

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

October 22, 2014

The Board of Regents met in session at noon, Wednesday, October 22, 2014, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

#### Present for the meeting were:

W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Chair  
Albert Sam II, Secretary  
Mark Abraham  
Charlotte Bollinger  
Raymond Brandt  
Pamela Egan  
Joseph Farr  
Robert Levy  
Richard Lipsey  
Roy Martin III  
Joseph Wiley

#### Absent for the meeting were:

William Fenstermaker, Vice Chair  
Maggie Brakeville  
Joel Dupré  
Chris Gorman  
Edward Markle

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Rasberry noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2014

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Abraham, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 9, 2014.**

## APPROVAL OF 2015 SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETINGS

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2015 schedule of Board of Regents' meetings.**

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Abraham, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of October 22, 2014.

#### PROPOSED NEW CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

*Center of Research Excellence in Plant Biotechnology and Crop Development  
(LSU A&M and LSU Ag Center)*

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the initial designation of the Center of Research Excellence in Plant Biotechnology and Crop Development at Louisiana State University and A&M College and the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, through January 2016.**

*Professional Sales Institute (LSU A&M)*

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for a one-year conditional approval of the Professional Sales Institute at Louisiana State University and A&M College, effective immediately.**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive and approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

##### **A. Research Centers/Institutes**

- 1. Reauthorization: Louisiana State University and A&M College Hurricane Center**
- 2. Termination: Center for Biomodular Multi-Scale Systems at Louisiana State University and A&M College**

## **B. Routine Staff Reports**

- 1. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests**
- 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Research Units**
- 3. Past Due Reports**
- 4. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

### ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2014

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of October 22, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

### **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Lipsey, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Chris Herring, Budget Analyst for Facilities and Planning, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 22, 2014.

### CONSENT AGENDA (SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT)

**On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as listed below.**

- 1. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center (Laborde Energy Law Center Renovation)**
- 2. Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine (Boiler # 1 Replacement)**
- 3. Northwest Louisiana Technical College - Shreveport (Campus Parking Lot Improvement)**
- 4. Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (Horticulture Storage Building Renovation)**

### BoR FY 2015-2016 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

**On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Board of Regents FY 2015-2016 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation as presented and authorize staff to submit the Board of Regents' FY 2015-2016 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to Facility Planning and Control no later than the November 1, 2014 deadline.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2014

**On motion of Regent Egan, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 22, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Martin, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of October 22, 2014.

APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY FORMULA FUNDING AND BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2015-2016

**On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the funding recommendations and budget request for all Higher Education institutions for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.**

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2014

**On motion of Regent Brandt, seconded by Regent Egan, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of October 22, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Wiley, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of October 22, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:**

**R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**

- 1. Initial Licenses** (*California State University at Northridge and Grace College and Seminary*)
  
- 3. License Renewals** (*Alliant International University and ITT Technical Institute*)

GRAD ACT

*1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report of BoR GRAD Act Remediation Plan for Southern University and A&M College, Southern University Law Center, and Southern University at Shreveport and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report of the GRAD Act Improvement Plan for the Southern University System Office and Southern University at New Orleans*

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the combined 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report from SUBR, SULC and SUS and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report for the SU System office and SUNO, authorizing the SU Board of Supervisors to release a portion of the funds to the system office and the campuses on the predetermined schedule included in the GRAD Act Performance Improvement Contract and the SU System and SUNO Improvement Plans.**

OTHER BUSINESS

*State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)*

Dr. Tremblay said an update regarding SARA was presented earlier to the Committee. He said the next steps include the Regents' staff developing the institutional application for SARA membership and hosting a statewide meeting for institutions interested in applying for SARA membership.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2014

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of October 22, 2014. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Executive Committee, Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the Executive Committee Report of October 22, 2014.

### CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the proposed contract between the Board of Regents and Dr. Joseph C. Rallo as Commissioner of Higher Education.**

### ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 22, 2014

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of October 22, 2014.**  
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## OTHER BUSINESS

Other business introduced by Chair Rasberry included:

- An update on the actions of the Workforce and Innovation for a Stronger Economy (WISE) Council was given. As of today, three of the four systems (LCTCS, LSU and Southern) have submitted detailed implementation plans to the WISE Council for approval. These plans must now come before the Board of Regents for consideration. As the next scheduled Board meeting is not until December, Chair Rasberry suggested that the Executive Committee be authorized to hold a special meeting in November to consider the Systems' Implementation Plans. Once the Executive Committee considers and votes on the plans, the full Board will need to ratify the actions of the Executive Committee.

After the implementation plan for the University of Louisiana System (UL System) is final, another WISE Council meeting will be called for consideration of the UL System plan. The Executive Committee will then consider the implementation plan for UL System and bring before the full Board for ratification.

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents to hold special Committee meetings as necessary to consider the System Implementation Plans for WISE and take any action it deems appropriate based on its review of the Plans. The Executive Committee will then present its actions to the full Board in December for ratification.**

- A Nominating Committee must be selected in order to prepare the 2015 slate of officers.

**On motion of Regent Lipsey, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve Chair Rasberry's nomination of Regent Charlotte Bollinger as Chair of the Nominating Committee, Regent Joseph Farr as Vice Chair of the Nominating Committee, and Regents Levy, Sam and Wiley as members of the Nominating Committee.**

- There are no meetings in November. The next regularly scheduled Committee meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014. The joint Board of Regents/Board of Elementary and Secondary Education meeting followed by the regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, December 11, 2014.

Regent Wiley recognized Dr. Randy Webb, former President of Northwestern State University, in the audience.

Regent Wiley thanked the Chair of the Board, W. Clinton "Bubba" Rasberry, Jr. and Chair of the Personnel Committee, Albert Sam II, for their leadership over the last six months during the search process for a Commissioner of Higher Education. Mr. Wiley said an eminently qualified candidate was selected, and it was done with full disclosure and no controversy.

Dr. Joseph Rallo, Commissioner-Elect, said it was a privilege to be in Baton Rouge over the last two days and pledges his time and energy as Commissioner of Higher Education.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.