

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
June 25, 1998

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:03 a.m., Thursday, June 25, 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
E. Edwards Barham
Michael Dees
Reggie Dupré
John Georges
Frances Henry
George Luffey
Norbert Simmons
Pat Strong
Roland Toups
Michael Reese, Student Member

Absent:

John Keller
Ron Roberts

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 28, 1998

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted to approve the minutes of May 28, 1998, as circulated.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On behalf of Chairman Callais, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Executive Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998.

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.

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

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes:	Harold Callais, Chairman	No: (0)
(4)	Mary Ella Sanders, Vice Chairman	Abstain: (0)
	Richard D’Aquin, Secretary	
	Michael Dees	
	John Georges	

Absent:
Ron Roberts
Norbert Simmons

The Committee returned to regular session at 11:00 a.m. Regent Dees announced that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

UPDATE ON THE BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr. Vandal reported that Chancellor Bonaparte gave an update on the status of Baton Rouge Community College and noted that the Grand Opening would be held on Sunday, July 19 at 3:00 p.m. To date, there are 1,717 applicants with a projected enrollment between

1,400-1,500 students.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE/TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Mr. Vandal reported that there have been on-going meetings on transition issues, but there are still unanswered questions regarding accreditation.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On motion of Chairman Callais, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chairman of the Legislation Committee, Ms. Carol Coltharp, Confidential Assistant to the Commissioner, presented the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998.

REVIEW OF THE 1998-99 APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Ms. Coltharp reported that Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie and Mr. Marvin Roubique, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Physical Facilities, gave a summary of higher education's portion of HB 1.

REVIEW OF THE CAPITAL OUTLAY BILL

Mrs. Coltharp stated that capital outlay bills, HB 2 and HB 299, as well as several other resolutions pertaining to higher education were discussed.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On behalf of Regent Dees, Mr. Marvin Roubique presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COSTING LESS THAN \$300,000

LSU-Baton Rouge

Thomas Boyd Hall Renovation-Accounting Services
\$198,400 State Funds

Northeast Louisiana University

Renovation to University Faculty Center
\$283,600 Self-Generated Funds

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Thomas Boyd Hall project and to approve an addition of \$90,000 to the University Faculty Center project for a total project cost of \$283,600.

AMENDMENTS TO CAPITAL OUTLAY

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to adopt the policy which establishes the requirements for Maintenance Reserve Accounts for self-generated capital projects. (Appendix B)

PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR ALTERNATIVE FINANCING OF DORMITORIES SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-NEW ORLEANS

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to grant preliminary approval for Southern University System to investigate the possibilities of constructing dormitories using alternative means

of financing, provided that final approval from the Board of Regents would be required before any contractual encumbrances are made.

FINAL APPROVAL FOR ALTERNATIVE FINANCING OF HOUSING UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the proposal for the LSU System and UNO to proceed with Phase II of the housing project, using alternative means of financing through a third party developer, at the University of New Orleans.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On behalf of Regent Strong, Mr. Roubique presented the Finance Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998.

STATUS REPORT ON GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to adopt the recommended purposes and principles for distribution of the Library, Instruction and Scientific Equipment Funds of \$15 million to institutions, both formula and non-formula units as proposed (Attachment C).

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to adopt the recommended purposes and principles for distribution of the Enhancement of Current Operations Fund of \$14,607,000 to institutions, both formula and non-formula units as proposed (Attachment D). Provided, however, that for purposes of future funding recommendations and allocations for non-formula units, the Board of Regents staff shall develop over the course of the next year, in a

participatory process with those institutions, funding mechanisms within the higher education funding formula which appropriately establish equitable levels of funding for those entities in comparison to their peers, similar to the strategy under development for state colleges and universities.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the institutions, formula and non-formula, should use appropriate amounts of the 1998-99 appropriations for operating budgets to prepare to report on those performance/incentive criteria (which will be adopted by the Board of Regents in August or September of this year) prior to the appropriations for 1999-2000.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to amend the recommendation of the Finance Committee to direct the Finance Committee to establish a Sub-committee for Audit Review, to consist of all members of the Finance Committee, for the specific purpose of reviewing audits conducted by the staff. Further, audit reports should continue to be referred to and reviewed by the respective subject matter committees.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998, as amended. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 24, 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 June 24, 1998.

RECOMMENDED PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF ENDOWED CHAIRS PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs

Committee to approve the attached timetable and process for review of the Endowed Chairs Program. (Appendix B.)

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO PROPOSALS SUBMITTED UNDER THE FEDERAL MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM FOR FY 1999-2000

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve consultants' recommendations relative to the Federal Matching Grants Program. Accordingly, Proposal FED-01, Michael Dagg, LUMCON, principal investigator, will receive \$250,000 per year for two years, beginning in FY 1999-2000, and Proposal FED-03, Vijay V. Raghavan, University of Southwestern Louisiana, principal investigator, will receive \$500,000 per year for three years, beginning in FY 1999-2000. These monies are provided to satisfy the State matching requirements for these Federal agencies, and are to be awarded only if the applicant(s) is successful in the Federal competition.

RESEARCH COMPETITIVENESS SUBPROGRAM

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve termination of LEQSF(1997-00)-RD-A-04, Dr. John Larkin, LSU-BR, principal investigator, and the transference of funds thus made available to the highest-ranked as yet unfunded FY 1997-98 Priority One proposal in RCS or ITRS.

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the continuance of LEQSF(1998-01)-RD-A-19, Dr. John Doucet, Nicholls State University, principal investigator, at the level originally recommended by consultants and approved by the Board.

INDUSTRIAL TIES RESEARCH SUBPROGRAM

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the request from Louisiana Tech University to replace Dr. W. T. Straughan as principal investigator on LEQSF(1995-98)-RD-B-12 with Dr. David Hall. This approval is contingent upon Dr. Hall's submission of a revised work plan deemed acceptable by Board of Regents' staff.

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs

Committee to approve the request from Dr. William H. Patrick, Jr. that LSU-Baton Rouge be allowed to substitute a cash donation of \$18,333 toward the purchase of a gas chromatograph for LEQSF(1996-99)-RD-B-04 in lieu of a private sector match for the final year of this project.

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the request from Dr. Sean McGlynn, LSU-BR, principal investigator, that LEQSF(1997-00)-RD-B-07 be terminated. Funds thus made available shall support the highest-ranked as yet unfunded FY 1997-98 Priority One proposal in either RCS or ITRS.

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the termination of LEQSF(1997-00)-RD-B-08, Dr. Norimoto Murai, LSU-BR, principal investigator, for cause, as provided for in Section XX of the aforementioned contract. Funds thus made available shall support the highest-ranked as yet unfunded FY 1997-98 Priority One proposal in either RCS or ITRS.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Simmons, the Board voted to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 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 JUNE 24, 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 June 24, 1998.

ACT 129 OF 1991 (LICENSURE)

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 Herzing College of Business and Technology to offer a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems and a Bachelors in Business Management degree at its site in New Orleans. This approval is contingent upon Herzing College of Business and Technology submitting to the office of the Board of Regents the necessary documentation regarding approval from the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools to offer these programs in New Orleans. No course work shall be advertised or offered until this documentation is received by the Board of Regents.

BOARD OF REGENTS' FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

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 conceptually The Board of Regents' Five-Year Strategic Plan as amended. The Board authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education to complete assembling the necessary process documentation and submit the completed plan to the appropriate authorities by July 1, 1998.

REPORT ON CREDIT-PRODUCING OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION, 1997-98

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Board of Regents' Report on Credit-Producing Off-Campus Instruction, 1997-98.

STAFF UPDATES

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Plan for Assessing Need for Educational Services in a Region on a pilot basis. The staff is instructed to use the Plan's outline in responding to requests regarding the need for community college services in the Houma/Thibodaux/Bayou Parishes area and the feasibility of converting LSU-Alexandria to a four-year campus. The staff is further requested to report the effectiveness of this plan in the case of these two studies and recommend any changes to the plan that are warranted as a result of its use in these cases.

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to (1) receive House Concurrent Resolution No. 66 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1998, and (2) report to the appropriate members of the Legislature that the Board of Regents and its staff will seriously consider the intent of HCR 66 as it addresses master planning issues, including role, scope and mission, geographic regions, service areas and other matters as they relate to the new postsecondary education system, assuming the voters approve the constitutional amendment. The Board will also remain mindful of HCR 66 in its ongoing responsibilities, including new program proposals and review of existing academic programs.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to ask the Commissioner to convey to the Board of Trustees of the University of Louisiana System that the following statement be shared with all candidates for the position of President of River Parishes Community College:

The determination of the institution's role, scope and mission, as well as its geographic service area, is a responsibility of the Board of Regents. This determination has not yet been made, and it will not be made until all questions raised by the court-appointed monitors have been settled.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Dees, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Mr. Donald Vandal presented motions from the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to accept the recommended personnel actions as noted in Appendix B. These actions include the employment of Dr. Ann Britt, who will fill a vacant existing position in the Division of Academic and Student Affairs effective July 1, 1998; Ms. Heather Spillers Devall, who will fill a vacant existing position in the Division of Sponsored Programs effective July 10, 1998; and Dr. Jerry Draayer, who will fill a newly created position in the Division of Sponsored Programs effective May 23, 1998.

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JUNE 24, 1998

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 1998, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie thanked the Board for its leadership during the last legislative session and for its support of the agenda. He also thanked the institutions for their support of and assistance with the new approach of doing business.

Chairman Callais recognized Regent Reese who introduced Mr. Ryan Gatti, the student-elect member of the Board of Regents. Chairman Callais then recognized Regent Georges who commended the Commissioner for his leadership and Regent Luffey who thanked Ms. Marsha Shuler, Baton Rouge Advocate, for the fine article that appeared in the morning paper. He also thanked the Commissioner for his outstanding work. Chairman Callais thanked the Governor, the Legislature, the Commissioner, and the staff for their support for higher education.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Callais declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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