MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

JUNE 26, 2008

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m. Thursday, June 26, 2008, 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:

Scott Brame Richard D'Aquin Maurice Durbin Donna Klein Ingrid Labat Robert Levy W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. Mary Ellen Roy William Clifford Smith Victor Stelly Harold Stokes Pat Strong Artis Terrell, Jr. Jamey Arnette Absent for the meeting were:

Robert Bruno Roland Toups

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 APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2008

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 22, 2008.

<u>RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS FIRST-</u> <u>GENERATION ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM</u>

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, took the opportunity to acknowledge the growing support around the state for the new Board of Regents Support Fund First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship Program. Dr. Savoie explained that the program was designed to assist Louisiana students who would be the first generation in their family to earn a college degree. He continued by noting that, with the contributions of generous donors, endowments have been established across the state at different campuses.

Dr. Savoie stated that today he wanted to recognize the generosity of AT&T for funding four and one-half first Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships – one each at McNeese State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, the University of New Orleans and a partial one at Southern University-New Orleans. He introduced Mr. Bill Oliver, former member of the Board of Regents, who represented AT&T. Dr. Savoie expressed appreciation for Mr. Oliver's personal dedication and AT&T's corporate support for public postsecondary education in Louisiana. Dr. Savoie presented a certificate of recognition to Mr. Oliver for his work on behalf of Louisiana's colleges and universities.

Mr. Oliver commended the Regents for establishing the First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship program. He presented a check to the presidents and chancellors of the four universities receiving endowments.

PRESENTATION ON THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS' POST-KATRINA STRATEGIC PLAN BY DR. TIMOTHY P. RYAN, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Chair Strong introduced Dr. Timothy Ryan, Chancellor of the University of New Orleans (UNO). Dr. Ryan spoke on the University of New Orleans' Strategic Plan for 2007-2010. He

said the plan provides the road map for the rebuilding and refocusing of the "new" University of New Orleans. He reviewed the following plan for UNO: (1) an urban research university with SREB four-year 1 status; (2) a university with selected academic programs that are nationally competitive for students and research funding; (3) a university with an Honors College that recruits the most highly qualified students in the South; (4) a university of 15,000 students who enter with an average ACT score of 25 or higher; (5) a university with 25% of its student population from other states and countries; (6) a more international university with 8% of its student population from other countries; (7) a university that supports the recovery of the entire New Orleans community through faculty and student participation; (8) a university with state-of-the-art facilities and technology; and (9) a university that is enhanced by donor funding.

Dr. Ryan continued by noting that the following colleges with programs of distinction will be a focus in the *Strategic Plan*: (1) Business, (2) Education and Human Development, (3) Engineering, (4) Liberal Arts, (5) Science, and (6) Metropolitan College.

Regent Klein thanked Dr. Ryan for addressing the Board and noted UNO's significance to the New Orleans area. Commissioner Savoie stated that he was most impressed with the work that UNO has done since Hurricane Katrina. A question and answer period followed.

Following Dr. Ryan's appearance, Regent Brame introduced Dr. David Manuel, the newly appointed Chancellor for LSU-Alexandria, and welcomed him back to Louisiana.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, presented the Legislation Committee Report.

LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2008

Ms. Koury stated that a legislative report entitled "What Passed, What Failed" was reviewed. A discussion was held on the following bills:

SB 718 (Martiny) regarding the change on Ethics reporting from Tier 2 to 2.1. Other bills on ethics were discussed, including the bill by Senator Mount which limits a board member to a 12 year term on any board or commission. The law would affect individuals appointed after August 15, 2008.

HB 734 (Trahan) provides a four-year authorization for tuition increases with increases subject to approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget each year with the exception of 2008-2009.

Several resolutions were highlighted which charged the Board of Regents with reviewing, studying or investigating certain issues and preparing recommendations or solutions to the Legislature before the 2009 Legislative Session. One request was to study certain issues relative to increasing costs for required textbooks and instructional materials at Louisiana's public colleges and universities. Ms. Koury noted that the discussion which followed included questions regarding formula funding and the GO Grant.

Ms. Koury complimented Commissioner Savoie, the System Presidents, campus leaders, and legislative contacts on the team effort during the past legislative session.

Regent Stelly commented on a newspaper article which noted the rising tuition cost in Alabama. He said that the University of Alabama and Auburn University were increasing tuition by 10% to 12%.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2008

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of June 25, 2008.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 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 June 25, 2008.

TUITION AND FEE GUIDELINES

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Guidelines for Establishing Peer Tuition and Mandatory Fee Rates.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the request that Staff be given the authority to work with the LSU System and the two Health Sciences Centers to develop appropriate peer analysis for determination of allowable tuition increases for the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose on specific health education programs at the two Health Sciences Centers and to establish guidelines for such tuition increases consistent with the provisions of House Bill 734.

REVIEW OF BUDGET AND FUNDING ISSUES

Mr. Vandal said updates were given on the status of the FY 2008-2009 appropriations

process. He also said that there was a discussion centered on the budget items and adjustments

for postsecondary education in House Bill 1 and the Supplemental Appropriations Bill for FY

2007-2008.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal reported that the formula funding workgroup, the technical sub-group of the formula funding workgroup, and the staff and management of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System have been working on developing a new funding formula for the Louisiana Board of Regents and is optimistic that it will be used in the recommendation for

Postsecondary Education funding needs for the Year 2009-2010. He said that discussions have been held with the LSU System staff relative to the Health Sciences Center Funds Flow Project. Appropriate leadership has been requested to appear at a fall Board of Regents' Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Vandal also noted that Senate Bill 726, which addresses a limit on the amount of dollars that can be "transferred" from the Shreveport Hospital to the LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, was discussed.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2008

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of June 25, 2008.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Roy, 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.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. University of New Orleans - Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (CIP Code 30.9999) program at the University of New Orleans. By August 1, 2008, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a revised 5-year budget plan which addresses continuing program needs as indicated in the Staff Summary. Upon acceptance of this report, the Associate Commissioner shall authorize program implementation, anticipated for Fall, 2008. Beginning June 1, 2009, and on that date thereafter until otherwise directed, the University shall submit a report to the Associate Commissioner addressing the following:

- 1. Number of BIS enrollees (by class level and FT/PT);
- 2. Number of BGS enrollees (by class level and FT/PT);
- 3. Number of BIS graduates;

- 4. Number of BGS graduates; and
- 5. Placement of BIS Graduates.
- B. Louisiana State University Shreveport
 - 1. <u>Master of Public Health (joint degree with LSUHSC-Shreveport)</u>

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the joint Master of Public Health program (CIP Code 51.2201) at Louisiana State University at Shreveport and the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, to be implemented Fall 2008.

- a. By August 1, 2008, the Universities shall submit a joint, four-year program budget which fully accounts for all actual and anticipated revenue (with sources) and expenditures.
- b. By September 1, 2009, and annually on that date until accreditation has been granted by the Council on Education for Public Health, a progress report shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing:
 - i. Numbers of enrollees and graduates
 - ii. Placement of graduates; and
 - iii. Progress toward CEPH accreditation.
- 2. <u>M.S. in Kinesiology and Wellness</u>

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the Master of Science in Kinesiology and Wellness (CIP Code 31.0505) at Louisiana State University at Shreveport, effective immediately.

C. Louisiana Tech University - Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Ph.D. program in Industrial/Organizational Psychology (CIP Code 42.0901) at Louisiana Tech University effective Fall 2009. By June 1, 2009, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, addressing remaining program needs.

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT

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A. University of Louisiana at Monroe - M.F.A. in Creative writing

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected Master of Fine Arts program in Creative Writing (CIP Code 23.0501) at the University of Louisiana - Monroe.

B. Louisiana State University and A&M College - M.S. in Construction Management

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected M.S. program in Construction Management (CIP Code 52.2001) at Louisiana State University and A&M College. Any forthcoming proposal as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address funding concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC/RESEARCH UNITS

A. University of New Orleans - New Orleans Jazz Institute

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed New Orleans Jazz Institute at the University of New Orleans for a period of one year, effective immediately. As required by Board of Regents' <u>Academic Affairs Guidelines:</u> <u>Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/Research Units, UNO shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a proposal for full approval of this institute by June 1, 2009. This proposal should include future budgets that will meet Regents expectations for predominantly external support. If this proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for the Institute.</u>

B. Louisiana Tech University - Integrated STEM Education Research Center

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Integrated STEM Education Research Center (ISERC) at Louisiana Tech University effective July 1, 2008, through AY 2012-2013. By July 1, 2011, a progress report updating Center activities to-date and documenting funding secured to afford expanded and/or future Center operations shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS AND UNITS

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to:

A. Southern University A&M - Baton Rouge - M.S. in Criminal Justice

Receive the 2008 Interim Progress Report from Southern University-Baton Rouge relative to implementation of the M.S. program in Criminal Justice. To assure continued development of the program, subsequent reports are due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs as indicated below:

- 1. By January 1, 2009, a report shall be due documenting the hiring of a third full-time faculty, the numbers of students enrolled, the number of students on assistantships, adequacy of support for the program and a plan for faculty professional development; and
- 2. By January 1, 2010, a report shall be due documenting the hiring of a fourth full-time faculty, the numbers of students enrolled, the number of students on assistantships, adequacy of support for the program and a plan for ongoing faculty professional development.

Depending upon the content of these reports, additional reporting may be required.

B. Louisiana State University at Alexandria - B.S. in Business Administration

Receive the May, 2008 progress report from Louisiana State University-Alexandria relative to continuing development of its B.S. in Business Administration program. Based on the contents of this report, the University is hereby authorized to begin program implementation in Fall, 2008. Beginning June 1, 2009, and annually on that date thereafter until attainment of AACSB accreditation, the University shall report continuing efforts of the University to strengthen the program appropriately.

C. Baton Rouge Community College

<u>1.</u> <u>A.S. in Business</u>

Receive the AY 2007-2008 Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Associate of Science in Business at Baton Rouge Community College. By December, 1, 2008, the College shall submit a report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing the following:

a. Program's progress toward ACBSP accreditation;

- b. Finalized articulation agreements with four-year Business programs at Southern University-Baton Rouge, Nicholls State University, and Southeastern Louisiana University; and
- c. A summary of progress toward maximum transferability of Business credits possible with Louisiana State University and A&M College.
- <u>2.</u> <u>A.A.S. in Science Technology</u>

Receive the 2007-2008 Progress Report from Baton Rouge Community College Relative to Implementation of the A.A.S. Program in Science Technology. As this report has successfully addressed previous staff concerns, the staff further recommends full program approval.

D. Louisiana Tech University - Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Information Assurance

Receive the April 2008 progress report from Louisiana Tech University relative to implementation of the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Information Assurance (CIP Code 52.1201). By June 1, 2009, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report updating the current status of program certification(s) by the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS).

E. Southeastern Louisiana University - B.S. in Sport Management

Receive the 2007-2008 Progress Report from Southeastern Louisiana University relative to implementation of the B.S. program in Sport Management. A subsequent progress report addressing the same issues shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 1, 2009.

F. Louisiana Technical College - Lafayette - A.A.S. in Surgical Technology

Receive the 2008 Progress Report from Louisiana Technical College-Lafayette relative to implementation of the Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology program. Further, as all previously identified areas of concern have been successfully addressed, full program approval is recommended.

G. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans - Doctor of Audiology

Receive the June, 2008 Progress Report from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans relative to implementation of the Doctor of Audiology program. As previously required, the LSUHSC-NO shall submit another progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs relative to the engagement of one, new Aud.D.-qualified faculty to adequately staff the program. This report shall be due December 1, 2008.

H. Louisiana State University and A&M College - Life Course and Aging Center

Receive the November 2007 Progress Report from Louisiana State University and A&M College relative to the Life Course and Aging Center (LCAC). Center approval is hereby extended through July 1, 2009. At that time, the University shall submit a request for further authorization of Center status, and provide the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs with a progress report detailing Center activities and funding secured to date to afford future Center operations.

PROGRAM TERMINATIONS

A. Nicholls State University - A.S. in Nursing

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the A.S. in Nursing (CIP Code 51.1601) program at Nicholls State University, effective immediately. By June 1, 2009, Nicholls and Fletcher Technical Community College shall submit a joint report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, documenting finalization of an articulation plan assuring maximum transfer of credits between Fletcher's A.S. in Nursing program and Nicholls' B.S. in Nursing program.

- B. Southern University and A&M Baton Rouge
 - <u>1.</u> <u>B.S. in E-Business</u>

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the B.S. program in Electronic Business (CIP Code 52.1206) at Southern University and A&M College, effective immediately.

<u>2.</u> <u>A.S. in Criminal Justice</u>

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the A.S. program in Criminal Justice (CIP Code 43.0107) at Southern University and A&M College, effective immediately.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

A. Report on the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence

Mr. Killebrew noted that at its most recent meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission, four

different structures for a State PK-16+ Commission/Council/ Committee were viewed, and a recommendation was developed that would combine elements of the different structure. He said that additional input was needed before the final recommendations could be submitted to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents. The final recommendation will be presented to the Board of Regents and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education at the August 2008 meetings.

B. Evaluation for Teacher Programs and Graduate Programs for Teachers

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education – Grades 6-12 (CIP Code: 13.13201), Business Education – Grades 6-12 (CIP Code: 13.1303), and Marketing Education – Grades 6-12 (CIP Code: 13.1310) plus the Non-Master's/Certification-Only Program in Agricultural Education (Grades 6-12), Business Education (Grades 6-12), and Marketing Education (Grades 6-12) at Louisiana State University and A&M College.

C. Louisiana's Grant to The Wallace Foundation for a Leader Fellows Program

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize the selection of the two educational leadership programs at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and Louisiana State University at Shreveport to implement the *Louisiana Leader Fellows Program* as stipulated under the provisions of The Wallace Foundation grant.

REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew said updates were given on the following: (1) recent activity regarding the

Academic Common Market; (2) the status of progress reports for conditionally approved

programs; (3) the status of reviews of proposed new academic programs and units; and (4) staff

approval of routine academic requests.

Regent Brame asked if Dr. Burns could give, at a later date, her interpretation of a recent

newspaper article in the Advocate regarding a new study released by the National Council on

Teacher Quality which pertains to the preparation of elementary teachers in mathematics by

America's Education Schools.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2008

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of June 25, 2008. (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 June 25, 2008.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

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

<u>Turpin Stadium Restroom Improvements</u> -Northwestern State University \$250,000 from State Funds

<u>Kyser Hall Restroom Improvements</u> -Northwestern State University \$250,000 from State Funds

<u>Health and PE Building Generator</u> -Northwestern State University \$200,000 from State Funds

<u>Campus Crosswalk Renovations</u> -Louisiana State University and A&M College \$130,000 from Auxiliary Funds

<u>Lab School Playground and Playground Equipment</u> -Louisiana State University and A&M College \$135,000 from the Lab School Foundation

<u>South Campus Greenhouse for Basic Sciences</u> -Louisiana State University and A&M College \$175,000 from State Funds

<u>University Place II Parking Lot Overlay</u> -Northwestern State University \$236,000 from Vehicle Registration Fees

Organizational Row Drive -Northwestern State University \$240,000 from Revenue from Land Sales

<u>Ed Gay Site Security Project</u> -Louisiana State University and A&M College \$160,000 from Auxiliary Funds

<u>New Science Building Hot Water Piping 2nd and 3rd Floors</u> -Southern University in New Orleans \$300,000 from Self-Generated sources

<u>Physical Education Building Upgrades</u> -Southern University in New Orleans \$235,000 from Self-Generated sources

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to purchase and install two modular buildings at the School of Veterinary Medicine at LSU and A&M College under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$1,028,000 with funding from Self-Generated sources.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct two greenhouses and an irrigation pump house at the LSU Agricultural Center's Coastal Research Center at Port Sulphur under the provision of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$493,091 with funding from a Research Commercialization and Education Enhancement Program (RC/EEP) grant.

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On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve a lease between LSU and the Tiger Athletic Foundation for the purpose of constructing paved parking facilities adjacent to the new baseball stadium at Louisiana State University and A&M College. The lease will terminate upon completion of the facilities, and the improvements will be donated by TAF to the university.

FY 2008-2009 CAPITAL OUTLAY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Griswold stated that a status report on House Bill No. 2 (the Capital Outlay Bill) had been presented. He indicated that efforts to include the renovation of the French House project at LSU in HB 2 were not successful.

Regent Roy inquired as to why the top construction project for the year, the renovation of LSU's French House, received no state dollars this year. Mr. Griswold noted that Dr. John Lombardi, President of the LSU System, was in the audience and could possibly address that question. Dr. Lombardi said that even though the French House was a top LSU priority, the legislature decided not to fund any new projects in this year's budget. Dr. Savoie stated that the Regents make recommendations to the Legislature, and even though the Legislature is not required to accept the recommendations, the Legislature almost always agrees with the Regent's priority lists. President Lombardi said critical repairs can be made with LSU dollars, and major renovations will be requested from the Legislature next year. A discussion followed regarding the significant construction dollars for projects not recommended by the Board of Regents such as a new band hall and two additional floors for the Choppin Hall chemistry building annex, both at LSU.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of June 25, 2008. (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. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented

motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of June 25, 2008.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve license renewals for the following institutions:

- **1.** Concordia University
- 2. Embry Riddle University
- 3. Ottawa University
- 4. William Carey University

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to amend Chapter 1, Section 103.C. of its Rules for Registration and Licensure to read as follows (amendments in italics):

Initial license applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable license application fee of \$750 (future increase to \$1,000 upon approval of the Legislature). The *initial* license application fee must be paid by company or institutional check or by money order, and should be made payable to the Louisiana Board of Regents. *However, the initial license application fee may be reduced to* \$100 for *institutions seeking initial licensure in order to allow clinical practicum experiences for fewer than five* (5) *Louisiana residents enrolled in nursing and other health-related programs. In order to continue and renew their licenses, those institutions will be required to pay all subsequent fees, including renewal fees.*

REQUEST TO RENAME LTC AVOYELLES CAMPUS THE WARD H. NASH AVOYELLES CAMPUS

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the request to rename the LTC Avoyelles Campus the Ward H. Nash Avoyelles Campus.

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<u>REQUEST TO APPROVE COMMERCIAL ART I AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR FINE ARTS</u> <u>SURVEY IN TOPS CURRICULUM</u>

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to not approve Commercial Art I at Caddo Career and Technology Center as an equivalent of Fine Arts Survey for the TOPS curriculum.

CONTINUUM FOR ALL LOUISIANA LEARNERS (CALL)

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to establish and support the Board of Regents' Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana.

REPORT FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay said the Master Plan National Advisory Panel would meet on Friday, June

27, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. until noon, and all Board members were invited to attend.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2008

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of June 25, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Vice Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Tremblay

presented the Technology Committee Report of June 25, 2008.

<u>REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING</u> <u>TECHNOLOGY</u>

Dr. Tremblay said that Mr. Mike Abbiatti, Associate Commissioner for Information and

Learning Technology, presented a report on accomplishments of the Office of Information and

Learning Technology. He also announced that he was retiring from the Board of Regents and

moving to Fayetteville, Arkansas. Dr. Tremblay said a resolution and plaque were presented to

Mr. Abbiatti recognizing his efforts during his tenure at the Board of Regents.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2008

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of June 25, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry

Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the

Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 25, 2008.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND ADDITIONAL ENDOWED CHAIRS SUBMITTED DURING THE FY 2007-08 CYCLE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for all FY 2007-08 Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars applications not funded in April and FY 2007-08 Endowed Professorships applications as listed. Those institutions with chairs recommended for funding are reminded that compliance with stipulations in the consultants' report disseminated to campuses in April must be achieved prior to actual disbursement of funds. The Commissioner, acting for the Board, shall determine if written materials submitted by applicable institutions constitute compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS RELEVANT TO THE FY 2008-09 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE ENDOWED CHAIRS FOR EMINENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the comprehensive review of Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program during FY 2008-09 based on the timetable, formats, and list of chairs to be evaluated. At its October meeting, the Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs will update the Board regarding the review process with attention to the adequacy and completeness of the campus responses. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE K-16 PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL REFORM (PSR) PROGRAM REVIEW PANEL

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the review panel's recommendations for the K-16 PSR projects as follows:

- (1) Third-year funding is granted for the K-16 PSR projects led by Louisiana Tech University, the University of New Orleans, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette;
- (2) Third-year funding for Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge will be granted pending the submission to Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, of an MOU between LSU and the charter holder of the partner school no later than August 1, 2008. This MOU must fulfill all stipulations in the review panel's report;
- (3) Louisiana Tech's request for additional year-three funding in the amount of \$85,000 will be forwarded to the review panel. If the panel agrees that the additional funds are necessary, the staff will consider budgetary implications and make recommendations to the Board; and
- (4) The panel's suggestions relative to collaborative BoR/BESE efforts in the future directions of the overall K-16 PSR program will be taken under advisement. The review panel's latest report will be transmitted to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the State Superintendent so that both boards and LDE may consider the

collaborative efforts recommended. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCIES

A. Consideration of Request for Matching Funds for Proposal Submitted by Southern University to the NASA Minority University Research and Education Program

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit a cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Southern University proposal entitled "Center for Global Environmental Change." The amount of cash match provided annually shall be \$100,000, not to exceed a total of \$500,000 for the five-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if NASA University Research Center (URC) funding is received.

B. Consideration of Request for Matching Funds for Proposal Submitted by UL-Lafayette to the Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence Program

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit a cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the UL-Lafayette Department of Homeland Security (DHS) proposal entitled "National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence for Command, Control and Interoper-ability." The amount of cash match provided annually shall be \$300,000, not to exceed a total of \$1,800,000 for the six-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if DHS Center of Excellence (COE) funding is received.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 25, 2008

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 25, 2008. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

Regent Strong announced that there would be a short recess before reconvening for a

joint session between the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of the University of

Louisiana System.

RECOGNITION OF LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Regent Strong remarked that Dr. Savoie would be leaving the Board of Regents to

become the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, while Dr. Sally Clausen,

current President of the University of Louisiana System, would be the new Commissioner of

Higher Education. Regent Strong continued by stating that we were saying good-bye to

"Superman" and welcoming "Superwoman."

Regent Strong introduced Ms. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the

University of Louisiana System (ULS), who thanked the Board of Regents for inviting the ULS Board to join the Regents for such an unique and exciting occasion. She continued by stating that both Boards are saying good-bye and welcome to two of the most outstanding higher education administrators in the country.

Regent Strong stated that the Regents had been blessed to have Dr. Savoie for twelve years as Commissioner of Higher Education. Dr. Savoie had served as Commissioner during three administrations – Governors Foster, Blanco, and Jindal. Regent Strong announced that a video would be shown recognizing Dr. Savoie by his family, friends, and professional colleagues. After the video, Dr. Savoie received several gifts of appreciation from the Board, staff, and Southern University System President Ralph Slaughter.

Dr. Savoie said this was an unexpected honor and appreciated all the extra effort that was expended to put this together. He continued by stating that it had been his honor and privilege to work with the Board and staff of the Regents. Chairperson Burkhalter noted that this change between the two showed that Louisiana is really moving forwarded and said "Thank you, Dr Savoie, we welcome you home."

Chairwoman Burkhalter stated that she has known Dr. Clausen for many years and said she is a tremendous educator. Dr. Clausen had come to the ULS in 1995 as the President of Southeastern Louisiana University, and in 2001, she had accepted the job as the ULS President. Dr. Clausen had also been nationally recognized as an "Entrepreneurial President," one of only 17 presidents out of 713 to receive this honor. A video was presented covering Dr. Clausen's career, and gifts were presented by members of the Board of Supervisors and staff. Dr. Daniel Reneau, President, Louisiana Tech University, represented all Presidents of the University of Louisiana System, and said an oak tree would be planted on each of the eight university campuses in her honor.

Dr. Clausen thanked both Boards for giving her the opportunity to serve the UL System and now to serve as the Commissioner of Higher Education for the Board of Regents.

Chair Strong welcomed Dr. Clausen to the Board of Regents, and Chairwoman

Burkhalter welcomed Dr. Savoie to the University of Louisiana System.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Terrell, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.