

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
March 19, 1998

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:24 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 1998, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Harold Callais, Chairman
Mary Ella Sanders, Vice Chairman
Richard D'Aquin, Secretary
E. Edwards Barham
John Georges
George Luffey
Norbert Simmons
Roland Toups
Michael Reese, Student Member

Absent: Michael Dees

Reggie Dupre'
Frances Henry
John Keller
Ron Roberts
Pat Strong

PRESENTATIONS

The Board of Regents recognized and presented Certificates of Achievement to the following three individuals in honor of their outstanding service and numerous contributions to higher education:

1. Dr. Martin Woodin, President Emeritus, LSU
2. Coach Eddie Robinson, Retired Head Football Coach, Grambling State University
3. Dr. F. Jay Taylor, Retired President, Louisiana Tech University

(Remarks made by Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie regarding these individuals are on file in the Board's office)

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 1998

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of February 19, 1998, and to add Attachment A to reflect salary details related to approved personnel actions.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 18, 1998

On behalf of Regent Luffey, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Physical Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000

Louisiana State University

South Graham Hall - Install Wall Outlets for New Heat Pumps
\$143,000 Auxiliary Funds

Southeastern Louisiana University

University Center Northeast Parking Lot Improvements
\$199,000 Motor Vehicle Registration Fees

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted

unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.

Nicholls State University

Student Union Complex Fire Code Violation Corrections
\$160,000 System Revenue Fund

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve an increase in the amount of funding from \$110,000 to \$160,000.

CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA FOR FY 1999-00 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUESTS

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to defer action on the adoption of the Capital Outlay Category and Prioritization Criteria until the April meeting. Further, the Board directed the staff to forward a copy of the criteria to the president of each system and to the president/chancellor of each institution for their review and comment.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 18, 1998

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 18, 1998

On behalf of Regent Luffey, Mr. Roubique presented motions from the Finance Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998.

FY 1998-99 OPERATING BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Georges, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the staff's recommendation for increased state funding for the FY 1998-99 operating budgets as reflected in Appendix B.

BA-7'S - (Budget Adjustment Proposals)

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve Agency BA-7 No. 7 from LSU in Shreveport in the amount of \$300,000 from self-generated revenues.

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve Agency BA-7 No. 8 from LSU A&M in the amount of \$475,000 from dedicated revenues.

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve Agency BA-7 No. 9 from LSU Medical Center in the amount of \$6,017,030 from interagency transfers.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 18, 1998

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Finance Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Sanders, Chairman of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented

motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Southern University-Baton Rouge - M.S. in Urban Forestry

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed M.S. program in Urban Forestry (CIP Code 03.05.99) at Southern University-Baton Rouge, beginning in the fall of 1998, subject to fulfillment of stipulations listed in Appendix B.

B. Southern University-New Orleans - M.S. in Computer Information Systems

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed M.S. program in Computer Information Systems (CIP Code 11.04.01) at Southern University-New Orleans, beginning in the fall of 1999, subject to fulfillment of stipulations listed in Appendix C.

C. Baton Rouge Community College - A.A.S. in Process Control Technology

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed A.A.S. program in Process Control Technology (CIP Code 15.06.99) at Baton Rouge Community College, beginning in the fall of 1998, subject to fulfillment of stipulations listed in Appendix D.

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA - B.S.B.A. IN BUSINESS SYSTEMS, ANALYSIS, AND TECHNOLOGY

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs

Committee to grant approval for the Letter of Intent for a projected B.S.B.A. program in Business Analysis, Systems, and Technology at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, with the stipulation that the full proposal provide: (1) results of a needs assessment survey; and (2) additional supporting information regarding the cost effectiveness of program implementation.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO THE REVISED BUDGET FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY PROGRAM AT NORTHEAST LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Touns, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for recommendations of the Finance Committee for \$538,199 in "bridge" funding in FY 1998-99 for implementation of the Doctor of Pharmacy program at Northeast Louisiana University. Implementation of this program is further subject to stipulations listed in Appendix E.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 18, 1998

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Touns, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Touns, Vice Chairman of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Carol Coltharp, Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner, presented motions from the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998.

ADOPTION OF REVISED AGENDA

On motion of Regent Touns, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Legislation Committee to approve the revised Committee agenda.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION AFFECTING HIGHER EDUCATION IN 1998 SPECIAL SESSION

On motion of Regent Touns, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Legislation Committee that in keeping with traditional practice, the staff, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Legislation Committee and the Commissioner

of Higher Education, be given the latitude to respond to the various changes that may be offered to the bills concerning higher education before the next meeting of the Legislation Committee, in a manner consistent with the interests of higher education and in keeping with the Board's historically stated positions.

Adoption of the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Georges, Chairman of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998.

REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE, TULANE UNIVERSITY, AND UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA TO CONTINUE A REGENTS/DOE TOXICOLOGY RESEARCH CLUSTER

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the continuance of the DOE Toxicology Research Cluster under the subcontract between LSU and Western Michigan University.

FY 1997-98 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM COMPONENT OF THE JOINTLY SPONSORED (REGENTS/NASA) LaSPACE PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the LaSPACE consultants' report and funding recommendations in the amount of \$60,505 relative to the five top-ranked LaSPACE Research Enhancement projects recommended for funding. Projects shall be funded in the order, amounts, and with any stipulations recommended in the consultants' report. If an award is declined, that award shall be offered to the alternate proposals in the order indicated in the report, with any remaining funds carried forward for use next year in the LaSPACE project. (Tables 1 and 2 of the project director's report are in Appendix B.)

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE BOARD OF
REGENTS SUPPORT FUND EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM TO STIMULATE
COMPETITIVE
RESEARCH (EPSCoR) SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SUPPORT FUND PLANNING
COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the individuals nominated by the EPSCoR Subcommittee as chair and vice chair of the EPSCoR Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR LaCEPT SUMMER 1998 FACULTY INTERNSHIP
PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve up to \$60,000 in unexpended NSF funds to provide up to 12 Faculty Internships during the summer of 1998. Any unexpended funds will remain in the LaCEPT budget for other campus-related initiatives, such as Campus Renewal Projects and NSF/Regents Teaching Scholarships.

TERMINATION OF THE EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENDOWED CHAIR
PROPOSALS

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee that Nicholls State University, to be eligible for the FY 1997-98 competition, must complete all documentation necessary for evaluation of the Bollinger Endowed Chair application by March 25, 1998.

Adoption of the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Board voted to accept the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 18, 1998

On behalf of Regent Toups, Dr. Wayne Brown, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning and Research Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998.

ACT 129 OF 1991 (LICENSURE)

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning and Research Committee to exempt Bienville University from licensure under the 501(c)(3) tax exempt status as provided under Act 129 of 1991.

BOARD OF REGENTS' 1997-98 STUDENT TRANSFER GUIDE AND GENERAL EDUCATION ARTICULATION MATRIX

Dr. Brown reported on the progress of the 1997-98 Student Transfer Guide and asked for deferral of action until the April board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Brown informed the Board that one of the primary concerns expressed regarding the proposed shift of the technical colleges to a management board under the coordinating authority of the Board of Regents was the issue of equity and fair treatment of the technical colleges. He distributed copies of a draft list of four principles outlining the manner in which the technical colleges would be treated if placed under the authority of the Board of Regents. Dr. Brown read the four principles and the Preamble for the Motion. (See Attachment A) He then asked Mr. Andy Kopplin, Special Assistant to the Governor's Office, to report on the concerns of the other interested parties.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Barham, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the March 19, 1998 list of "Principles Regarding Inclusion of the Louisiana Technical College (LTC) within the coordination authorities of the Louisiana Board of Regents" and authorize the Commissioner to distribute these "Principles" to all interested and potentially affected parties.

Dr. Savoie assured the Technical Colleges and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) that the Board intends to respond to its proposed new responsibility and encouraged the Administration to be mindful that the make-up of the proposed management board should be reflective of the ethnic population of the State.

Adoption of the Planning and Research Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning and Research Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998

On behalf of Chairman Callais, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Executive Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998.

CHANGE IN BOARD OF REGENTS' BYLAWS REGARDING COMMITTEE NAME

On motion of Chairman Callais, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the name of the Planning and Research Committee be changed to the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee in the Board of Regents' Bylaws. This reflects the new name of the division after the reorganization of the agency.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MARCH 18, 1998

On motion of Chairman Callais, seconded by Regent Barham, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of March 18, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner Savoie announced that the April board meeting will be held at the LSU System Board Office due to renovations being made in the auditorium. He continued by announcing that a meeting was being held at 1:30 p.m. with the Governor's Chief of Staff, Stephen Perry, presidents and chancellors, to discuss implications of the Governor's proposal on the reorganization of Louisiana's Technical Colleges. In conclusion, Dr. Savoie reported that the University of Louisiana System has invited members of the Board to sit as non-voting members of selection committees for campus presidents at Delgado Community College, South Louisiana Community College, and Grambling State University. He asked Regent Barham to comment on the search procedure being conducted at Grambling State University. Regent Barham reviewed the process and reported that a decision would be made on the selection of Grambling's president by the latter part of next week.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Callais declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.