

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

APRIL 27, 2006

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:10 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2006, 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:

William Blake  
Scott Brame  
Richard D' Aquin  
Frances Henry  
Stanley Jacobs  
Ingrid Labat  
Robert Levy  
Mary Ellen Roy  
William Smith  
Pat Strong  
Harold Stokes  
Roland Toups

Absent for the meeting was:

W. Clinton Rasberry  
Virgil Robinson  
Artis Terrell  
Chris Jividen

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that he received one written request for public comments from Dr. Diola Bagayoko of Southern University and A&M College, who requested to speak before the Sponsored Programs Committee Report was read. Chair Toups also asked if anyone else in the audience had any public comments at that time. There were none.

## **MINUTES APPROVED**

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2006

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 22, 2006.**

### **INTRODUCTION OF THE LaSIP AND LA GEAR UP STAFF**

Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs and LaSIP/LA GEAR UP Project Director, introduced the staff of the Louisiana System Initiatives Program (LaSIP) and the Louisiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (LA GEAR UP). Chair Toups noted that LaSIP/LA GEAR UP will become employees of the Board of Regents on July 1, 2006.

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Henry, Member of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 26, 2006.

### REVIEW OF K-16 PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCHOOL REFORM PROPOSALS

Regent Henry noted that Dr. Bagayoko had requested to make a statement to the Board. Dr. Bagayoko said he was now making a formal appeal for reconsideration of the K-16 PSR proposal which he had earlier submitted. Regent Henry noted that the Board was sympathetic to his request and appreciated his comments. Regent Toups stated that the Board affirms the integrity of the review process and requested that Dr. Bagayoko continue working with the Sponsored Programs staff to position his proposal for the next review cycle.

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$2,899,280 of the \$3 million available for the FYs 2005/06 - 07/08 K-16 Partnerships for School Reform (K-16 PSR) Program. Awards shall be made in rank order, at the funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. Responses to stipulations must be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by July 14, 2006. The responses for each campus/school team must be co-signed by the Principal Investigator, the affected Superintendents(s) and the affected Principal(s).**

**FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2005-06  
BoRSF COMPETITIVE CYCLE**

*Endowed Chairs Component*

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Support Fund money as necessary to complete the endowments for proposals ranked one through five in the competitive component (i.e., Proposals 009EC, 001EC, 003EC, 004EC, and 005EC, and Proposal 011EC in the Restricted Bequests Program).**

*Research and Development Component*

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$2,143,866 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects. These funds shall be disbursed as follows: (1) Research Competitiveness Subprogram - \$1,281,866; (2) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram - \$362,000; and Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram - \$500,000. All R&D proposals shall be funded in the rank order, and at the levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the twenty-eight (28) top-ranked RCS proposals recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the six (6) top-ranked ITRS projects recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the twelve (12) top-ranked ATLAS proposals recommended. While the cutoff level for funding proposals cannot be finally decided until all campus responses have been received and the final allocation for expenditure is determined, the following principles will be adhered to: (1) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular category is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that category, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; and (2) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be offered**

**to the next ranked proposal which the consultants recommended for Priority I funding within the respective subprogram.**

*Enhancement of the Quality of Departments or Units Component*

- Endowed Professorships

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on disbursement of FY 2005-06 Endowed Professorship awards until the June 2006 meeting. By that time the Board will have more complete information regarding the total availability of funds for this program. Further, extensions for submissions of final documentation are granted to Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, Southern University-Shreveport, and South Louisiana Community College. No additional extensions shall be allowed for the FY 2005-06 funding cycle.**

- New Traditional, Undergraduate, and Two-Year Institutions Enhancement Projects

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$7,197,323 for the funding of Traditional Enhancement proposals. Awards shall be made in the rank order, at funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants, and shall be divided among the five eligible disciplines and the multidisciplinary projects as follows: Biological Sciences - \$1,299,909; Computer/Information Sciences - \$905,688; Engineering B - \$2,320,167; Humanities - \$538,958; Social Sciences - \$1,214,603; and Multidisciplinary - \$917,998. While the cutoff level for funding proposals in these categories cannot be finally decided until the amount of money available in the Support Fund for FY 2005-06 has been determined and all campus responses have been received, the following principles will be adhered to: (a) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular category is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that category, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; (b) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be offered, in rank order, to the Priority II proposal(s) in the Multidisciplinary Component.**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the Undergraduate Enhancement program as follows: the \$1,525,862 available for FY 2005-06 shall be awarded to meritorious proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with the**

**stipulations recommended by consultants.**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions component as follows: the \$884,835 available for FY 2005-06 shall be awarded to meritorious proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants**

- Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students Component

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2005-06 cycle for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students program. Funds shall be awarded for the durations, at funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants**

- Contingency Plan for Budgetary Shortfall

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following Contingency Plan for budgetary shortfall: Should the final FY 2005-06 Support Fund budget not achieve the revised amount budgeted herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the Traditional Enhancement Program.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 26, 2006

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 26, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**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 April 26, 2006.

PROPOSED PROGRAMS*LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE - T. H. HARRIS CAMPUS - A.A.S. IN CARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN*

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed A.A.S. in Care and Development of Young Children program (CIP 19.0709) at LTC-T.H. Harris, effective immediately. When the campus submits a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education which documents the hire of an appropriately qualified Program Director, adequacy of clerical help, and adequacy of library resources, the Board shall consider a date for program implementation.**

*LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE - SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAMPUS - A.A.S. IN CULINARY ARTS AND OCCUPATIONS*

**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 grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts & Occupations program (CIP Code 120503), at Louisiana Technical College Shreveport-Bossier, effective immediately. By August 1, 2007, the institution shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a progress report addressing the numbers of students enrolled in the program, the number of graduates of the A.A.S program, and measures taken to promote completion of the program and activities of the Culinary Arts Advisory Board.**

*LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE - LAFAYETTE CAMPUS - A.A.S. IN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY*

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology program (CIP Code 51.0909) at Louisiana Technical College - Lafayette, effective immediately. By April 1, 2007, the Lafayette Campus shall submit a progress report to the Commissioner of Higher Education which provides updates on faculty hires, library resources, lab equipment, and progress toward programmatic accreditation.**

*LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE - DELTA/OUACHITA CAMPUS - A.A.S. IN COMPUTER SPECIALIST-APPLICATIONS*

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the A.A.S. program in Computer Specialist -Applications (CIP 11.0301) at Louisiana Technical College - Delta Ouachita, effective immediately.**

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

*SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE - MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION*

Mr. Killebrew stated that consideration of the Master of Business Administration at Southern University-Baton Rouge would be delayed until next month pending the results of a meeting between the Regents staff and SUBR officials to resolve funding concerns.

*SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY - B.S. IN HEALTH STUDIES*

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the February 2006 Progress Report from Southeastern Louisiana University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. in Health Studies Program. A subsequent progress report updating the status of new faculty hires for the program shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by September 1, 2006.**

*UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE - MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE*

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the February 2006 Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the Master of Architecture at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and grant full approval to the program. As the University has fulfilled all previous stipulations, no additional progress reports are required.**

*FLETCHER TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE*

ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES  
A.S. IN NURSING

A.A.S. IN TECHNICAL STUDIES  
A.A.S. IN NAUTICAL SCIENCE

**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 March 2006 Progress Reports Relative to SACS/CoC Candidacy and Implementation of the Associate of General Studies, Associate of Science in Nursing, Associate of Applied Science in Technical Studies and Associate of Applied Science in Nautical Science programs at Fletcher Technical Community College. A subsequent progress report updating the status of the College's application for SACS/CoC candidacy shall be submitted to the Commissioner for Higher Education by September 1, 2006.**

*LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY*

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-2006 Progress Report from Louisiana Tech University Relative to Implementation of the Doctor of Audiology Program. A subsequent progress report which addresses staff/consultant concerns shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by January 15, 2007.**

*LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE*

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY  
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN GENERAL SCIENCE

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-2006 Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the Associate of Science in General Science and the Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology at Louisiana Delta Community College. A subsequent progress report which addresses staff/consultant concerns shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by April 1, 2007.**

*SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE*

A.A.S. IN EMERGENCY HEALTH SCIENCE  
A.S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
A.S. IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

**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 AY 2004-2006 Progress Reports from South Louisiana Community College Relative to the Implementation of the Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Health Science, the Associate of Science in Criminal Justice and the Associate of Science in Industrial Technology. A subsequent set of progress reports which addresses staff/consultant concerns shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by April 1, 2007.**

ADMINISTRATIVE AND CURRICULAR REVISIONS

*LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-ALEXANDRIA - REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE A.S. IN COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY*

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the A.S. program in Computer Information Technology (CIP Code 11.0103) at Louisiana State University-Alexandria, effective immediately.**

*LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE AUDIOLOGY OPTION WITHIN THE M.A. IN SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY PROGRAM AND CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PROGRAM ACCORDINGLY*

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the Audiology option within the M.A. in Speech Pathology and Audiology program at Louisiana Tech University, effective immediately. Further, the name of this program shall be changed from the M.A. in Speech Pathology and Audiology (CIP Code 51.0204) to M.A. in Speech Pathology (CIP Code 51.0203), also effective immediately.**

*UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE - REQUEST TO ELIMINATE THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED LIFE SCIENCES AND REASSIGN PROGRAMS/UNITS TO OTHER COLLEGES/DEPARTMENTS*

**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 elimination of the College of Applied Life Sciences at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and the reassignment of programs/units to other existing colleges/departments at the University as indicated in the staff summary.**

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

**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 appointment of Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer, Senior Vice President, to represent the Louisiana Community and Technical College System on the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence.**

EVALUATION OF A REDESIGNED INITIAL TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS AND EDUCATION LEADERS

**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 following redesigned initial teacher preparation programs and graduate programs for teachers and education leaders:**

- 1. The Master of Education program in Educational Leadership (CIP Code 13.0401) at Nicholls State University;**
- 2. The Master of Education program in Curriculum and Instruction (CIP Code 13.0301) with concentrations in Elementary Education, English Education, Math Education, Science, Reading, and Educational Technology; Master of Education program in Educational Leadership (CIP Code 13.0401) and Teacher Leader Endorsement; Master of Education program in Educational Technology Leadership (CIP Code 13.0301); and Master of Arts in Teaching – Grades PK-3 program (CIP Code 13.1210) at Northwestern State University.**

3. **Teacher Leader Endorsement and Non-Master's/Certification-Only Program in Grades 6-12 (Agriculture, Biology, Business Education, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, Family Consumer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Social Studies, Speech, and Technology Education) and Grades K-12 (German and Latin) at Southeastern Louisiana University.**
4. **The Master of Education program in Curriculum and Instruction-Reading (CIP Code 13.0301) at Louisiana State University at Shreveport.**

#### REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killbrew said an update was given on the following items:

- A. Louisiana's Participation in the American Diploma Project;
- B. Statewide Review of Existing Licensed Practical Nursing Programs;
- C. Status of Review of Conditionally Approved Programs;
- D. Status of Reviews for Proposed Programs/Units; and
- E. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests.

#### OTHER BUSINESS - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA-MONROE

##### *REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE B.S. PROGRAM IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY*

**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 terminate the B.S. in Occupational Therapy (CIP Code 51.2306) program at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, effective immediately. This request must be confirmed by similar action of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.**

##### *LETTER OF INTENT - PROJECTED B.S. IN HEALTH SCIENCES*

**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 Letter of Intent for a projected B.S. in Health Sciences (CIP Code 51.9999) program at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. This request must be confirmed by similar action of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF  
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**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of April 26, 2006. (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 April 26, 2006.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the following small capital projects.**

**Alterations and Additions to Camp Grant Walker Facilities - LSU Agricultural Center \$340,000 from State Funds**

**South Campus (Albermarle) Phase 1 - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$349,000 from Grants and Contracts Overhead**

**Annie Boyd Hall Elevator Replacement (REAPPROVAL) - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$276,000 from auxiliary funds**

**Highland Hall Elevator Replacement (REAPPROVAL) - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$276,000 from auxiliary funds**

**Highland Hall Install Ceilings in Halls - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$175,000 from auxiliary funds**

**Annie Boyd Hall Install Ceilings in Corridors - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$175,000 from auxiliary funds**

**Classroom Renovation Projects FY 2006-2007 - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$325,000 from auxiliary/tickets**

**Louisiana Transportation Research Center Access Control System - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$135,000 from DOTD**

**Pleasant Hall Basement B151 Finish Out - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$349,000 from Grants and Contracts Overhead**

**Highland Hall Replace Domestic Hot Water Boilers - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$135,000 from auxiliary funds**

**Acadian Hall Replace Elevator - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$345,000 from auxiliary funds**

**Annie Boyd Hall Replace Domestic Hot Water Boilers - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$225,000 from auxiliary funds**

**Miller Hall Upgrade Electrical Service to Rooms Phase 1 - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$225,000 from auxiliary funds**

**Veterinary Medicine Stall Renovations for Equine Clinic - Louisiana State University and A&M College \$200,000 from statutory dedicated funds**

**ACT 971 PROJECTS**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accepted the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the work to be performed utilizing funds under the provisions of Act 971 of 1985 as presented.**

**AMENDMENT TO FY 2006-07 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include a project to construct a Women's Softball facility at Louisiana State University and A&M College. The project, estimated to cost \$9,933,000 from self-generated revenues, would be added to the end of the self-generated category.**

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept as amended the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include a project to correct deficiencies in the domestic**

**water supply distribution system and perform a utility infrastructure study at Grambling State University. The project, estimated to cost \$700,000 from state funding, would be added to the end of the emergency category. Approval of this project is contingent upon favorable action by the University of Louisiana System at its regularly scheduled Board meeting on Friday, April 28, 2006.**

#### CAPITAL OUTLAY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold said a brief overview of the capital outlay process was given which indicated that HB 2 had begun the legislative process.

#### FACILITIES POLICY - TEMPORARY MODIFICATION

**On motion of Regents Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to grant a temporary waiver regarding the Facility Policy to require Board approval of projects related to recovery from Hurricane Katrina or Rita only in those instances where significant changes to the scope, design, function, use, or the implementation of mitigation measures are being considered.**

#### ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 26, 2006

**On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of April 26, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

#### **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Blake, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Legislation Committee Report of April 26, 2006.

Mr. Vandal stated that General Counsel Koury discussed several bills such as HB 704, a proposal by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA); HB 154, a

meningococcal vaccination bill; and several other bills of particular interest (HB 433, HB 418, SB 505, and SB 507).

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 26, 2006

**On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of April 26, 2006.**  
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**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of April 26, 2006.

TOPS EQUIVALENCY COURSE

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve AP American Government as an equivalent course to Civics, thus satisfying the “Civics” core curriculum requirements for TOPS.**

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER:

Dr. Tremblay said an update was given on the following items:

- (1) Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) had recently announced that Louisiana had been chosen as one of eight states to participate in the State Scholars Initiative (SSI);
- (2) The Regent Scholar program is underway for this school year; and
- (3) Summary enrollment statistics were shared.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 26, 2006

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of April 26, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**LUMCON COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Smith, Chair of the LUMCON Committee, Mr. Killebrew, presented the LUMCON Committee Report of April 26, 2006.

PRESENTATION BY DR. NANCY RABALAIS, LUMCON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Killbrew noted that Dr. Nancy Rabalais, LUMCON Executive Director, gave an overview of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) and its operation. He mentioned that Dr. Bob Stuart, member of the LUMCON Executive Committee, and Mr. Bill Wilson, private citizen and LUMCON supporter, were in attendance. Mr. Killebrew said an inquiry was made about holding a Regents' retreat at the facility in the near future.

ADOPTION OF THE LUMCON COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 26, 2006

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the LUMCON Committee Report of April 26, 2006. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Vandal presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of April 26, 2006.

LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT ON FIBER

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee as amended to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education, working with the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council, to finalize and execute the cooperative endeavor agreement with the Department of Transportation and Development and the Office of Information Technology of the Division of Administration on fiber resources.**

REVISED PLAN REGARDING THE \$95 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR IMPACTED INSTITUTIONS

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee for approval of the allocation of the \$95 million in federal assistance for Louisiana higher education.**

PROPOSED POLICY REGARDING ACT 1360 OF THE 1997 REGULAR SESSION

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the statement of the *Board of Regents Confirmation of System Presidents* as revised.**

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal said that an Executive Session was called to discuss desegregation issues. He mentioned that a roll call vote was taken. He reported that no motions were made and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 26, 2006

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of April 26, 2006. (A copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- The Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities (CLCU) begins at the Marriott Hotel Baton Rouge today, April 27, 2006, at 11:30 am;
- A copy of the 2006 Summer Academic Schedule for the Learning Center for Rapides Parish was in the Board packet;
- A joint Board of Regents/Board of Elementary and Secondary Education meeting will be held on May 18 at 8:30 a.m.; and
- Next Committee/Board meetings will be held May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Toups announced that Regent Harold Stokes was going to be interviewed by CNN about healthcare issues in the New Orleans area and would be broadcast this Monday, May 1, 2006.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.**