned that approximately 27% of working age adults in Louisiana hold a postsecondary credential compared to 38% nationally. He noted that leaders and organizations have challenged the United States to regain its rank as first in the world in educational attainment. Chairman Levy said this would require 60% of America's working-age population to have a postsecondary credential by 2025. He noted that although not every state will be able to reach this goal, including Louisiana, all can contribute to its achievement. He recommended that the staff work with a broad array of stakeholders to develop a statewide

educational attainment goal for Louisiana and report progress to the Board at its September 2011 meeting. Chairman Levy said the preliminary goal should be at least the projected 2025 SREB average of 42%.

Regent Levy stated that Dr. Tom Layzell joined the Board of Regents in August 2010 and will return home after Monday, February 28. Dr. Layzell has fulfilled a role that perhaps no one else could have fulfilled. Mr. Levy said when Dr. Layzell agreed to come to Louisiana, SREB President Emeritus Mark Musick was quoted as saying, "When someone at a crowded event calls out, 'Is there a doctor available?' it is Dr. Layzell that exemplifies the person that we all hope to see step forward." In a crisis you want someone that knows what he is doing to step in and that is what Dr. Layzell did for Louisiana.

Chairman Levy said that the legislature was able to recognize the great work he had done, his integrity, his personality, his steadfastness, and his calmness. State Representative Patricia Smith made the following comment at a Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget meeting last week:

"While Tom Layzell did not get a warm welcome from Louisiana when he came... he has earned a warm and heartfelt Louisiana thank you as he departs next week."

Regent Levy said there has been a change of heart across the state about the Board of Regents through Dr. Layzell's leadership. He knew that Dr. Layzell could make a difference in Louisiana during critical and challenging times. Regent Levy thanked Dr. Layzell for keeping the Regents focused over the past seven months in his quiet, steady, and compassionate style. Regent Levy presented Dr. Layzell with a crystal bowl.

Dr. Layzell said it was an honor and privilege to work with the Regents and staff and will always remember his time in Louisiana. He offered to assist in the future if needed.

Regent Levy stated that all Board members are being polled regarding their availability to attend a special meeting concerning the UNO/SUNO study in March, so the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) can present the final report that will be referred to the Governor and Legislature; and (2) the date for the next joint meeting with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has changed from Thursday, May 19, 2011, to Tuesday, May 17, 2011.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.