

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

December 9, 2004

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 9, 2004, in the Thomas Jefferson Room, in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups 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:

Billy Blake
Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Stanley J. Jacobs
Jeraul Mackey
Pat Strong, Secretary
Roland Toups, Chair

Absent:

Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Virgil Robinson
Clifford Smith
Artis Terrell

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that no written requests were received for public comments and inquired if the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2004

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 29, 2004, as circulated.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2004 JOINT BOARD OF REGENTS/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA MEETING

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 29, 2004 joint Board of Regents/Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana meeting, as circulated.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of December 8, 2004.

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) PLANNING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

- A. Nomination From Louisiana State University System to Replace Dr. Kevin Smith with Dr. Harold Silverman

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nomination from the Louisiana State University System to replace Dr. Kevin Smith with Dr. Harold Silverman as one of its two representatives on the BoRSF Planning Committee.

- B. Nominations From the Louisiana Department of Economic Development for Business and Industry Representatives on the BoRSF Planning Committee

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nominations of Mr. Rory Fitzpatrick and Ms. Laura Thomas to serve as business and industry representatives on the BoRSF Planning Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BoRSF ADVISORY COMMITTEEA. Request from Louisiana EPSCoR for Supplemental Funds for the Pilot Funding for New Research (Pfund) Program

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the commitment of funds in the amount of \$180,000 from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund to support meritorious proposals (as judged by out-of-state experts) submitted to the FY 2004-05 NSF EPSCoR Pilot Funding for New Research Program.

Regent Toups commended both Dr. Davidson and Mr. Jim Gershey, Executive Director for Special Programs, for their efforts and hard work to establish this program.

B. Consideration of the Policy Document, "K-12 Underperforming Schools: Catalytic Monies for Colleges and Universities to Accelerate Elevations in Student Learning and Achievement"

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the policy "K-12 Underperforming Schools: Catalytic Monies for Colleges and Universities to Accelerate Elevations in Student Learning and Achievement."

- **The proposed policy is modified to read as follows: "A minimum total of \$1,000,000 BoRSF dollars from previously unspent monies will be provided for each of the three years of the pilot program, with individual grants ranging up to to be a minimum of \$100,000 per year."**
- **To implement the policy, a one-day workshop will be scheduled for January 12, 2005 to develop guidelines, including a request for proposals (RFP), for implementation of the policy. In addition to member(s) of the Regents' staff, invitees to the workshop will include the following:**
 - **One representative from each public and independent system of higher education;**
 - **One representative from the Louisiana Department of Education staff;**
 - **One representative from the BESE staff;**
 - **One representative from the Blue Ribbon Commission;**
 - **One school principal;**
 - **One district school superintendent;**
 - **One representative from LaSIP/LA GEAR UP; and**
 - **Two K-12 public school teachers.**

Based on insights developed during the workshop, the staff will complete the RFP and submit it to the Board for approval in

March, 2005. The RFP will be disseminated as soon thereafter as possible to allow colleges and universities as much time as possible for preparation of proposals.

In implementing this policy, the staff will continue to be guided by suggestions of Regents at the Sponsored Programs Committee meeting of December 8, 2004.

Regent Toups requested that a special invitation be sent to members of the UNO team to attend the January 12, 2005 workshop. He noted that their insight would be helpful to others.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND INVESTMENT POLICY FOR ENDOWMENTS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to amend Section B.2. of the Louisiana Board of Regents Eminent Scholars and Endowed Professorships Program Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives as follows:

B.2. Annual spending of up to 5% of the market value of Program Assets averaged for the previous five-year period is allowed, provided that the market value of the Program Assets at the end of the most recent fiscal year exceeds the inflation-adjusted baseline by an amount at least equal to the amount to be spent in the current fiscal year. When the current market value of Program Assets is below the inflation-adjusted baseline, no spending is allowed.

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to amend Section G.2. of the Louisiana Board of Regents Eminent Scholars and Endowed Professorships Program Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives as follows:

G.2. If the five-year average market value of the Program Assets (calculated as of December 31 or as of the end of trust fund year) falls below the inflation-adjusted baseline of Program Assets, no earnings from the investment shall be expended until the Program Assets are restored to the inflation adjusted baseline, and the provisions of Section B.2. will apply. The inflation-adjusted baseline shall be calculated annually by increasing the beginning value of Program Assets (as of December 31 of the previous calendar year for which the calculation is made or as of the end of the trust year) at a one-year rate equivalent to the change in Consumer Price Index (CPI).

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 2004

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of December 8, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Blake, 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 of December 8, 2004.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- A. University of Louisiana - Lafayette, Southeastern Louisiana University, McNeese State University - Intercollegiate Consortium for an M.S. in Nursing - Gerontology Speciality
- B. Southern University-Baton Rouge - M.S. in Nursing - Gerontology Option

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed M.S. in Nursing-Gerontology and Post-Master Certificate-Gerontology Nursing at Southern University-Baton Rouge, effective immediately. The University shall offer master-level Gerontology nurse education coursework to students at other universities in the Intercollegiate Consortium for the M.S. in Nursing (the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Southeastern Louisiana University, and McNeese State University) on a resource-available basis.

Further, the request from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Southeastern Louisiana University, and McNeese State University to establish an M.S. in Nursing Gerontology Specialty (Clinical Nurse Specialist and Nurse Practitioner) is hereby deferred indefinitely. During AY 2007-2008, the Board of Regents shall conduct a needs analysis study to determine whether an additional master-level Gerontology Nursing program is needed and where such a program might be developed.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC/RESEARCH CENTER - UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA - LAFAYETTE - CENTER FOR STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL MATERIALS

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant full approval for the proposed Center for Structural and Functional Materials at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, effective immediately, for a period of two years from this date. By December 1, 2006, the University shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education

which details necessary funding secured for subsequent years of Center operations.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY-APPROVED PROGRAM - SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT - A.S. IN NURSING

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2004-2005 Progress Report from Southern University-Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the A.S. Program in Nursing. Consistent with LSBN approval, the program shall be implemented beginning Spring 2005. Beginning August 1, 2005, and on that date annually thereafter, SUS shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report updating efforts of the University to attain NLNAC accreditation of the program.

Mr. Killebrew noted that Supervisor John Joseph of the SU System recognized efforts by SU-BR and SU-S Nursing faculty relative to the development of a new nursing program.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

A. Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Education Excellence and Other Updates

Mr. Killebrew mentioned that an update on the Blue Ribbon Commission for Education Excellence of November 4, 2004 was given. Mr. Killebrew noted that Richard Laine, Director of The Wallace Foundation, Mike Feinberg, creator of the KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program), and Governor Kathleen Blanco spoke to the Commission.

B. The Wallace Foundation Grant to Improve Educational Leadership

Mr. Killebrew announced that Louisiana had been awarded a three-year grant of \$3.6 million from the Wallace Foundation to improve the training and working conditions of educational leaders in ways that result in better learning for all children.

C. Evaluation of Redesigned Teacher Preparation Programs

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Advanced Master's Program for Teachers at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and the B.S. program in Elementary Education – Grades 1-5 (CIP Code 13.1202) at Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Killebrew informed the Board of the following:

- Annual Meeting of the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools (SACS), December 4-7, 2004
- November 10, 2004 meeting of the Statewide Council of Chief Academic Officers
- November 4, 2004 meeting of the Northshore Postsecondary Educational Service Steering Committee
- Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 2004

On motion of Regent Blake, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of December 8, 2004. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of December 8, 2004.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the small capital projects report as presented by staff.

**Elkins Hall Renovation – Nicholls State University
\$155,000 from Building Use Fees**

**Choppin Hall – Rooms 202, 204, 235, 237 Renovation – Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$349,900 from Restricted Grants and Contracts Overhead**

**Tennis Court Renovations – University of Louisiana at Monroe
\$200,000 from a grant from the Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau**

**Brain Institute Bed Expansion – Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport
\$345,000 from Federal Funds**

Elevator Modernization – South Roman Street Garage – Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
\$195,000 from Auxiliary Funds

Renovation of 5th Floor – Medical Education Building – Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
\$150,000 from State Funds

Waterproof and Paint Exterior – Pentagon Barracks – Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$150,000 from Auxiliary Funds

Windows, Blinds, and A/C Unit Replacement – Beauregard Hall – Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$290,000 from Auxiliary Funds

Elevator Replacement – Highland Hall – Louisiana State University and A&M College
\$160,000 from Auxiliary Funds

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct a 20,000 GSF Student Life Center on the West Bank Campus of Delgado Community College at a cost of approximately \$3,890,000, utilizing alternative means of financing.

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct a new 15,000 GSF "Mike the Tiger Habitat" at Louisiana State University and A&M College at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000, utilizing alternative means of financing.

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to reapprove the project to construct the Equine Intensive Care facility at the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine at a cost not to exceed \$600,000, utilizing alternative means of financing.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to provide replacement parking along

DeSiard Street at the University of Louisiana in Monroe at a cost of \$480,000, under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.

PRESENTATION OF STATUS OF LCTCS FACILITIES

Mr. Griswold stated that Mr. Kevin McCotter, member of the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, gave an update on construction developments for the Bossier Parish Community College, South Louisiana Community College, and Baton Rouge Community College campuses.

FACILITIES POLICY UPDATE

Mr. Griswold noted that a draft of the proposed facilities policy was reviewed and he anticipates the final policy will be presented for adoption at the January meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 2004

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of December 8, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Dupré, Vice Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of December 8, 2004.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the operating license of Remington College - Lafayette, located in Lafayette, Louisiana.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and

Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Becker Professional Review, Lake Charles.

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for the New Orleans Academy of Culinary Arts, New Orleans.

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

Acadiana Area Career College (10/22/97)
Art Instruction Schools, Inc. (09/21/74)
Ayers Institute, Inc. (10/25/90)
Becker Professional Review--Baton Rouge (10/24/96)
Becker Professional Review--New Orleans (10/24/96)
Crosby Court Reporting Centre (10/28/93)
Delta College, Inc. (10/26/95)
Diesel Driving Academy--Shreveport (10/06/74)
Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)
Franklin College (09/12/80)
H & R Block, Inc. (twenty-four (24) locations) (11/01/74)
 Alexandria
 Baker
 Baton Rouge (3)
 Bossier City
 Chalmette
 Hammond
 Houma
 Lafayette (2)
 Lake Charles (2)
 Leesville
 Metairie (2)
 Monroe (2)
 New Orleans (2)
 Shreveport (2)
 Terrytown
 Thibodaux
Massage Therapy College of Baton Rouge (10/22/92)
Nursing Assistant Network Association (10/27/94)
Professional Chef's Institute of the South (09/27/01)
Professional Institute of Court Reporting (10/27/94)
ProScribe Voice Reporting Institute (09/24/03)
Remington College--New Orleans Campus (10/24/96)
South Louisiana Institute of Massage, L.L.C. (10/28/99)
Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc. (10/26/95)

LCTCS' WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Dr. Clarke informed the Board that with recent staff reorganization and the Regents' increased emphasis on workforce training and economic development, Dr. Lisa Vosper had been promoted to Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training. He continued by noting that an update was given on emerging efforts related to the Regents workforce development.

Dr. Walter Bumphus, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System and members of his staff summarized LCTCS' vision for workforce development and training, reviewed some LCTCS initiatives tied to the vision, and demonstrated how these initiatives have worked in the New Orleans' area.

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Clarke said that several updates had been mentioned: (1) Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, had been presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the Association of International Educators for his service to International Education; (2) Assistant Commissioner Theresa Hay had made a presentation to the House Education Committee on the Board of Regents' design and maintenance of the TOPS data base; and (3) the meeting of the Jefferson West Higher Education Center's Advisory Council met on December 1, 2004, and the Council had requested the Regents undertake an evaluation of the operations of the Center.

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Henry the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to authorize the staff to undertake an evaluation of the operations of the Jefferson West Higher Education Center, utilizing the services of Dean Taylor of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish and others as appropriate.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 2004

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee

Meeting Report of December 8, 2004, as presented. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance, presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of December 8, 2004.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO THE LONI MANAGEMENT COUNCIL GOVERNANCE PLAN

On motion of Regent Toups, second by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to amend the LONI Management Council Governance Plan to reflect a change from three advisory committees to three chief advisors in the Research, Economic Development and Technical areas and to allow more flexible involvement of other resources to the LONI Management Council as opposed to structured committees.

CONSIDERATION OF A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT (BA-7) FOR SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

On motion of Regent Toups, second by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the budget adjustment (BA-7) for Southeastern Louisiana University.

ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. Vandal noted an executive session was called to review the annual evaluation of Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, and no votes or action were taken in the executive session.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to commend the Commissioner for his service and job performance.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Commissioner receive a salary adjustment of 5% consistent with the general

staff pay plan approved by the Board, effective on his anniversary date, and that his housing allowance be maintained in compliance with Board policy and the provisions of the Commissioner's employment agreement.

Mr. Vandal noted that he was directed to develop proposals for Board consideration which would bring the Commissioner's compensation in compliance with Board policy.

Regents Toups and Dupré noted that both the Commissioner and BoR staff had exceeded all expectations in performance and were not only dedicated individuals but team players.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF DECEMBER 8, 2004

On motion of Regent Toups seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of December 8, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Savoie reported on the following items:

- Regent Stanley Jacobs will be inducted into the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in January;
- Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Dr. Lisa Vosper, and Regent Jeraul Mackey had participated in the Poverty Summit on December 6-7, 2004;
- The Adult Learning Task Force will present its report in January to the Governor; and
- The January 6, 2005, meeting will have induction of officers at 10:00 a.m.

Regent Mackey noted that the Council of Student Body Presidents will be attending the January 2005 inauguration of the President of the United States.

Regent Toups wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Jacobs, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.