

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

February 24, 2005

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 24, 2005, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Billy Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Stanley Jacobs
Robert Levy
Jeraul Mackey
Pat Strong, Secretary
Artis Terrell
Roland Toups, Chair

Absent for the meeting were:

W. Clinton Rasberry
Virgil Robinson
Clifford Smith
Harold Stokes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that no written requests were received for public comments and inquired if the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2005

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 27, 2005, as circulated.

INTRODUCTION OF LSU CHANCELLOR SEAN O'KEEFE

Regent Toups introduced Dr. William Jenkins, President of the Louisiana State University System. Dr. Jenkins introduced Mr. Sean O'Keefe who became the seventh Chancellor of the Louisiana State University and A&M College on Monday, February 21, 2005. Chancellor O'Keefe received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University in New Orleans and a Master of Public Administration from the Syracuse University's Maxwell School. Prior to accepting the position at LSU, Mr. O'Keefe served as the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Chancellor O'Keefe welcomed the opportunity to continue his public service at LSU. He stated that he was glad to be back in Louisiana since he is from the New Orleans area. A brief question and answer period followed his remarks.

Regent Frances Henry gave a personal welcome to Chancellor O'Keefe and his wife.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of February 23, 2005.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMSA. Sowela Technical Community College – A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Science in Nursing program (CIP 51.1601) at Sowela Technical Community College, with the following stipulations:

- 1. By July 1, 2005, the College shall update the Commissioner of Higher Education on the status of its application to SACS/CoC for institutional candidacy and to the LSBN for program approval. These reports shall continue thereafter on a six-months basis until both processes are complete.**
- 2. Once SACS/CoC has granted institutional candidacy and the LSBN has granted program approval, the Board of Regents shall consider a date for program implementation.**
- 3. After program implementation is granted, annual reports regarding the program's progress toward NLNAC accreditation shall be required. The dates and contents of these reports shall be set when the Board considers a date for program implementation.**

B. Louisiana Technical College – Teche Campus – A.A.S. in Computer Network Administration

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed A.A.S. in Computer Network Administration (CIP 11.1001) at Louisiana Technical College - Teche Area Campus, effective immediately.

C. Louisiana Tech University – B.S. in Nanosystems Engineering

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed B.S. in Nanosystems Engineering (CIP 14.9999) at Louisiana Tech University to be implemented beginning fall 2005. By September 1, 2006, and annually thereafter until ABET accreditation has been accomplished, the institution shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report documenting efforts to secure external funding for the program.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT – LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER-NEW ORLEANS – PH.D. IN BIOSTATISTICS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the Letter of Intent for the projected Ph.D. in Biostatistics (CIP Code 26.1102) at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans. The full program proposal should address staff concerns regarding a persuasive rationale for additional State funding.

PROGRESS REPORT ON CONDITIONALLY-APPROVED PROGRAMS – FLETCHER TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A. A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the January 2005 Report from Fletcher Technical Community College Relative to SACS/CoC Candidacy and the A.S. Program in Nursing. A subsequent progress report addressing these same issues shall be due in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education by July 15, 2005.

B. Associate of General Studies

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the January, 2005 Report from Fletcher Technical Community College Relative to SACS/CoC Candidacy and the Associate of General Studies Program. A subsequent progress report addressing these same issues shall be due in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education by July 15, 2005.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC/RESEARCH INSTITUTE/CENTERS

A. Request for Full Approval – Louisiana State University Paul G. Hebert Law Center – George and Jean Pugh Institute for Justice

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant full approval for the George and Jean Pugh Institute for Justice at the Louisiana State University Paul G. Hebert Law Center for a period of five years from this date.

B. Request for Conditional Approval – Louisiana State University Agricultural Center – Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant one year conditional approval for the Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives at the LSU Agricultural Center, effective immediately. As required by Board of Regents Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/Research Units, the LSU Agricultural Center shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a proposal for full approval of LCRI by March 1, 2006. In particular, this proposal shall address the following concerns:

- 1. Specific research efforts/projects;**
- 2. Sources and amounts of revenues, grants, and services; and**
- 3. Contingency funding plans.**

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew said he reported on several items: (1) the statewide review of existing Licensed Practical Nursing programs; (2) the schedule of reviews for proposed programs; (3) staff approval of routine academic requests; and (4) the Chief Academic Officers meeting to take place immediately upon adjournment of today's Board meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF FEBRUARY 23, 2005

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of February 23, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Jacobs, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of February 23, 2005.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee unanimously to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as listed below:

Elevator Replacement – McVoy Hall – Louisiana State University and A&M College \$250,000 from Auxiliary Funds. (Reapproval)

Trenchless Technology Center Laboratory Facility – Louisiana Tech University \$300,000 from Other Funds – External gifts and Grants.

Embryo Biotechnology Laboratory Renovations and Additions – Louisiana State University Agricultural Center \$349,000 from State Funds.

FACILITIES POLICY UPDATE

Mr. Griswold stated an update was given on the Facilities Policy revisions and indicated that additional meetings had taken place with respective management board staffs. He noted that at the March Board meeting, the policy should be presented for adoption.

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2005-2006 CAPITAL OUTLAY RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay Budget as listed below:

Health Sciences Building Renovation and Expansion – University of Louisiana at Monroe. Staff recommended the project funding be increased to reflect a modified project scope at a total cost of \$23,373,400, and that the project be prioritized as N-7.

Replacement of Functionally Obsolete Hospital Equipment - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. Staff recommended this project be inserted into the recommendation as priority N-25 at a cost of \$5,100,000, and that the project for the Hospital Diagnostic Support Services Renovation be deleted from the recommendation.

LSU Health Sciences Center Facility Renovations – Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. Staff recommended the project be added to the end of the SG category and that its budget be set at \$4,492,736.

New Alex Box Stadium - Louisiana State University and A & M College. Staff recommended the project be added to the end of the SG category at an approximate cost of \$23,400,000.

District Livestock Show Facility at the Dean Lee Research Station in Alexandria – LSU Agricultural Center. Staff recommended that the project be approved for construction. However, it will not be added to the recommendation since funding for the project has been granted a line of credit by the Bond Commission. Project budget is \$2,900,000.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF FEBRUARY 23, 2005

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee report of February 23, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of February 23, 2005.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial two-year operating license for Beacon University, located in Columbus, Georgia to provide online and supplemental instruction in Metairie, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to issue an operating license to Ashington University through June, 2006, with the following stipulations:

1. **Ashington University must submit a completed application for accreditation with DETC by May 1, 2005;**
2. **Ashington University must submit all required course materials to the accreditor in a timely manner based on instructions from DETC;**
3. **Ashington University must prepare a draft of its Self-Evaluation Report and have completed a successful DETC Readiness Visit by September 1, 2005;**
4. **Ashington University must undergo its On-site Visit with DETC either during the Fall, 2005 or Spring, 2006, based on the results of the DETC Readiness Visit.**

If any of the above stipulations are not met, the Board of Regents reserves the right to revoke the license of Ashington University. Assuming the institution successfully complies with all stipulations, based on actions of the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council at either its January or June, 2006 meeting, the Board of Regents will review Ashington University's license at that time.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of Pearl River Community College and Southwest Mississippi Community College.

SECONDARY TO POSTSECONDARY ARTICULATION: 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to receive the Secondary to Postsecondary Articulation: The 2004 Annual Report, authorize staff to include any final edits, forward the report to the Legislature on behalf of the Board, and request that the Legislature approve a change in submission date to April 15th to allow inclusion of more timely, complete and accurate information.

Chair Toups thanked Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, and Dr. Lisa Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training for their hard work on the articulation report.

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Clarke said he reported on several items:

- (1) introduced two new staff members of the Planning, Research and Performance Division of the Board of Regents, Sulanda Lonnerte, Assistant Program Manager and Ann Evans, Administrative;
- (2) reminded the Board that the staff had issued an RFP in December for the conversion and imaging of student records from closed proprietary schools and would bring final recommendations to the Board in March;
- (3) Noel-Levitz is in the process of conducting on-site visits to each four-year campus to assess campus progress in implementing the plans previously discussed;
- (4) increases in spring enrollment at the Learning Center for Rapides Parish;
- (5) evaluation of the Jefferson West Learning Center was well underway and the report would be presented to the Learning Centers Committee in March;
- (6) a team from Oklahoma would be visiting Louisiana to learn what Louisiana is doing in the area of workforce education and training on February 28 through March 2; and
- (7) a number of campuses have not finalized their files for the Regents' Statewide Student Profile.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of February 23, 2005. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Terrell, Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of February 23, 2005.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RELATIVE TO THE K-16 PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCHOOL REFORM (K-16 PSR) PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee that the Request for Proposals (RFP) #2005-01, K-16 Partnerships for School Reform (K-16 PSR), be adopted as presented.

Regent Toups thanked Dr. Davidson and his staff for their efforts on the K-16 program.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM COMPONENT OF THE JOINTLY SPONSORED (REGENTS/NASA) LaSPACE PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the LaSPACE consultants' report relative to the funding of two new Graduate Fellows for academic year 2005-06. The Board further recommends that both the new and continuing fellowships be paid from \$60,000 of FY 2004-05 Support Fund money allocated to the LaSPACE Graduate Fellowships program and the remainder (\$35,000) from NASA LaSPACE funds.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF FEBRUARY 23, 2005

On motion of Regent Terrell, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of February 23, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Chair of the Technology Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions for the Technology Committee Report of February 23, 2005.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Vandal noted that Mr. Lonnie Leger, the new Senior Optical Network Engineer for the LONI operations, was introduced, and the development and implementation of a staffing plan for the LONI was recommended.

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to approve and recommend that the Commissioner of Higher Education, in consultation with the Chairman of the Technology Committee, Chairman of the LONI Management Council, and Chairman of the Board of Regents is authorized to develop and implement a staff plan for the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI). The Commissioner will report his progress to the Technology Committee as appropriate.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF FEBRUARY 23, 2005

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of February 23, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

Chair Toups recognized two Board members for their recent achievements.

- Virgil Robinson was recently named Chair of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Board.
- Clifford Smith was named as one of five "Louisiana Legends" by Louisiana Public Broadcasting.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Savoie gave a power point presentation entitled "Integrating Postsecondary Education Financial Aid and Finance Policy: *Changing Louisiana's Future.*" He informed the Board that Louisiana had been selected to participate in a second cohort project with Hawaii, Idaho, Oklahoma, and Tennessee sponsored by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), American Council on Education (ACE), National Conference of State

Legislatures (NCSL), State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO), and funded by the Lumina Foundation for Education. The purpose is to examine ways to structure finance and financial aid policies to maximize participation, access, and success for all students. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dupré, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.