

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

MAY 24, 2007

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:12 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2007 in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Pat Strong 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:

Pat Strong, Chair
Scott Brame, Vice Chair
Robert Bruno
Richard D'Aquin
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Mary Ellen Roy
William Clifford Smith
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Roland Toups
Terry Landry, Jr.

Absent for the meeting were:

Artis Terrell, Jr., Secretary
Robert Levy

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Strong noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVEDAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2007

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 26, 2007.

PRESENTATION ON THE CONTINUUM FOR ALL LOUISIANA LEARNERS (CALL)

Dr. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, gave a power point presentation on the Continuum for all Louisiana Learners (CALL) program. Dr. Tremblay noted that CALL is a joint initiative to assist Louisiana adults without a college degree to enroll at a Louisiana public college or university and earn a degree or other college credential. Dr. Tremblay introduced Dr. Tom Carleton, Chancellor of Bossier Parish Community College; Dr. Randy Webb, President of Northwestern State University; Ms. Darlene Williams of Northwestern State University; Mr. Luke Dowden of Bossier Parish Community College; and Mr. Bruce Chaloux of the Southern Regional Education Board.

Dr. Tremblay stated that CALL is an innovative partnership between Bossier Parish Community College and Northwestern State University with the Consortium for Education, Research, and Technology of North Louisiana (CERT) as its coordinating partner. The CALL program is designed to establish a pathway for Louisiana's postsecondary institutions to develop new market opportunities among potential adult students.

He noted that the Board of Regents had commissioned the Aslanian Group to conduct a study of adult postsecondary educational demand in the 22 northern parishes of Louisiana. Dr. Tremblay stated that after the studies by the Aslanian Group, CALL would target (1) high school graduates with no previous college experiences, and (2) those who attended a college or

university, but stopped short of earning a degree, and (3) those who have a college degree and want additional credentials for career advancement.

Chancellor Tom Carleton said he was excited about the CALL program and knew this program will increase the numbers of college graduates. Dr. Randy Webb said he was honored to be involved in this project and gave his thanks to the Board of Regents establishing a special role for Northwestern State University distance learning. Ms. Darlene Williams discussed the importance of changing the campus culture to serve adult learners. Mr. Luke Dowden reviewed recasting of academic programs and services to serve adult learners such as “fast-track” accelerated degree programs; assessment for credit of adults college-level prior learning experiences, and specialized services for adults. Mr. Bruce Chaloux continued by discussing the marketing and promotional efforts in support of CALL. He said the CALL website (www.yourcallLA.org), push cards/mailings, billboards, television and radio, newspaper, and presentations were being used to market the CALL program. He noted that Louisiana is taking the lead, and this program is capturing much attention. He stated that the CALL program is part of the Board of Regents’ “Education...Go for more!” campaign. A full discussion ensued.

PRESENTATION ON THE LSU HONORS COLLEGE

Chairman Strong introduced Dr. Nancy Clark, Dean of the LSU Honors College. Dr. Clark began her power point presentation by informing the Board that the Honors College began in 1960 with 50 students and currently has approximately 1,300 students enrolled. She said the entering freshmen at the Honors College rank higher than the top 10 public universities’ freshmen class. She stated that the college has been located in the French House since 1999.

Dr. Clark said a student has to earn 30 on the ACT test and have a 3.5 grade point average to be accepted into the Honors College

Dr. Dean introduced two students who recently graduated from the College, Ms. C.C. DuBois and Ms. Jackie Zimmerman. Ms. DuBois said she has a political science and agriculture business major from LSU. She established the “We Got Your Back” program after Hurricane Katrina. She explained it began as a local relief drive to give backpacks full of school supplies to displaced students who poured into her hometown of Ponchatoula. She continued by saying that the local drive ballooned into a national effort, with backpacks being sent to 400 schools along the Gulf Coast. Ms. Zimmerman received her degree in biological sciences with a concentration in secondary education. She has been student teaching at Broadmoor High School, but plans to return to her home state of Alabama to pursue a masters/Ph.D. degree. Regent Labat noted that after hearing the presentation she had a renewed respect for LSU and what LSU, as the flagship university, should represent.

**PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING STUDENT BOARD MEMBER,
MR. TERRY LANDRY, JR.**

Regent Strong presented a plaque to outgoing student member, Terry Landry, Jr. Regent Landry thanked the entire Board for making him feel welcome, not just as a student member, but as a Board member. Mr. Landry introduced the recently elected student member for the Board of Regents, Mrs. James Klock, from Louisiana State University at Alexandria who will be sworn in at the next Board meeting.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Tremblay presented a motion from the Technology Committee Report of May 23, 2007.

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PHYSICAL SECURITY INITIATIVE

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to grant approval for the Postsecondary Education Physical Security Initiative to be effective immediately.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Tremblay said the Board of Regents is hosting the 2007 Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) International Conference in New Orleans at the Sheraton Hotel, August 7-10, 2007.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 23, 2007

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of May 23, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LUMCON COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Smith, Vice Chair of the LUMCON Committee, Dr. Tremblay presented a motion from the LUMCON Committee Report of May 23, 2007.

PRESENTATION BY DR. NANCY RABALAIS, LUMCON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the LUMCON committee to investigate prospects for \$100,000 to afford LUMCON planning efforts for acquisition of a second research vessel. The Regents' staff, LUMCON, and LUMCON Executive Committee shall seek the assistance of other external/state/private agencies in support of this effort.

Regent Bruno inquired if Dr. Rabalais and her staff needed assistance in writing grants for federal funds for the facility. Chair Smith noted that while the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) is under a management board comprised of individuals from Nicholls State University, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the Louisiana State University and A&M College, and perhaps Regents' staff could be of assistance in development of grant applications and/or marketing.

ADOPTION OF THE LUMCON COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 23, 2007

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the LUMCON Committee Report of May 23, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of May 23, 2007.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT

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

**Southern University Bookstore -
Southern University and A&M College
\$265,723 from Other - Donated Funds.**

**Colorado Dining Facility - Geology Field Camp -
Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$340,000 from the LSU Foundation.**

Classroom Renovations in Coates Hall -

**Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$348,000 from Auxiliary Funds.**

**Football Overflow Parking - Levee Lot -
Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$289,000 from Auxiliary Funds.**

**Interim Equine Isolation Facility - School of Veterinary Medicine -
Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$275,000 from State Funds.**

**PMAC Arena Floor Replacement -
Louisiana State University and A&M College.
\$345,000 from Auxiliary Funding.**

**Stadium Weight Room Floor Replacement -
Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$175,000 from Auxiliary Funds.**

**Burden Bridge Replacement -
Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
\$65,000 from State Funds
\$85,000 from Burden Foundation
total of \$150,000.**

**Resurface Parking Lot #2 -
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
\$320,000 from Self-Generated Restricted Funds.**

**Cafeteria Dining Renovations -
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
\$349,000 from Self-Generated Restricted Funds.**

**Cooling Tower Replacement -
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
\$200,000 from Self-Generated Restricted Funds**

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the development of a 500 bed housing complex, a

recreational facility addition, and various athletic and intramural facility improvements at Louisiana Tech University utilizing alternative means of financing. The project will cost approximately \$53,480,000.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Landry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the development of a 606 bed housing complex at Nicholls State University utilizing alternative means of financing. The project, costing approximately \$49,330,000, will also renovate two existing dorms and demolish four deteriorated existing residence halls.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the construction of a weight room and training facility at Southeastern Louisiana University. The 5,000 SF project is estimated to cost \$750,000 from donated funds.

CAPITAL OUTLAY STATUS REPORT

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to endorse current legislative session efforts to improve research and workforce infrastructure, provided that funding mechanisms are made available this regular session. This endorsement does not infer inclusion of these projects in the Board of Regents' regular capital outlay recommendation.

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2007-2008 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Landry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include Athletic Department Facilities and Enhancements at LSU and A&M College, at a cost of \$22,900,000, to be prioritized in the same relative location it occupied in the Self-Generated Category as when previously recommended.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include the North Campus Plant at the North Campus of the University of New Orleans. The project is estimated to cost \$3,316,400 from federal funds and self-generated revenues. The project will be added to the end of the Self-Generated Category.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the location of the Department of Agriculture project, identified as the Equine Isolation Unit, at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to modify the College of Administration/Business Building project at Louisiana Tech from a Building Shell/Roof Waterproofing project to a demolition of existing and construction of new facilities project. Approval is contingent upon approval by the University of Louisiana System at its next scheduled meeting.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Landry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include \$3,500,000 for planning for the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center/Cancer Research Building at the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 23, 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of May 23, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Smith, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, presented the Legislation Committee Report of May 23, 2007.

LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2007

Ms. Koury said an update was given on House Bill 2, the proposed budget, and House Bill 672 which establishes the Technology Commercialization Fund.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 23, 2007

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of May 23, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of May 23, 2007.

ENERGY SURCHARGE REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION

Mr. Vandal said he provided background information about the energy surcharge authorization. He mentioned that the original authority was granted for in 2001 for a three-year period, and in June, 2004, the Board extended the authority with the same stipulations and conditions until July 1, 2007. Mr. Vandal indicated that data are being collected, and specific recommendations will be brought before the Board at its June meeting.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal said a meeting was held on the LSU Health Sciences Center Funds Flow project on May 22, 2007, with the Consulting Firm, ECG.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 23, 2007

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Landry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of May 23, 2007. (Copy

on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Tremblay presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of May 23, 2007.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the University of Alabama-Birmingham and the University of Southern Mississippi.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance to approve the Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Respiratory Therapy at Career Technical College, with campuses located in Monroe and Shreveport, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Landry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

**Ascension College (04/22/99)
At-Home Professions (04/22/99)
A & W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)
BAR/BRI--Baton Rouge (03/27/03)
BAR/BRI--New Orleans (03/21/02)
Blue Cliff College--Alexandria (05/25/06)
Central Louisiana Medical Academy (06/24/99)
Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)
Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)
Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)
Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)
Delta Training Academy (04/23/98)**

Domestic Health Care Institute (04/28/88)
Kaplan, Inc.--Shreveport (04/21/93)
Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)
Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)
N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting (03/24/05)
Ouachita Truck Driving Academy (05/22/03)
Rhema Training Center (04/25/96)
Ruth Cook's School of Computer Operations (04/27/95)
Sclafani's Cooking School (04/28/94)
Southeast Career Academy (04/26/90)
Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)
Unitech Training Academy, Houma (03/22/06)
Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)
Universal Technical Institute--Florida Branch (04/23/98)
Verbatim Academy of Court Reporting (04/27/89)
WyoTech--Pennsylvania Campus (03/27/03)
WyoTech--Wyoming Campus (03/27/03)

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT OF MAY 23, 2007

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Stelly, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of May 23, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Roy, Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of May 23, 2007.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF
REGENTS POST-KATRINA SUPPORT FUND INITIATIVE (P-KSFI)

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the four (4) Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative (P-KSFI) Primarily Research Subprogram proposals recommended by consultants for funding at the levels and durations and with the stipulations provided by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs

Office.)

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the seven (7) Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative (P-KSFI) Primarily Education Subprogram proposals recommended by consultants for funding at the levels and durations and with the stipulations provided by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 23, 2007

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of May 23, 2007. (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 National Governors Association forum on postsecondary education will meet on May 30-31 in Kansas City. The Louisiana team will be Dr. Tremblay, Mr. Jim Henderson of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and Ms. Ann Guissinger of the Louisiana Recovery Authority.
- The next Committee and Board meetings will take place on June 27 and 28, 2007.

OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Regent Rasberry stated that due to possible threats of terrorist cyberattacks on the State of Louisiana and the nation's information and community technology infrastructure, a Cyberspace Command Center has been proposed. He said locating the Center at Barksdale Air Force Base seemed particularly advantageous with the ready access to the Regents-sponsored LONI computer network and the National LambdaRail, therefore, he felt a resolution stressing

the above fact would seem appropriate.

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the creation of the Barksdale Cyberspace Command Center.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS IN LOUISIANA

Regent Strong noted that the leadership of Louisiana's higher education community is responding quickly to the unfolding national inquiry into recent allegations of impropriety and conflict of interest in the administration of educational loan programs. He stated that the Regents' staff had met with Financial Aid Advisors across the state and gathered recent actions from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the Association of American Universities, the American Council on Education and the state of New York. Regent Strong noted that all of these entities have adopted some measure in the form of resolutions or statutes establishing a Code of Ethics for Student Financial Aid Administrators.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to request the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the Louisiana State University System, the Southern University System and the University of Louisiana System review the current practices of its institutions and adopt policies that address those practices. Further these policies should establish a standard of conduct that ensures that all financial aid decisions are conducted in a manner that demonstrates the highest ethical standards and that operations should be free of any bias, actual or perceived conflicts of interest and based solely on the best interests of the families and students they represent.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.