

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF REGENTS**

**April 22, 1999**

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:32 a.m., Thursday, April 22, 1999, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Mary Ella Sanders called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

**Present for the meeting were:**

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair  
Richard D'Aquin, Vice Chair  
Frances Henry  
Melvin Rambin  
Ron Roberts, Secretary  
Virgil Robinson, Jr.  
Norbert Simmons  
Pat Strong  
Roland Toups  
Ryan Gatti, Student Member

**Absent:** Scott Brame  
Harold Callais  
Michael Dees  
Reggie Dupré  
John Georges

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 1999

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 25, 1999, as circulated.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES****LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Mr. Rodney Braxton, Associate Commissioner of Governmental Affairs, presented the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999. Regent Henry stated that the Legislation Committee meeting was conducted via compressed video teleconferencing and that no motions were made.

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted to authorize 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.**

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Gatti, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000

**LSU & A&M**

New Office Space - CAMD Research Facility  
\$280,500 State Funds

**UNIV. OF SOUTHWESTERN LA**

Elevator Replacement at Cajun Field Football Stadium  
\$147,500 Auxiliary Funds

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.**

AMENDMENTS TO FY 1999-00 CAPITAL OUTLAY RECOMMENDATION

**UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

Library HVAC System Modification  
Project adjusted amount - \$1,038,000

**LSU & A&M**

New Student Apartment Complex II  
Project adjusted amount - \$22,988,800

**PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER**

Renovation of Old Law Building and Law Center Library  
Project adjusted amount - \$9,783,039

**LSU-EUNICE**

Site Development: Drainage and Parking  
Project moved from the New Category to the Emergency Category as Priority E-18

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the amendments.**

**RIVER PARISHES COMMUNITY COLLEGE SITE SELECTION**

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the site selection and facility for River Parishes Community College and authorized the University of Louisiana System and River Parishes Community College to proceed to finalize the lease agreement.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Technology Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999.

**PROPOSED NEW DISTANCE LEARNING POLICY**

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to approve the proposed Board of Regents Policy 2.12: Delivery of Courses and Programs Through Distance Learning Technology (see Appendix II of the Committee Report). Upon approval of this new policy, all of former Board of Regents Policy 4.04: Telecommunications and relevant portions of Board of Regents Policy 4.2: Mandatory Guidelines for the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities are hereby revoked.**

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee,

Dr. Carolyn Hargrave presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999.

PROPOSED NEW DISTANCE LEARNING POLICY

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Board of Regents Policy 2.12: Delivery of Courses and Programs Through Distance Learning Technology (see Appendix II of the Committee Report). Upon approval of this new policy, all of former Board of Regents Policy 4.04: Telecommunications and relevant portions of Board of Regents Policy 4.2: Mandatory Guidelines for the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities are hereby revoked.**

PROPOSED CURRICULAR REVISION - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER/LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY - COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR A COMBINED M.D./PH.D. PROGRAM IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Cooperative Agreement between the Louisiana State University Medical Center and Louisiana Tech University for a Combined M.D./Ph.D. Program in Biomedical Engineering.**

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE FUNDING OF NEW AND CONTINUATION GRANTS THROUGH THE FY 1998-99 CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING (CITAL)

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for selection and funding of five, second-year continuation grants through the FY 1998-99 Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning.**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the selection and funding of 4 alternate certification project grants and 4 alternate certification planning grants through the FY 1998-99 Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning. Affected institutions shall be afforded an opportunity to respond to the final report of**

**consultants that reviewed all proposals for these grant monies. Should an institution choose not to accept the monetary award recommended by consultants or if a persuasive case is made by an institution for additional funding above and beyond the recommended award, the staff will report back to the Board of Regents with an amended final set of recommendations for the expenditure of funds dedicated for this purpose.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent D'Aquin, member of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 21, 1999.

STAFF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED UNDER THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS' SUPPORT FUND PROGRAM, FY1998-99

Endowed Chairs

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to approve funding for the list of Endowed Chairs as indicated behind Tab 2 of the binder disseminated to Board members.** (Available in the Board of Regents' Sponsored Programs office)

Research and Development

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to approve funding for Research and Development proposals as indicated behind Tab 3 of the binder disseminated to Board members.** (Available in the Board of Regents' Sponsored Programs office)

Enhancement

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to extend the deadline for completing documentation relative to two of its endowed professorship applications until May 30, 1999.**

**Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Roberts, moved to approve funding for the Endowed Professorships listed in Appendix B, including three professorships recommended by lot. Regent Simmons, seconded by Regent Robinson, amended the motion to approve the Endowed professorships except for the three professorships recommended by lot.**

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: (6) *D'Aquin, Henry, Rambin, Robinson, Simmons, Gatti*

No: (4) *Roberts, Sanders, Strong, Toups*

Abstain (0)

Absent (5) *Brame, Callais, Dees, Dupré, Georges*

Motion failed. Clarification of the motion was requested and another roll call vote was taken.

Yes: (5) *D'Aquin, Rambin, Robinson, Simmons, Gatti*

No: (5) *Henry, Roberts, Sanders, Strong, Toups*

Abstain (0)

Absent (5) *Brame, Callais, Dees, Dupré, Georges*

Motion failed.

**On substitute motion, Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Rambin, moved to approve funding for the Endowed Professorships listed in Appendix B, including the three professorships chosen by lot and requested the staff to re-examine the process for choosing professorships by lot, incorporating Regent Simmons' concerns, and offer recommendations.**

Yes: (8) *D'Aquin, Henry, Rambin, Roberts, Sanders, Strong, Toups, Gatti*

No: (2) *Robinson, Simmons*

*Abstain (0)*

*Absent (5) Brame, Callais, Dees, Dupré, Georges*

Motion passed.

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to approve funding for Traditional Enhancement proposals as indicated behind Tab 5 of the binder disseminated to Board members.** (Available in the Board of Regents' Sponsored Programs office)

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to approve funding for Undergraduate Enhancement proposals as indicated behind Tab 6 of the binder disseminated to Board members.** (Available in the Board of Regents' Sponsored Programs office)

Superior Graduate Students

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to approve funding for proposals for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students as indicated behind Tab 8 of the binder disseminated to Board members.** (Available in the Board of Regents' Sponsored Programs office)

General Principles Applicable to Allocation of Support Fund Dollars

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to approve the following General Principles Relative to Allocation of Support Fund Dollars:**

- (a) If the 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 to the next proposal within the same category which the consultants recommended for funding at the Priority I level.**

Contingency Plan for Budgetary Shortfall

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Rambin, the Board voted to approve the following contingency plan for budgetary shortfall:**

- **Should the final FY 1998-99 Support Fund budget total less than the 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 MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. James Clarke, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of April 21, 1999.

ACT 129 OF 1991 (LICENSURE)

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to exempt Louisiana Baptist University under the religious institution exemption provided for by Act 129 of 1991.**

STAFF UPDATES

Dr. Clarke reported on issues related to the Process Technology Consortium. He noted that there were different interpretations concerning the level of support for the consortium promised by industry. During committee, Ms. Betsie Baker-Miller from the Louisiana Chemical Association had stated, *"(I will) reiterate the statement that Alden André has made not once, but at least twice before this board, that the Louisiana Chemical Association has*

*made it very clear our membership is not going to pay for this program and has been asked on numerous occasions, and I believe we have not minced words. I don't know how to be more clear on that.*" Chair Sanders requested that staff provide additional information on the status of each Process Technology program.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

On behalf of Regent D'Aquin, Vice Chair of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Gatti, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve the appointment of Ms. Denise Decuir, Information and Learning Technology Administrative Coordinator in the Academic Affairs Division effective April 22, 1999.**

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Gatti, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to direct Dr. E. Joseph Savoie to make suggestions and recommendations to the Board of Regents at its May meeting about the administration of the Proprietary Schools to come under the Regents.**

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Gatti, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

On behalf of Chair Sanders, Mr. Vandal presented the Executive Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal reported that Ms. Johnson gave an update on the Desegregation Settlement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Vandal reported that Ms. Johnson had notified committee members that Regent Simmons had been reappointed by the Governor to continue serving as a member of the Board.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF APRIL 21, 1999

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 1999, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie commented on the following items:

- EPSCoR Conference
- Academic Affairs Grant Proposal
- Proposed Executive Budget for Higher Education
- Faculty Advisory Council Meeting

- Grambling Commencement in May

Commissioner Savoie recognized and presented Mr. Luke Dowden, Student Government Association (SGA) Chairman, from Northwestern State University with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board. Mr. Dowden addressed the Board on the activities of the SGA. He then presented Mr. Harold Boutte, Assistant Commissioner, with a gift and Ms. Carol Coltharp, Executive Assistant to the President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), with a plaque for their untiring efforts. Commissioner Savoie also commended Ms. Coltharp for her nineteen years of service with the Board of Regents.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Roberts asked that Dr. Davidson consider a proposal that when there is an excess of three professorships the Board of Regents be the funding agency to fund a professorship to be given to a school that has less than three professorships. He also requested that an audit be conducted on professorships.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.