

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

April 28, 2005

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, April 28, 2005, in the Louisiana Building on the Baton Rouge Community College campus 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
France Henry, Vice Chair
Stanley Jacobs
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Virgil Robinson
Clifford Smith
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong, Secretary
Artis Terrell
Roland Toups, Chair
Jeraul Mackey

Absent for the meeting were:

Reggie Dupré
Ingrid Labat

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 APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2005

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 24, 2005, as circulated.

WELCOME BY DR. WALTER BUMPHUS, PRESIDENT, LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM AND DR. MYRTLE DORSEY, CHANCELLOR, BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Walter Bumphus, President, Louisiana Community and Technical College System, expressed his pleasure that members of the Board of Regents attended the reception hosted by Scott and Janet Boles Crawford. He noted that Mrs. Crawford is the chair of the Baton Rouge Community College Foundation Board.

Dr. Myrtle Dorsey, Chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College, expressed her gratitude to the Board of Regents for holding its monthly Board meeting on the Baton Rouge Community College campus. She also presented a video which stressed the mission and goal of the community college.

PRESENTATION BY MR. BARRY ERWIN, PRESIDENT, COUNCIL FOR A BETTER LOUISIANA

Mr. Barry Erwin, President, Council for a Better Louisiana, thanked the Board for its support and cooperation with workforce issues. Mr. Erwin expressed appreciation for the positive things the Governor's Office and task forces on high school redesign, adult literacy, and workforce competitiveness are doing in the state.

He continued by noting that according to a survey taken in December 2004, seventy percent of employers are having difficulty hiring entry level employees. He thanked the Board for its actions in addressing these issues.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 27, 2005.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2004-05 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) COMPETITIVE CYCLE**ENDOWED CHAIRS COMPONENT**

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Support Fund and Reserve Fund money as necessary to complete endowments for the proposals as recommended by consultants and consistent with the BoRSF Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Policy.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of the \$2,964,350 estimated to be available in FY 2004-05 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects. These funds shall be disbursed as follows: (1) Research Competitiveness Subprogram - \$1,780,939; (2) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram - \$623,483; and (3) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram - \$559,928. All R&D proposals shall be funded in the rank order, and at the levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the forty-four (44) top-ranked RCS proposals recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the eleven (11) top-ranked ITRS proposals recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the fourteen (14) top-ranked ATLAS proposals recommended.

ENHANCEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF DEPARTMENTS OR UNITS COMPONENT**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS**

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on disbursement of FY 2004-05 Endowed Professorship awards until the June 2005 meeting. By that time the Board will

have more complete information regarding the total availability of funds for this program component.

Regent Jacobs requested that a meeting be held before the regularly scheduled June 2005

Sponsored Programs meeting to discuss issues regarding endowed professorships.

NEW TRADITIONAL, UNDERGRADUATE, AND TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION
ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the Traditional Enhancement program as follows: the \$7,965,245 available for FY 2004-05 Traditional Enhancement proposals shall be awarded in the rank order and 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: Business - \$1,297,445; Chemistry - \$2,370,227; Education - \$943,150; Mathematics - \$1,332,573; Physics/Astronomy - \$992,350; and Multidisciplinary - \$1,029,500.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, 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 \$1,853,351 available for FY 2004-05 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 Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, 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 \$1,234,965 available for FY 2004-05 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 Rasberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2004-05 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.

RECOMMENDED GENERAL PRINCIPLES RELATIVE TO THE ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT FUND DOLLARS

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following procedure for all awards in Research, Enhancement, and Superior Graduate Students components: Support Fund money shall be awarded to highly recommended proposals within each area in order of their ranking, at funding levels, and with the stipulations as recommended by consultants. While the cutoff level for funding proposals in these categories cannot be decided until the amount of money available in the Support Fund for FY 2004-05 has been finally determined and all campus responses have been received, these principles will be followed: (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; and (b) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be offered to the next proposal within the same category which the consultants recommended for funding.

CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BUDGETARY SHORTFALL

On motion of Regent Rasberry, 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 2004-05 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.

REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - NEW ORLEANS FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR AN INTERDISCIPLINARY NEUROSCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT EDUCATION PROPOSAL

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the commitment of matching funds from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the HHMI Phase I proposal submitted by the consortium of six Louisiana institutions, led by the LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, entitled "Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Graduate Research Training Program." The amount of matching funds provided for the proposal shall be equivalent to 10% of the amount of funding received for the Phase I proposal; i.e., \$100,000 for the three-year duration of the award, or approximately \$33,333 annually. Matching funds are to be provided only if HHMI funding is received.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 27, 2005

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 27, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

Chair Toups thanked Dr. Davidson and his staff for their hard work in preparation for this meeting.

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 27, 2005.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

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

**Johnston Hall – 4th Floor Renovations
Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$275,000 from Auxiliary Funds.**

**Poultry Demonstration/Research Facilities – Hill Farm Research Station
Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
\$349,900 from donations.**

FACILITY POLICY UPDATE

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Terrell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to adopt the updated Facilities Policy as presented by staff.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to acquire a site and construct a business incubator facility adjacent to Southern University in Shreveport under the

provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The facility will consist of 7,636 GSF and is estimated to cost approximately \$1,100,000, with funding to come from a HUD grant to the institution and the City of Shreveport.

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2005-2006 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project for Lab Exhaust System Remediation at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans at a cost of approximately \$1,408,272 from restricted overhead funds related to federal grants and contracts. The project is to be added to the end of the Self-Generated Category of the Board of Regents' FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation.

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct a facility for the Institute for Early Childhood at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette at a cost of approximately \$5,966,419. Funding is to include \$1,800,000 in donations. The project is to be added to the end of the New Category of the Board of Regents' FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation. A condition of the approval is that a feasibility study be conducted first to resolve remaining issues.

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct a new Nursing and General Education and Work Force/Economic Development facility at SOWELA Community and Technical College in Lake Charles at a cost of approximately \$5,500,000. Funding is to include \$2,750,000 from the Drew Trust. The project is to be added to the end of the New Category of the Board of Regents' FY 2005-2006 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation. A condition of the approval is that a feasibility study be conducted first to resolve remaining issues.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 27, 2005

On motion of Regent Jacobs, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of April 27, 2005. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

Regent Jacobs thanked Mr. Griswold for his diligence in developing the Facilities Policy.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Robinson, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of April 27, 2005.

OPERATING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS (BA-7's)

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the BA-7's proposed for Louisiana Technical College, Southern Shreveport, and LUMCON, as submitted.

ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE POOL FUNDS

On motion of Regent Robinson, and seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the allocation of \$34,000 from the balance of the Community and Technical College Pool funds for a comprehensive needs assessment for the Jefferson West Learning Center.

CONSIDERATION OF LOUISIANA POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION TUITION AND FEE POLICY

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Tuition and Fee Policy, authorization for the commissioner and staff to make further technical and editorial changes to the policy, and, to authorize the Executive Committee of the Board to adopt any substantive changes to the policy which may be needed as the legislation authorizing implementation of the policy is considered during the 2005 legislative session.

Regent Robinson thanked Mr. Vandal for his hard work on the tuition and fee policy.

STATUS REPORT ON UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to support the request by the University of Louisiana System and the University

of Louisiana at Monroe to secure additional state resources for the School of Pharmacy.

Regent Jacobs requested that Mr. Vandal keep the Board advised of the status of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 27, 2005

On motion of Regent Robinson, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of April 27, 2005.
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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Blake, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, Assistant to the Commissioner for Desegregation and Legal Affairs, presented the motion from the Legislation Committee Report of April 27, 2005.

DISCUSSION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION BILLS

On a motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Legislation Committee that in keeping with traditional practice, the Commissioner of Higher Education and the staff, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Legislation Committee, 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 APRIL 28, 2005

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of April 27, 2005.
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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 April 27, 2005.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve an initial two-year operating license for Mississippi University for Women, located in Columbus, Mississippi to provide clinical instruction for its masters program for nurse practitioners.

REPORT ON CREDIT-PRODUCING OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION, 2004-05

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to adopt the Report on Credit-Producing Off-Campus Instruction, 2004-05.

NOEL-LEVITZ REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Dr. Clarke stated that an update was given on the RFP for an Enrollment Management Capital Grant Program and there is a total of nearly \$1.5 million available in funds to support campus enrollment management initiatives.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 138 OF 2004

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to adopt the report on the response to Senate Current Resolution No. 138 of 2004, endorsing the establishment of the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport as a separate institution.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 27, 2005

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 27, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal presented the Executive Committee Report of April 27, 2005.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

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

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 27, 2005

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of April 27, 2005. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

Regent Toups noted that newly appointed Board member Dr. Ingrid Labat, not only recently gave birth to her first child, but also would be appointed to several committees of the Board.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to ratify Committee assignments to include Dr. Ingrid T. Labat on the following committees: (1) Facilities and Property, (2) Learning Centers, (3) Legislation, (4) Planning, Research and Performance, and (5) Technology.

Chair Toups thanked Dr. Myrtle Dorsey and Dr. Walter Bumphus for hosting Regents' meetings and noted it was the first time the Regents have met on a community college campus.

EPAS STATE REPORT PRESENTATION BY MS. CAROLYN KOSTELECKY AND MR. GLEN GULLICKSON OF ACT, INC.

Regent Toups welcomed Governor Kathleen Blanco to the Board meeting and thanked her for all the initiatives underway to improve education.

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, introduced Ms. Carolyn Kostecky, Assistant Vice President of ACT; Ms. Karen Panel, Director, Postsecondary and Workforce Services; and Mr. Glen Gullickson, Director, School and Career Services.

Ms. Kostelecky gave a PowerPoint presentation on Louisiana's Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) program. She noted the purposes of EPAS included: (1) raising academic standards, expanding college access and success for all students consistent with the Master Plan; (2) improving student preparation for important transitions; (3) fostering effective school improvement programs; and (4) improving articulation between secondary and postsecondary education/training. She noted that Louisiana EPAS utilizes three programs, EXPLORE in the 8th grade; PLAN for 10th graders; and ACT for grades 11 and 12. Ms. Kostelecky stated that for the first time, 10th grade performance scores are at the national average and is an all-time high for Louisiana. She also highlighted the fact that African-American/Black students are showing the greatest achievement growth, although their scores remain lower than the State average.

Governor Blanco applauded all of the education boards as they work together to help students become successful. A full discussion ensued.

Commissioner Savoie noted that he has enjoyed working with Ms. Kostelecky but she will soon retire after 30 years of service.

Regent Jacobs suggested the Louisiana EPAS presentation be shown at the joint meeting of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education/Board of Regents on May 19, 2005.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- He attended the inauguration of Horace Judson as President of Grambling State University on April 16, 2005;
- Regent Clifford Smith was being inducted as a Louisiana Legend on April 28 at the Louisiana History Museum with a reception and buffet dinner;
- House Appropriations Committee will meet on May 2;

- A LONI Symposium with participation from research collaborators from Mississippi, Texas and Oklahoma will be held on May 4 at Louisiana Tech University;
- There will be a joint BESE/BoR meeting at 9:00 am in the Claiborne Building on May 19, 2005;
- He will give the commencement address at Nicholls State University on May 14, 2005 and at LSU's College of Education on May 20, 2005; and
- Next Committee and Board meetings will be May 25 and 26 with a celebration of the Board of Regents 30th anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Terrell, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.