

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

January 8, 2018

Note: Earlier in the morning, newly appointed Board Member Randy Ewing from Ruston, Louisiana, was administered the oath of office by Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs.

The Board of Regents met in session at 11:45 a.m., Monday, January 8, 2018, in the Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard Lipsey called the meeting to order.

INSTALLATION FOR 2018

Board Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary)

It was noted that the newly appointed officers for 2018 would be sworn in by Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs. She administered the oaths of office to Regent Robert Levy as Chair and Regent Marty Chabert as Vice Chair. Regent Collis Temple III will be sworn in at a later date as Secretary.

Members to Serve on the Executive Committee

Next members of the Executive Committee were sworn in by Dr. Subramanian as follows: Regents Claudia Adley, Marty Chabert, Thomas Henning, Robert Levy, Richard Lipsey, and Edward Markle. Regent Collis Temple III will be sworn in at a later date as a member of the Executive Committee.

Regent Lipsey congratulated the officers and members of the Executive Committee for their commitment to higher education. He also thanked the entire Board, Commissioner Rallo and staff for

their hard work during demanding times. Regent Lipsey next reviewed some of the many highlights of his tenure as Chair of the Board.

Chair Levy thanked Regent Lipsey for his leadership as Chair of the Board of Regents during the past two years and initiated a standing ovation. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Regent Lipsey.

Regent Markle expressed his personal appreciation to Regent Lipsey for the excellent leadership he has provided to the Board for the past two years.

Chair Levy said it was an honor to be selected as the next chair of the Regents. He said he was keenly aware of the budgetary challenges and limited funding for higher education but emphasized that access to higher education and successful matriculation through higher education are essential to the population and economy of Louisiana.

ROLL CALL

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

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Chair
Marty Chabert, Vice Chair
Claudia Adley
Blake David
Randy Ewing
Thomas Henning
Richard Lipsey
Edward Markle
Charles McDonald
Darren Mire
Sonia Pérez
Wilbert Pryor
Jay Seale III
Adarian Williams

Absent from the meeting were:

Collis Temple III, Secretary
Jacqueline Wyatt

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Levy 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 DECEMBER 11, 2017

On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Henning, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 11, 2017.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2018

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the Committee assignments for 2018.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Levy inquired if any member of the Board wanted to take up any of the committee reports separately before a motion was made to accept all reports. There were no requests.

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent David, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the January 8, 2018 Committee meetings.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Letters of Intent

1. Master of Science in Cyber Technology at Louisiana Tech University

Approve the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a Master of Science in Cyber Technology at Louisiana Tech University.

B. Academic Proposals

1. Bachelor of Arts in Screen Arts at Louisiana State University and A&M College

Conditionally approve the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Screen Arts (CIP 60.0699) at Louisiana State University and A&M College. A progress report shall be due by January 2, 2020.

2. Graduate Certificate in Archival Studies at Louisiana State University and A&M College
3. Graduate Certificate in Cyber Technology at Louisiana Tech University
4. Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems at the University of New Orleans
5. Graduate Certificate in Historic and Cultural Preservation at the University of New Orleans

Conditionally approve the proposed programs: Graduate Certificate in Archival Studies (CIP 25.0103) at Louisiana State University and A&M College; Graduate

Certificate in Cyber Technology (CIP 11.9999) at Louisiana Tech University; Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (CIP 45.0702) at the University of New Orleans; and Graduate Certificate in Historic and Cultural Preservation (CIP 30.1201) at the University of New Orleans. Progress reports shall be due by June 1, 2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Center for Collaborative Knowledge at Louisiana State University and A&M College (*Conditional approval for 1-year*)**
- B. Reauthorization of Previously Approved Centers and Institutes**
 - 1. Advanced Materials Research Institute (AMRI) at the University of New Orleans (*Full approval for 5-years*)**
 - 2. Environmental Education and Research Center at the University of Louisiana at Monroe (*Conditional approval for 1-year*)**
- C. Routine Staff Reports**
 - 1. Staff Approval**
 - 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
 - 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- 1. LSU Ag Center: Equipment Storage Building (Rice Research Station)**
- 2. LSU A&M: Choppin Hall 2nd Floor Laboratory Renovation**
- 3. LSU A&M: Cub Complex – Baseball Field Lighting**
- 4. LSU A&M: Environmental Test Chamber for Construction Management**
- 5. LSU A&M: Football Operations Practice Field Video Tower Foundations**
- 6. LSU HSC-NO: Allied Health-School of Nursing Building 3rd & 4th Floor Restroom Renovation**
- 7. LSU HSC-NO: Human Development Center Infant Room Renovation**
- 8. LSU HSC-NO: Seton Building Entrance & Lobby Renovation**
- 9. LSU HSC-NO: Seton Building First Floor Office Renovation**
- 10. SELU: Alumni Field Lighting Retrofit**
- 11. ULM: Claiborne-McGuire South Parking & Paving Project**
- 12. ULM: Leon Sugar Hall Roof Replacement**

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. **Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: University of New Orleans - Appointment of Dr. John Nicklow to the Freeport-McMoRan Chair in Environmental Modeling.**
- B. **Conversion of BoRSF-Matched Endowments: Louisiana State University and A&M College - Conversion of one matched Endowed Chair into one Professorship and six Superior Graduate Student Scholarships and two matched Endowed Professorships into two Superior Graduate Student Scholarships.**

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. **R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**
 - 1. **License Renewal**
 - a. **Herzing University**
- B. **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewal**
 - 1. **Southeastern Louisiana University**

RESPONSE TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 89 OF 2017 REGULAR SESSION

Adopt the Response to House Concurrent Resolution 89 of the 2017 Regular Session and authorize staff to forward the report on behalf of the Board of Regents to the House and Senate Committees on Education.

UPDATE ON 2015 REVISION TO MINIMUM ADMISSION STANDARDS

This item was for informational purposes only.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITS

Mr. Matthew LaBruyere, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, reviewed the establishment of an internal audit function. He said that proposals will be received in the next few weeks, and an independent auditor will be hired for internal purposes.

JULY AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, reviewed the findings of the legislative audit of the Board of Regents as prepared by the Louisiana Legislative Auditors Office in July 2017. Ms. Elizabeth Bourgeois, Assistant Commissioner for Audit and Compliance, said the Board of Regents will continue its compliance with any legislative findings.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo reminded the Board of a recent letter sent to members regarding upcoming legislative sessions and information on federal policy impacting higher education. He next introduced Mr. Matt Adams, Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Legislative Affairs, to speak further on federal policy.

Mr. Adams highlighted efforts in Congress to reauthorize the Higher Education Act. He mentioned that the PROSPER Act is the House GOP's higher education act reform bill to assist students in completing an affordable higher education that will prepare them to enter the workforce.

Mr. Adams said as he continues to analyze the impacts of this bill, the Board of Regents will keep in touch with Louisiana's congressional delegation, particularly Senator Cassidy, as he will be working on the Senate's draft of the PROSPER Act as a member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

Mr. Adams stated that the Regents' staff would continue discussions on state and federal policies and the Board of Regents agenda this year.

Regent Markle said he would like to see Louisiana communicate more with the federal government regarding impacts on higher education. He thought it was important to find out what benefits from the federal government other states are receiving to improve higher education.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Authorization for 2018 Special Legislative Session

On motion of Regent Lipsey, seconded by Regent Pérez, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Chairman of the Board of Regents to pursue the Board of Regents Legislative Agenda and act on behalf of the Board during the 2018 Regular Legislative Session and any extraordinary session called in 2018.

- The campus safety workshop is scheduled for February 20, 2018, to be held at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents is Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.