

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
May 28, 1998

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:12 a.m., Thursday, May 28, 1998, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms.

Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Harold Callais, Chairman
Mary Ella Sanders, Vice Chairman
Richard D'Aquin, Secretary
Reggie Dupré
John Georges
George Luffey
Ron Roberts
Pat Strong
Roland Toups
Michael Reese, Student Member

Absent: E. Edwards Barham
Michael Dees
Frances Henry
John Keller
Norbert Simmons

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 1998

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to approve the minutes of April 23, 1998, as circulated.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Mr. Marvin Roubique, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Physical Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000

University of Southwestern La.

Research Annex - Ecosystem Modeling Center
\$134,410 Other (Department of Energy Grant)

Louisiana State University A & M

South Campus/Miller Hall - Parking Lots
\$181,500 Auxiliary Funds

North Kirby Smith - New Parking Lot

\$182,435 Auxiliary Funds

Special Olympics Pool - New Parking Lot

\$176,330 Auxiliary Funds

Graphic Services - 2nd Floor Renovations

\$199,999 Auxiliary Funds

LSU-Alexandria

Student Center Plaza Modifications

\$63,000 Auxiliary Funds

\$72,000 Other

LSU Medical Center-Shreveport

Surface Parking Expansion

\$235,200 Auxiliary Funds

LSU Agricultural Center

Extension & Distance Education Center

\$299,999 Other - Plant Funds

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the projects.

AMENDMENTS TO CAPITAL OUTLAY

Louisiana State University A & M

Child Care Center

Increase in the project budget from
\$2,717,000 to \$2,780,544.

Kirby Smith Elevator & Improvement

Increase in the project budget from
\$1,950,000 to \$2,340,000.

Parking Facilities

Increase in the project budget from
\$9,600,000 to \$11,520,000.

University of New Orleans

Wellness Center

Increase in the project budget from
\$14,193,000 to \$16,800,000.

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

Grambling State University

Drew Hall Dormitory

Demolition and replacement of Drew Hall.

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted
unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property
Committee to approve the demolition and replacement of Drew Hall.**

Southern University A & M

Intramural Sports Complex

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted
unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property
Committee to reaffirm their previous approval of the project.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF
MAY 27, 1998

On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On behalf of Regent Strong, Mr. Roubique presented the Finance Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998.

STATUS REPORT ON GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Mr. Roubique reported that the General Appropriations Bill (HB 1) was in the Senate Finance Committee awaiting action.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On behalf of Regent Toups, Vice Chairman of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Carol Coltharp, Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner, presented motions from the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998.

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

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Legislation Committee to direct

the staff to study the impact of the out-of-state fees on enrollment and give a report to the Board on the results.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998, 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 MAY 27, 1998

On behalf of Regent Sanders, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. University of Southwestern Louisiana

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Roberts, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Ph.D. program in Cognitive Science and the Institute of Cognitive Science at the University of Southwestern Louisiana beginning in Fall 1998, with the stipulation that beginning June 1, 1999, through June 1, 2002, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education an annual report which updates efforts of the University to address weaknesses and problematic areas identified by consultants.

B. Delgado Community College - Certificate in Practical Nursing

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Certificate program in Practical Nursing (CIP Code 51.16.13) at Delgado Community College, beginning in Fall 1998, with the stipulation that Delgado shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education by January 15, 1999, indicating that the College has successfully articulated this program with the existing A.S. program in Nursing.

C. Nunez Community College - Certificate in Animal Care Technology

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Certificate program in Animal Care Technology (CIP Code 51.08.08) at Nunez Community College, beginning in Fall 1998 with the stipulation that Nunez shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education by August 1, 1998, a program budget which indicates both specific amounts and sources of revenues and a list of expenditures.

D. McNeese State University - A.S. in Design Technology

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed A.S. program in Design Technology (CIP Code 48.01.01) at McNeese State University, beginning in Fall 1998, in accordance with stipulations listed in Appendix B.

ACTIONS RELATIVE TO PROPOSED COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN SELECT DUPLICATED PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for Actions Relative to Proposed Collaborative Arrangements Between Select Duplicated Programs as listed in Appendix C.

PROPOSED SLATE OF DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the 18 certificate- and associate-level programs as listed in Appendix D for inclusion in the Board of Regents' Inventory of Degree and Certificate Programs, with the stipulation that in the Fall of 1998 the Board of Regents will conduct a low-completer and duplicated program review for these 18 programs.

Hereafter all proposals for new academic programs at BPCC will be considered consistent with recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Higher Education in the Shreveport/Bossier Metropolitan Area.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Georges, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On behalf of Regent Georges, Chairman of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998.

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PROGRAM, FY 1997-98 STAFF FUNDING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Endowed Chairs

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the list of Endowed Chairs in Appendix B.

Research and Development

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for Research and Development proposals as listed in Tabs C-D of the binder disseminated to Board members at the April 1998 meeting. (Available in the Board of Regents' Sponsored Programs office)

Enhancement

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the list of Endowed Professorships contained in Appendix C, which includes the professorships chosen by lot. Institutions

which submitted more applications than are funded will determine which application(s) will receive awards.

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for Traditional Enhancement proposals as listed in Tabs G-L of the binder disseminated to Board members at the April 1998 meeting. (Available in the Board of Regents' Sponsored Programs Office)

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for Undergraduate Enhancement proposals as listed in Tab M of the binder disseminated to Board members at the April 1998 meeting. (Available in the Board of Regents' Sponsored Programs Office)

Superior Graduate Students

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for proposals for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students as listed in Tab O of the binder disseminated to Board members at the April 1998 meeting.

(Available in the Board of Regents' Sponsored Programs Office)

General Principles Applicable to Allocation of Support Fund Dollars

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the 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 first-year award for the bottom-ranked recommended proposal for which money is available, the remaining funds shall constitute the total first-year award for that proposal.**
- (b) **Should an institution refuse an award, that money shall be offered to the next ranked proposal within the same category which the consultants recommended for funding.**

Contingency Relative to Budgetary Shortfall

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following contingency plan for a budgetary shortfall:

Should the final FY 1997-98 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 and the Research and Development Program.

CAMPUS REQUESTS TO MODIFY PROSPECTIVE PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Staff Recommendations regarding campus requests to modify prospective projects, contained in Appendix D.

LaCEPT SUMMER 1998 FACULTY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the Staff Recommendations regarding campus requests to modify prospective projects, contained in Appendix D.

THE LOUISIANA TECH "FIRE-UP" PROJECT

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve awarding a total of \$71,651 for the three proposed FIRE-UP projects listed in Appendix F.

REQUEST TO SUPPLEMENT FUNDING FOR THE DoE CLUSTER--THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve, contingent upon a favorable recommendation from the panel of experts which will evaluate the reviews received from DoE, the reinstatement of Support Funds for years 5 and 6 of the cluster to the original level of \$272,000 per year and the allocation of a total of \$175,539 in unspent FY 1997-98 and FY 1998-99 Support Fund match from the Department of Defense

EPSCoR program to supplant the federal portion of the award which was suspended for years 5 and 6.

THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to establish the Industrial Targets Advisory Committee, consisting primarily of research officers from the colleges and universities, the Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, the Associate Commissioner for Research and Development, and the Commissioner of Higher Education (ex officio). The Advisory Committee, in turn, will assist in establishment of higher education Task Forces for each of the industrial targets identified through discussions supervised by the Department of Economic Development. The goal of the Advisory Committee and its Task Forces is to recommend to the Board of Regents ways that higher education can aggressively assist the Department of Economic Development in achieving the State's industrial targets.

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to request Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie to review technology transfer issues at Louisiana institutions of higher education. If necessary, the Commissioner should establish a task force which, in turn, will report back to the Board on the status of technology transfer, including appropriate recommendations for further action.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIETY OF EMINENT SCHOLARS

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the formation of a Society of Eminent Scholars. The Commissioner of Higher Education will communicate with management systems to identify members of the Society. Subsequently, a meeting of members of the Society will be called to address the following matters: (1) a charter; (2) organization and leadership of the Society; and (3) meetings of the Society.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998, 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 MAY 27, 1998

On behalf of Regent Toups, Dr. Wayne Brown, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998.

ACT 129 OF 1991 (LICENSURE)

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

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an operating license for Remington College.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an operating license for ITT Technical Institute.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF May 27, 1998

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LUMCON COMMITTEE

LUMCON COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On behalf of Regent Luffey, Mr. Marvin Roubique, presented the LUMCON Committee

Meeting Report of May 27, 1998.

STATUS REPORT BY DR. MICHAEL DAGG, DIRECTOR

Mr. Roubique reported that Dr. Dagg presented Committee members with documentation outlining current research and educational programs administered by LUMCON and LUMCON's current financial status. He further reported that Dr. Dagg presented supporting materials which substantiate the need for a midlife refit for the Consortium's primary research vessel, the *Pelican*, and asked for support of the proposed LARCON initiative now seeking funding through the legislature.

ADOPTION OF THE LUMCON COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Lumcon Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF May 27, 1998

On behalf of Chairman Callais, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Executive Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE/TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Mr. Vandal reported that the transition team for the new community/technical college board will begin meeting once a month until January 1999. Operation of the new board, if a constitutional amendment is approved by voters this fall, will begin July 1, 1999.

UPDATE ON DESEGREGATION SETTLEMENT

Mr. Vandal reported that Chairman Callais had announced that the Executive Committee would enter into Executive Session in accordance with state law. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes:	Harold Callais, Chairman	No: (0)
(4)	Mary Ella Sanders, Vice Chairman	Abstain: (0)
	Richard D'Aquin, Secretary	
	Ron Roberts	

Absent: Michael Dees
John Georges
Norbert Simmons

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Executive Committee voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.S. 42:6.1, to discuss litigation matters.

Chairman Callais announced that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

On motion of Chairman Callais, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to instruct the Commissioner of Higher Education (1) to contact the Attorney General's Office to seek direction as a result of a letter received from the Desegregation Settlement Monitoring Committee and its concerns about the establishment of River Parishes Community College and (2) to inform the Monitoring Committee that its letter is being forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for review.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF MAY 27, 1998

On motion of Chairman Callais, seconded by Regent Barham, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of May 27, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie stated that he had received a letter from the University of New Orleans notifying the Board that, as of May 21, the University had met the requirements for classification as a Carnegie Level II Research University. He congratulated UNO for this fine accomplishment. The Commissioner then referred to Dr. Brown who reported on an SREB consortium being formulated among five states to develop a background set of definitions for data that can be used by all states. Dr. Savoie noted the renovations being made to the auditorium and asked members of the Board to preview the proposed logo for the Regents.

The Commissioner continued by stating that he would work with the Legislature to try to increase attention to emergency requests of institutions dealing with the fire and safety code issues. He continued by urging campus representatives to contact their legislators to support an increase of \$15 million to the operational base and increased funding for faculty salaries. He commended university presidents for their support in seeking reform for higher education. He also thanked the staff for their hard work.

Chairman Callais then recognized Regent Luffey.

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously that “in view of the many difficult issues associated with (1) the completion of the reorganization of the governance of higher education, (2) planning for the implementation of provisions of Senate Bills 1 and 2, (3) opening of new community colleges, (4) beginning to work with the technical colleges, (5) development of new formula features, and (6) revision of institutional roles, scopes, and missions for the new Master Plan, the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation for the leadership of Commissioner Savoie and for the work of the staff.”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Callais declared

the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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