

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

JUNE 28, 2007

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 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:

Scott Brame, Vice Chair
Richard D'Aquin
Maurice Durbin
James Klock
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Mary Ellen Roy
Clifford Smith
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong, Chair
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Roland Toups

Absent for the meeting was:

Robert Bruno

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 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted

unanimously to approve the minutes of May 24, 2007.

**REGENTS RECOGNIZE GOVERNOR KATHLEEN BLANCO
FOR HER HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT**

Chair Srong welcomed Governor Kathleen Blanco as the *Education Governor*. He then read a resolution to the Governor noting her 2007-08 Executive Budget which proposed the largest single year funding for higher education in a generation. He said her education investments this year included funds for the “Go Grant” which helps low and moderate income students afford college, faculty and staff pay raises, deferred maintenance for college facilities, and elimination of the backlog of endowed professorships and chairs.

Governor Blanco thanked the Board, the staff, and college and university representatives for being education leaders of the community. She stated that “Education is the mortal enemy of poverty and education is the investment that will move us forward.” She encouraged the colleges and universities to target these historic investments wisely so Louisiana will be competitive for generations to come.

Dr. Savoie applauded the Governor’s insight and lead in the investment of Louisiana’s Optical Network Initiative (LONI). He said that recently a world organization ranked “Queen Bee” as the 23rd most powerful supercomputer in the world. He continued by stating that the legislative session was a success for education.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Stelly, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution to Governor Kathleen Blanco which detailed her many contributions to public higher education as read by Chairman Pat Strong.

PRESENTATION REGARDING THE NEW ORLEANS RECOVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT BY MR. PAUL PASTOREK, STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Mr. Paul Pastorek, State Superintendent of Education, updated the Board on the New Orleans Recovery School District. Mr. Pastorek noted that Louisiana has been recognized as having one of the best accountability systems in the nation and one of the best early childhood education programs in the country. He stated that investments made in PreK-12 have shown dramatic results, but there is still room for improvement.

Mr. Pastorek stated that 34 schools have opened in the New Orleans Recovery School District (RSD), and 22 additional schools will open in September with over 33,000 students. He reported that Mr. Paul Vallas is the newly appointed Superintendent of the Recovery School District as of July 1, 2007. Superintendent Pastorek promised he would bring to the Board a progress report on the RSD in a few months.

Superintendent Pastorek stated that partnerships with colleges and universities in the New Orleans area, especially the University of New Orleans and the LSU Health Sciences Center, have helped tremendously. Commissioner Savoie noted that other universities will be afforded the opportunity to work with the RSD. He referenced a recent article from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities entitled *Developing Evidence Gathering Data About Teacher Education Program Quality*. The article describes collaborations among state departments of education, universities and university systems, teacher preparation

programs, and state and local school districts focused on the development of systems to gather data to improve teaching and learning. A question and answer session followed.

**UPDATE ON MACARTHUR FOUNDATION
BY MS. LAURIE GARDUQUE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Ms. Laurie Garduque, Program Director of the MacArthur Foundation, gave a progress report to the Board on behalf of the MacArthur Foundation, for *Models for Change*, a juvenile justice system reform initiative, in Louisiana. She said Louisiana was one of four states to participate in the *Models for Change* initiative. Ms. Garduque stated that the first phase of the \$10 million investment in Louisiana, over five years, is to build on existing efforts and help accelerate progress toward a more rational, fair, and effective juvenile justice system. She noted that eight (8) parishes were selected to demonstrate best practices of a model system Louisiana would like to see in place with the state providing the leadership and accountability for performance and outcomes.

On behalf of the Foundation, Ms. Garduque expressed appreciation for the Board of Regents' leadership role and for providing the continuity, stability, and support to take on *Models for Change* at such a critical moment in the state's history. She also thanked Governor Blanco, Dr. Kim Hunter Reed of the Governor's office along with Commissioner Savoie, Regent Roland Toups, Ms. Connie Koury, and Dr. Debra DePrato of the Board of Regents.

Regent Toups thanked Ms. Garduque and the MacArthur Foundation for selecting Louisiana.

**REPORT ON THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM BY DR. SALLY
CLAUSEN, PRESIDENT**

Dr. Sally Clausen, President of the University of Louisiana System, thanked Governor Blanco and the Regents for making education a priority. She continued by noting that the University of Louisiana System had received \$103 million in new dollars. Dr. Clausen gave a power point presentation which outlined expectations of the University of Louisiana System in the following areas: (1) the number of college degrees awarded; (2) the changing profile of college students; (3) predicted graduation rates in 2012; (4) faculty salaries at or above the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) average; and (5) performance accountability.

Each university president in the University of Louisiana System along with Board Chair Jimmy Long spoke and thanked the Board of Regents for its support and direction.

Regent Toups requested that the other management boards make a presentation to the Regents similar to the presentation presented by Dr. Clausen regarding use of the new dollars from this year's legislative session and expectations of its system in the future.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of June 27, 2007.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS*Baton Rouge Community College*

1. A.A.S. in Science Technology

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 grant conditional approval for the proposed A.A.S. program in Science Technology (CIP Code 41.9999) at Baton Rouge Community College, to be implemented beginning Fall 2007. By June 1, 2008, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report updating efforts to address concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

2. A.A.S. in Entertainment Technologies

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed A.A.S. program in Entertainment Technologies (CIP Code 50.0602) at Baton Rouge Community College. By August 1, 2007, the College shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing:

- 1. Plans for faculty hires and assignments;**
- 2. Development of a strategy to address in timely fashion program learning resource needs; and**
- 3. A more complete picture of anticipated program funding.**

Assuming that this report provides appropriate information and remedies, the Associate Commissioner may authorize program implementation beginning Fall 2007. Thereafter, this matter shall be considered in full at the anticipated August 22, 2007 meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. It is possible that the Committee may authorize additional progress reports at that time.

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

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 grant conditional approval for the proposed B.S. program in Sport Management (CIP Code 310504) at Southeastern Louisiana University, effective Fall 2007. Beginning June 1, 2008, and annually until NASSM

accreditation has been achieved, the University shall submit a progress report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs addressing:

- 1. Adequacy of resources to sustain the program;**
- 2. Numbers of majors and graduates; and**
- 3. Progress toward specialized accreditation.**

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAM/CENTER

Delgado Community College - A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-07 Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the Associate of Applied Science program in Veterinary Technology at Delgado Community College. The next progress report shall address numbers of students/graduates and placements, as well as progress towards full program accreditation, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by June 1, 2008.

University of Louisiana-Lafayette - Center for Business and Information Technologies

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2005-06 Progress Report from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Relative to the Center for Business and Information Technologies. If the University decides to request continued approval of this Center beyond its current term, a proposal for such shall be due by April 1, 2008.

PROPOSED CURRICULAR TERMINATION - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE - M.S. IN MARKETING

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the M.S. program in Marketing at Louisiana State University and A&M College, effective immediately.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY 2.20 - ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF FACULTY ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for proposed new Academic Affairs Policy 2.20 - Assessment and Certification of Faculty English Proficiency, effective immediately.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Evaluation of Redesigned Initial Teacher Preparation Programs and Graduate Programs for Teachers and Leaders

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 grant approval for the redesigned Bachelor of Science in Special Education - Early Interventionist (Birth to Five) (CIP Code: 13.1015) program at Nicholls State University.

Proposed A.S. in Teaching Programs

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for proposed new A.S. in Teaching programs (CIP Code 13.0101) at Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, and River Parishes Community College, effective immediately.

Carnegie Corporation of New York Grant

Mr. Killebrew noted that the Carnegie Corporation of New York had approved \$800,000 in funding to support Louisiana's proposal entitled "Value-Added Teacher Preparation Assessment Model: A Bold Step Forward in Preparing, Inducting, and Supporting New Teachers."

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2007

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 27, 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 June 27, 2007.

LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2007

Ms. Koury noted that updates were given on House Bill 634 which adjusts minimum ACT scores for home study students, beginning with the 2007-2008 TOPS award year; and House Bill 94 which also makes changes to the TOPS program. She also noted that capital outlay issues were reviewed.

Ms. Koury thanked the Governor's Office, the Division of Administration, representatives from the higher education institutions and Commissioner of Higher Education E. Joseph Savoie for their coordinated and successful efforts during the 2007 legislative session.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2007

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of June 27, 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 presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of June 27, 2007.

FY 2007-08 BUDGET ISSUES*Update on General Appropriations and Supplemental Appropriations Bills*

Mr. Vandal said the 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature would adjourn by 6:00 p.m. today, Thursday, June 28th. He said discussions ensued regarding: (1) the funding available to higher education for the new fiscal year as reflected in House Bill 1; (2) a brief overview of the major items and adjustments for postsecondary education; and (3) the number of significant items that were funded with one-time funds through the Supplemental Appropriations Bills.

Consideration of Faculty Pay Guidelines

Mr. Vandal explained that funds have been appropriated in House Bill 1 to each management board and allocated to each institution and to the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON), in an amount totaling \$30 million to be expended for higher education faculty pay increases.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the proposed faculty pay plan guidelines. (Specific information is available in the BoR Finance Division of the Board of Regents.)

Consideration of Allocation Plan for \$10 Million for Public Institutions for Faculty Retention, Recruitment, and Recovery

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee voted to approve the proposed distribution of the \$10 Million for public institutions for faculty retention, recruitment, and recovery. (Specific information is available in the BoR Finance Division of the Board of Regents.)

Consideration of Allocation Plan for \$10 Million for Public Institutions for Expenses Related to Storm Recovery

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the proposed distribution of the \$10 Million for public institutions for expenses related to storm recovery and to direct institutions to deposit the funds received into a restricted fund or funds to be used and expended solely and exclusively for the purposes of the appropriation as directed in HB No. 765.

Consideration of Allocation Plan for \$5 Million for Independent Institutions for Expenses Related to Storm Recovery

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the proposed distribution of the \$5 Million for independent institutions for expenses related to storm recovery.

ENERGY SURCHARGE REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION

Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, requested that the staff examine alternative methods relative to dealing with energy costs. He suggested that discussions with the Council of Student Body Presidents (COSBP) would be beneficial. Regent Klock noted that COSBP would gladly enter into discussions on these issues.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Klock, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize the management boards to continue to address the energy issues of their respective institutions under the conditions stipulated by the Resolution of Student Body Presidents, inclusive of the provision of quarterly reports on utility costs and reductions in rates if energy costs decrease, and that the three-year sunset provision be extended until July 1, 2010.

POLICY FOR STATE FUND USAGE IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Regent Brame noted that, although the Finance Committee had decided to defer action on the proposed revisions to the Board's Policy for State Fund Usage in Athletic Programs, institutions would be preparing and finalizing their operating budgets before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting in August 2007; he, therefore, suggested that the Executive Committee be authorized to meet and consider the proposed policy revisions within the next two weeks of July.

A substitute motion was then offered in lieu of the original Finance Committee recommendation.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to defer action on the Board of Regents' Policy for State Fund Usage in Athletic Programs until the Executive Committee of the Board meets, within the next two weeks, to consider the need for and merits of the proposal, and further, to authorize the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Board.

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Regent Stelly requested that this matter be deferred until a later date when McNeese State University could assemble all required data regarding the project.

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to defer this item until a later date.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2007

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted, as amended, unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of June 27, 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. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of June 27, 2007.

PRESENTATION OF PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS PROGRAM

Dr. Tremblay noted that a presentation was given on the Pathways to Success Program. He said the overall success of the program was stressed, and the retention and progression rates had improved at Louisiana State University at Eunice since the introduction of the Pathways program.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the license of Graceland University, located in Independence, Missouri.

BOARD OF REGENTS' FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, 2008-2012

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents' Five-Year Strategic Plan, 2008-2012.

TOPS COURSE SUBSTITUTION

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the following changes to the TOPS approved courses:

- 1. Remove General Science as an approved substitute for Physical Science effective with 2009 graduates (course is no longer taught).**

2. **Remove Speech Debate 1 & 2 (2 units) as approved substitutes for Fine Arts Survey effective with 2009 graduates (courses do not exist).**
3. **Include Speech 3 & 4 (2 units) as approved substitutes for Fine Arts Survey effective with 2007 graduates.**

Commissioner Savoie recognized in the audience, Dr. Dave Spence, President of the Southern Regional Education Board. He said Dr. Spence, along with others who were in the audience earlier, are members of the Master Plan National Advisory Panel and are meeting in Baton Rouge for the next several days.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2007

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of June 27, 2007. (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 27, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH COMMERCIALIZATION AND EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (RC/EEP)

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the eleven (11) Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Program (RC/EEP) 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.)

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND ADDITIONAL ENDOWED CHAIRS SUBMITTED DURING THE FY 2006-07 CYCLE

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the ten FY 2006-07 Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars applications not funded in April and all 175 FY 2006-07 Endowed Professorships applications. 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. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM FOR FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve implementation of the Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship Program for First-Generation College Students. Also, the staff is directed to interact with the campuses as necessary to finalize implementation plans and report to the Board as necessary.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2007

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of June 27, 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:

- A recently appointed Board member, Mrs. Donna Klein from New Orleans, was unable to attend today due to a death in the family.
- The Master Plan National Advisory Panel would be meeting in the Board conference room on the 6th floor on Friday, June 29, 2007.
- The next Committee and Board meetings would be August 22 and 23, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.