

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

OCTOBER 25, 2007

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:10 a.m. Thursday, October 25, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd 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
Donna Klein
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Mary Ellen Roy
William Smith
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong, Chair
Roland Toups
James Klock

Absent for the meeting were:

Robert Bruno
Artis Terrell, Jr., Secretary

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.

**VALUE ADDED ASSESSMENT OF TEACHER PREPARATION IN LOUISIANA:
2004-06**

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner for Higher Education, noted historical events for the past ten years in reference to education reform efforts in teacher training in Louisiana. He said that during Governor Mike Foster's administration, \$1 million was invested in an effort to overhaul teacher training. Dr. Savoie continued by saying that, in May 2001, Louisiana was selected to participate in a National Education Teacher Reform Study. He said that by August 2004, Louisiana was first in the nation for accountability in education and fifth in its efforts to improve teacher quality.

The Commissioner stated that the next steps to be taken would be addressed by Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs for Teacher Education, Board of Regents and Office of the Governor, and Dr. George Noell, Department of Psychology, Louisiana State University and A&M College.

Dr. Burns began by stating that a new study funded by the Board of Regents has identified a method for assessing the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs based upon the achievement of students taught by new teachers. She said that Louisiana will be the first state in the nation to implement a model of this type on a statewide basis. She emphasized that Louisiana's teacher preparation programs are surpassing expectations in other states. Dr. Burns mentioned that she and Dr. Noell have been asked to work with four other states on a project that is being funded by the National Research Council to examine results of value added models. She said this project is currently at a developmental stage.

Dr. Noell acknowledged the hard work of Commissioner of Higher Education Savoie, past State Superintendent Cecil Picard, current State Superintendent Paul Pastorek, and Associate Commissioner Jeanne Burns, along with the Louisiana Department of Education Division of Planning, Analysis, and Information Resources; and his LSU Research Team. Dr. Noell continued by informing the Board on several items related to his research: (1) Criteria for Inclusion of New Teachers in the Study; (2) Size of the Data Base for the Study; (3) Value-Added Model Process; (4) Value-Added Model Predictors; (5) Teacher Preparation Effect Estimates; (6) Post-Redesign Programs and Pre-Redesign Programs; (7) Analysis and Performance Bands; (8) Post-Redesign Programs 2006-07 Study Results; and (9) Next Steps. Drs. Burns and Noell answered questions from the Board.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 27, 2007.

2008 SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETINGS

APPROVAL OF 2008 SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETINGS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2008 schedule of Board of Regents' meetings.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT
(OCTOBER 11, 2007)**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 11, 2007.

PRELIMINARY FY 2008-2009 CAPITAL OUTLAY RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Griswold noted several issues were discussed: (1) the process used in the preparation of the annual Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation; (2) detailing of various categories including Emergency, Self-Generated, Continuing, and New Projects; and (3) the criteria for the sequential prioritization of projects within those categories. Mr. Griswold also noted that each management board provided comments to the preliminary staff recommendations.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 11, 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 11, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
(October 11-12; 18-19; and 22-23, 2007)**

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Reports of October 11-12 and 18-19, 2007.

FY 2007-2008 OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Vandal noted that a brief overview was given on the operating budget. He said that the budgets were reviewed on October 11-12, 2007, for Southern University System and Louisiana State University System; on October 18-19, 2007, for University of Louisiana System and Louisiana Community and Technical College System; and on October 22-23, 2007, for Delgado Community College and the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 11-12; 18-19 and 22-23, 2007

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Reports of October 11-12 and 18-19, 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, Mr. Jim Gershey, Executive Director of Special Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of October 24, 2007.

REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR AN ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER PROPOSAL.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit a cash match from previously unspent monies and/or money earmarked for Federal Matching Grants opportunities in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the NSF Engineering Research Center proposal to be submitted by Louisiana State University titled "Center for BioModular Multi-Scale Systems." The amount of cash match provided shall be \$1 million per year for the initial five-year duration of the award. All matching funds are to be provided only if NSF ERC funding is received. If awarded, the matching commitment shall constitute the entire Federal Matching Grants commitment for new awards from the Support Fund for the fiscal year in which the award is made.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of October 24, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Vandal presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of October 24, 2007.

FINAL REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2007-08 OPERATING BUDGETS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the FY 2007-2008 Operating Budget.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PATHWAYS TO CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE AND THE NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS FUNDING

Mr. Vandal noted that an adjustment in the schedule had been made. The total previously noted for the Pathways to Construction Employment Initiative was changed from \$11 million to \$10,972,000. The \$28,000 difference would be taken from the administrative budget.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the distribution of the Pathways to Construction Employment Initiative and the Nursing and Allied Health Programs.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT (BA-7) INCORPORATING THE HUEY P. LONG MEDICAL CENTER INTO THE LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - SHREVEPORT BUDGET SCHEDULE

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the budget adjustment (BA-7) incorporating the Huey P. Long Medical Center into the LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Vandal noted that a meeting on November 7th will be held with Mrs. Brenda Albright, Chair of the Formula Funding Workgroup, system presidents, and Regents' staff to discuss a performance funding component of the new funding formula and on November 8th with the Funds Flow Steering Committee and Mr. Fred Cerise, Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education of the LSU System.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of October 24, 2007.
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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Griswold presented motions from the Facility and Property Committee Report of October 24, 2007.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

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 Small Capital Projects as listed:

**Medical Education Building Boiler Feedwater System Replacement -
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
\$340,000 Self-Generated**

**Allied Health and Nursing Building Second Floor Entrance Renovations -
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
\$340,000 Self-Generated**

**Medical Education Building Anatomy Lab Renovation -
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans**

\$348,000 Self-Generated

**H. D. Wilson Ag Center Biotechnology Laboratory Renovations -
Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
\$349,000 State Funds**

**Office, Media, and Dressing Room Modifications -
Louisiana Tech University
\$317,800 with \$256,000 of that amount from donations and
\$61,800 from State Funds RE-REAPPROVAL**

FY 2008-2009 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to move the French House Renovation from Priority N12 to N1 in the FY 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation.

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to incorporate changes outlined by staff into the FY 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation. Specifically, that (1) the Statewide Student and Financial System Network and (2) New Campus for LTC Northwest be omitted from the recommendation. Further, that (1) the New Allied Health Center at Nunez Community College at \$5,200,000, (2) West and East Jefferson LTC Campuses ADA Renovations at \$1,598,519, and (3) Campus Upgrades to the Morgan Smith Campus of the LTC at \$1,500,000 be added to the New Category.

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to adopt the FY 2008-2009 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation as presented by staff and as amended by the Committee.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property

Committee to approve the renovation of the Cove Dining Facility at the University of New Orleans under the provision of Act 959 of 2003. Cost of the project is estimated at \$1,977,400 utilizing federal funds.

ACT 971

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the use of funds under the provisions of Act 971 of 1985.

Chair Rasberry thanked Mr. Griswold for the series of informative meetings held regarding capital outlay.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 24, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

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 October 24, 2007.

PROPOSED RESEARCH UNITS

University of Louisiana-Lafayette - National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technology Institute

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 National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies Institute at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette for a period of one year, effective immediately. As required by Board of Regents' Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic Research Units, ULL shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a proposal for

full approval of this Institute by November 1, 2008. The proposal shall include future budgets that meet Regents' expectations for predominantly external support. If the proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Regents shall re-examine the need for this Institute.

Southeastern Louisiana University - Center for Nursing Education and Practice

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, two-year approval for the proposed Center for Nursing Education and Practice at Southeastern Louisiana University, effective immediately. By November 1, 2008, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report updating external funding efforts during FY 2007-2008. Thereafter, as required by Board of Regents' Guidelines: Requests for New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic Research Units, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a proposal for full approval by November 1, 2009.

Louisiana State University Agricultural Center - Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives

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 approval for the Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center for a period of three years, effective immediately. By April 1, 2009, the Center shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report updating external funding efforts to support future year operations.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS/UNITS

Northwestern State University - B.S. in Addiction Studies

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 receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Northwestern State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Addiction Studies. As all conditions of approval have been satisfied, the Committee further recommended full approval. No future progress reports are deemed necessary at this time.

Bossier Parish Community College - A.A. in Music

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 receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Bossier Parish Community College Relative to Implementation of the A.A. Program in Music. As all conditions of approval have been met, the Committee further recommended full approval. No future progress reports are deemed necessary at this time.

Louisiana Technical College - Ascension - A.A.S. in Process Technology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Louisiana Technical College - Ascension Relative to Implementation of the A.A.S. Program in Process Technology. By November 19, 2007, the College shall submit a report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, proposing immediate plans to increase program completers.

Louisiana State University-Shreveport

B.S. in Computer Information Science

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 receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Computer Information Science. As all conditions of approval have been fulfilled, the Committee further recommended full approval. No future progress reports are deemed necessary at this time.

Sports Science Institute

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the Sports Science Institute. As it appears that the Institute no longer meets Regents' definition for a unit of this designation, the Institute should be terminated, effective immediately.

South Louisiana Community College

A.S.S. in Emergency Health Science

A.S. in Industrial 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 receive the AY 2006-2007 Program Reports from South Louisiana Community College Relative to Implementation of the A.A.S. in Emergency Health Science and A.S. in Industrial Technology Programs. A subsequent set of progress reports addressing the attainment of program accreditations shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by the following schedule:

**A.A.S. in Emergency Health Science -April 1, 2009; and
A.S. in Industrial Technology - October 1, 2008.**

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES - REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

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 approve the appointment of the following individuals to serve on the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence:

- 1. Robert Levy, representing the Board of Regents;**
- 2. Jeffrey Cass (University of Louisiana-Monroe), representing the College of Arts/Sciences Deans;**
- 3. Connie Melder (Northwestern State University), representing College of Education faculty;**
- 4. Sue Cathey (Louisiana State University-Alexandria), representing PK-16+ Coordinators; and**
- 5. Walita Monique Chambers (Southern University-Baton Rouge), representing Pre-Service Teachers.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 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 October 24, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Technology Committee Report of October 24, 2007.

SUPPORTING ELECTRONIC LEARNING AND ESSENTIAL CAMPUS TRANSITIONS (SELECT) GRANTS PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to grant approval for the Supporting e-learning and Essential Campus Transitions (SELECT) Grants Program, FY 2007-2008 in the amount of \$499,421

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of October 24, 2007. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Tremblay presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of October 24, 2007.

LICENSURE

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 application for license renewal from Northern Kentucky University, located in Highland Heights, Kentucky.

BOARD OF REGENTS' OPERATIONAL PLAN, 2008-09

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 Board of Regents' Operational Plan, 2008-09.

REQUEST FROM SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOR EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMISSIONS CRITERIA AT SUNO

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the staff draft in response to the Request from the Southern University System for an Extension of Implementation of Admissions criteria at SUNO. The Board of Regents shall monitor the implementation of the study's recommendations. By June 1 of each year, SUNO and Noel-Levitz consultants shall report to the Board of Regents on its progress toward implementing admission criteria in fall 2010. Part of this report will assess to what extent the campus is putting in place the enrollment and retention strategies recommended. As fall 2010 approaches, if it is determined by all parties that SUNO needs additional time prior to full implementation of admission criteria, the Board of Regents will consider recommendations.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of October 24, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Vandal presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of October 24, 2007.

GRAMBLING UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, ET AL V. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA, ET AL, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, ALEXANDRIA DIVISION, CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-CV-1571

Mr. Vandal said the Executive Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters between Grambling University National Alumni Association, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Regents. He explained that after the Executive Committee reconvened in open session, the following motion was made.

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to authorize its attorney in the aforementioned litigation to take appropriate action, file the necessary motions and seek sanctions based on a frivolous appeal.

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to authorize the Chair to respond as necessary and appropriate if the need should arise prior to the next meeting of the Board concerning personnel matters regarding the Commissioner of Higher Education.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 2007

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of October 24, 2007.
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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- October 18 The Southern University System acknowledged 50 years of service to the Southern University System by Mr. Tolor White.
- November 6 Ribbon Cutting ceremony to commemorate the fifth year of operation and recently completed renovation project at Learning Center for Rapides Parish.
- November 13 The Family Services of Greater Baton Rouge will host its 14th annual event, "Celebrate the Family." Five outstanding families will be honored at this event, including the family of Roland and Kay Toups. They are among those who have demonstrated strong family values and have either contributed their time and resources in volunteer efforts to strengthen the community or have triumphed over adversity.
- November 28 Speak at the College Convention in New Hampshire.
- November 30 Speak at the Higher Education Government Relations Conference in Miami
- December 5/6 Next Committee and Board meetings.
- December 6 Joint BoR/BESE meeting.

He mentioned there was a newspaper article in the Board folder from the New York Times, entitled "Program to Deter High School Dropouts by Offering College Courses is Approved."

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.