

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

June 20, 2018

*Note: Earlier in the morning, Chair Robert Levy noted that the newly elected student member to the Board for FY 2018-2019 is Mr. Anthony B. Kenney, Jr. from Southern University and A&M College. Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, administered the oath of office for Mr. Kenney. Governor John Bel Edwards appointed Mr. Gerald Theunissen from Jennings, Louisiana to replace Mr. Thomas Henning from Lake Charles, Louisiana. Mr. Theunissen will be sworn in at the next meeting.*

*Mr. Kenney will be assigned to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Facilities and Property Committee, and the Sponsored Programs Committee. Chair Levy also appointed Regent Jay Seale III to the Executive Committee to replace Mr. Henning.*

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:02 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2018, in the Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Robert Levy called the meeting to order.

### 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  
Collis Temple III, Secretary  
Randy Ewing  
Anthony Kenney, Jr.  
Charles McDonald  
Darren Mire  
Jay Seale III

#### Absent from the meeting were:

Claudia Adley  
Blake David  
Richard Lipsey  
Edward Markle  
Sonia Pérez  
Wilbert Pryor  
Gerald Theunissen  
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 MAY 23, 2018

**On motion of Regent Mire, seconded by Regent Kenney, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 23, 2018.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chair Levy asked Regent Seale to make a presentation regarding the currently available FY 19 Higher Education funding with comparative Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) data. He noted the dismal funding levels of higher education for many years. According to statistics, Regent Seale noted Louisiana had fallen to 61% of the SREB average by the time Governor John Bel Edwards became governor. At the present time, funding has dropped to 50.9% of the SREB average. He said that Louisiana has suffered at least 15 higher education mid-year reductions since 2008. Regent Seale encouraged each Board member to contact their legislators and request support for higher education.

### **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 Temple, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the June 20, 2018 Committee meetings.**

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

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- A. Letters of Intent
  - 1. M.S. in Athletic Training at Southeastern Louisiana University
  - 2. Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering at Louisiana State University and A&M College

**Approve the Letters of Intent above to develop program proposals.**

- B. Academic Proposals
  - 1. A.A.S. in Aerospace Technology (CIP 15.0801) at Nunez Community College with a progress report due by October 1, 2019.
  - 2. Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance (CIP 50.0301) at the University of Louisiana at Monroe with a progress report due by July 1, 2020.

**Conditionally approve the above proposed programs.**

- C. Reconfiguration of Ph.D. in Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University and A&M College

**Approve the reconfiguration of the Ph.D. in Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University and A&M College into the Ph.D. in Anthropology (CIP 45.0201) and the Ph.D. in Geography (CIP 45.0701) with a progress report due by December 1, 2020.**

CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below.**

**A. Previously Approved Centers and Institutes**

- 1. Center for Computation & Technology (CCT) at LSU and A&M College**
- 2. Center for Geoinformatics (C4G) at LSU and A&M College**
- 3. John P. Laborde Energy Law Center at LSU and A&M College**
- 4. Life Courses & Aging Center at LSU and A&M College**
- 5. Turbine Innovation & Energy Research Center at LSU and A&M College**

**B. Routine Staff Reports**

- 1. Staff Approvals**
- 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
- 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

**Authorize the Executive Committee to approve the funding recommendations for all Higher Education institutions, boards and agencies for FY 2018-2019 and any adjustments among institutions within the systems as needed.**

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on June 28, 2018.

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

CONSENT AGENDA: SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- 1. LA Tech: Land Acquisition (Self-Generated Revenues for \$310,000)**
- 2. LSU and A&M: School of Veterinary Medicine Library Renovation [Budget Increase] (Self-Generated Revenues Revised Budget \$851,000)**

CONSENT AGENDA: CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT SCOPE CHANGE

**Approve the request from the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College, to revise the capital outlay project scope and budget for the Stephenson Veterinary Hospital project.**

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

### APPROVAL OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

**Approve the Internal Audit Charter as presented.**

## STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the Consent Agenda items as noted below:**

**Approve rulemaking to implement Act 671 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and to add course equivalents for TOPS and for TOPS Tech.**

**Ratify Requests for Exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit hours required during the academic year.**

## SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the Consent Agenda items as noted below:**

#### **A. Appointment of Endowed Chairholders without National Search**

**Loyola University: Appointment of Dr. Michelle K. Johnston to the Gerald N. Gaston Eminent Scholar Chair in International Business and Professor Sanford Hinderlie to the Hilton/Baldrige Eminent Scholar Chair in Music Industry Studies without a national search; and**

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette: Appointment of Dr. Mark Zappi to the Bioprocess Engineering Eminent Scholar/BoRSF Chair in Chemical Engineering without a national search.**

### OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Louisiana STEM Advisory Council (Informational Purposes Only)
- B. Advisory Committee for the Advancement of Research in Louisiana: Process for Identifying Nominees for National Boards and Commissions (Informational Purposes Only)

## 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 Renewals**
    - a. **Alcorn State University**
    - b. **Southeastern College**
    - c. **Stevens-Henegar College**
    - d. **Wiley College**
- B. **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewal**
  1. **Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University**

### TOPS TECH ELIGIBLE ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Approve the revised TOPS Tech Eligibility Program list and authorize Dr. Lisa Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training, to transmit the BOR-approved Program List to the WIC and LOSFA in accordance with the law.

### OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Academic Affairs Policy 2.18 [2016 Pilot Revision] (Informational Purposes Only)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Levy's comments included:

- Thanking the staff of the Board of Regents for their hard work and diligence during the Regular Legislative Session and multiple Special Sessions.
- Speaking about the third special session and being hopeful that higher education will receive stable funding and TOPS will be fully funded.
- Remarking that a chairman's letter and a joint letter sent from our Board and the Boards of our four systems advocating for support of higher education was distributed to the media and stakeholders.
- Welcoming our new student board member, Anthony Kenney, Jr.
- Noting that the next regularly scheduled Board of Regents' meeting is Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

Chair Levy presented a crystal bowl to Dr. Jeanne Burns, Associate Commissioner for Teacher and Leadership Initiatives, in recognition of her upcoming retirement. Dr. Burns has worked at the Board of Regents since 1999. During the last twenty-five years, Dr. Burns has been directly involved in educational reform and assisted state leaders to develop a state plan for K-12 education, create a K-12 technology initiative, develop the K-12 school accountability system,

coordinate efforts to redesign all public and private teacher education and educational leadership programs within the state, implement a teacher preparation accountability system, support the implementation of a value-added teacher preparation assessment model, create Teacher Preparation Data Dashboards for all programs, and support campus efforts to align teacher preparation programs to new college- and career-ready standards.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.