

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

August 22, 2018

Note: Governor John Bel Edwards was welcomed by Chair Robert Levy. Governor Edwards thanked the Board and Commissioner Kim Hunter Reed for speaking in support of the students served at the institutions of public higher education in Louisiana. He noted that, even though support for higher education was stabilized during this past legislative session, there is much work left to be done. Governor Edwards announced the creation of an education and workforce sub-cabinet. The sub-cabinet will focus on the collective strength of Louisiana's agencies to align policy and practice in order to develop talent in the state. Commissioner Reed will co-chair the sub-cabinet.

Chair Levy welcomed the newest Board Member Gerald "Jerry" Theunissen from Jennings, Louisiana. He also made Committee assignments before the Committee meetings began. He assigned Regent Theunissen to the Audit Committee, the Facilities and Property Committee, the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, and the Statewide Programs Committee. Regent Chabert was appointed as Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Regent Blake David as Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and Regent Sonia Pérez as Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee.

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:32 p.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2018, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, 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
Blake David
Randy Ewing
Anthony Kenney, Jr.
Edward Markle
Charles McDonald
Darren Mire
Sonia Pérez
Wilbert Pryor
Jay Seale III
Gerald Theunissen

Absent from the meeting were:

Claudia Adley
Richard Lipsey
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 JUNE 20, 2018

On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Pérez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 20, 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 Markle, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the August 22, 2018 Committee meetings.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the Consent Agenda items as noted below.

A. Approval of TOPS Exceptions

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.

B. Approval of TOPS Exceptions to Deadline for Receipt of Students' Return from Out of State College Application

Ratify Request for Exception to the TOPS regulatory provision that requires a student to file the Application to Return from an Out of State College no later than 120 days after the July 1 following the student's return to an eligible Louisiana college or university.

UNIFORM HAZING POLICY

Approve the Uniform Hazing Prevention Policy consistent with legal requirement.

Uniform Hazing Policy: The Board of Regents (BoR) is to adopt a Uniform Hazing Prevention Policy, which, in turn, must be adopted by the institutions. Institutional policies can expand on BoR policy to provide further protections not otherwise inconsistent with BoR policy or the law. (*Act 640 of the 2018 Regular Session; also see Acts 635, 637.*)

FREE SPEECH POLICY

Informational Purposes Only.

Campus Free Speech Policy: The four management boards, in collaboration with BoR, are to adopt a policy that contains, at a minimum, certain statements concerning free speech protection. Each institution is to develop a policy consistent with the law and also adopt the management board's policy. (Act 666 of 2018.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Approve the Consent Agenda items as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
 - 1. License Renewal
 - a. Walden University
- B. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Louisiana State Renewal
- C. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewals
 - 1. Delgado Community College
 - 2. Louisiana Tech University
 - 3. Southern University Shreveport
 - 4. University of New Orleans
- D. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
 - 1. License Renewals
 - a. Advance Healthcare Institute, LLC (05/26/11)
 - b. BAR/BRI (Baton Rouge) (05/23/12)
 - c. BAR/BRI (New Orleans) (05/23/12)
 - d. Blue Cliff College--Alexandria (05/25/06)
 - e. Delta College of Arts & Technology (06/25/92)
 - f. Diesel Driving Academy (Baton Rouge) (06/25/87)
 - g. Global Trucking Academy (06/29/16)
 - h. Grace & Favor Training Academy, LLC (05/21/14)
 - i. J W Training Center, LLC (05/22/17)
 - j. Lincoln College (05/22/03)
 - k. Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy (05/22/13)
 - l. Med-Advance Training (05/22/17)
 - m. Medical Technical Institute (05/27/15)
 - n. Oak Park School of Dental Assisting (05/28/09)
 - o. Operation Spark (06/29/16)
 - p. Ouachita Truck Driving Academy, LLC (05/22/03)
 - q. Petra College, Inc. (05/27/15)
 - r. Remington College (Lafayette Campus) (05/26/11)
 - s. Remington College (Shreveport Campus) (05/26/11)
 - t. SIHAF Career Institute (05/21/14)
 - u. Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (06/26/97)
 - v. Virginia College (05/27/10)
 - w. Virginia College (Shreveport) (05/26/11)

STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA) INITIAL INSTITUTION APPLICATION FOR LOUISIANA COLLEGE

Approve the initial Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for Louisiana College and authorize staff to submit the approved application to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.

LCTCS GO GRANT PILOT PROGRAM

Approve the LCTCS GO Grant Pilot Program for the 2018-2019 academic year. LCTCS will report to the Board of Regents on the implementation and results of the GO Grant Pilot Program no later than June 2019.

2017-2018 CAMPUS CLIMATE SURVEY

Receive the 2017-2018 Campus Climate Survey Report and authorize staff to submit the report to the Governor and the Senate/House Committees on Education on behalf of the Board of Regents.

RS 17:1808 (LICENSURE) REVISIONS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

Approve the proposed revisions to the Rules for Registration and Licensure of degree-granting institutions, and authorize staff to proceed with the Rulemaking Review Process outlined by the APA to obtain final approval of the amended rules for publication in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. NCHEMS State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement Study for SREB
- B. Louisiana Adult Promise Lumina Grant Proposal

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below.

- A. Reauthorization of Previously Approved Centers and Institutes**
 - 1. Cardiovascular Center of Excellence at LSUHSC at New Orleans**
 - 2. Center for Hazard Assessment, Response and Technology (CHART) at UNO**
 - 3. Center for Information Assurance at Louisiana Tech University**
 - 4. Integrated STEM Education Research Center at Louisiana Tech University**
 - 5. Institute for Dementia Research and Prevention at Pennington**
 - 6. Institute for Economic Development and Real Estate Research at UNO**
- B. Routine Staff Reports**
 - 1. Staff Approvals**
 - 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
 - 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Letters of Intent

1. B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at McNeese State University

Grant conditional approval to establish a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (CIP 14.1901) at McNeese State University, with a progress report due by July 1, 2020.

2. Ph.D. in Experimental Statistics at LSU and A&M College

Approve the Letter of Intent to develop a full proposal for a Ph.D. in Experimental Statistics at Louisiana State University and A&M College.

B. Academic Proposals

1. A.A.S. in Paramedicine (CIP 51.0904) at Louisiana Delta Community College
2. M.A.T. in Elementary Education, Gr 1-5 (CIP 13.1202) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette
3. M.S. in Athletic Training (CIP 51.0913) at LSU
4. M.S. in Child Life (CIP 51.0000) at Southeastern Louisiana University
5. D.P.T in Physical Therapy (CIP 51.2308) at the University of Louisiana at Monroe

Conditionally approve the proposed programs as listed above.

**A.A.S. progress report due by October 2019, and
Graduate Program progress reports due by July 2020.**

C. Program Terminations

1. B.S. in Dietetics at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Approve the termination of the B.S. in Dietetics (CIP 51.3101) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA: SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. LSU A&M: Foster Hall Renovations
2. LSUS: Student Veteran Resource Center
3. MSU: Engineering Student Study Lab

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the Consent Agenda items as listed below.

A. Appointment of Endowed Chairholders without National Search

LSU Shreveport: Appointment of Dr. Alexander Mikaberidze, Professor of History, to the Ruth H. Noel Endowed Chair for the Curatorship of the James Smith Noel Collection without a national search.

University of New Orleans: Appointment of Dr. Jeffrey David Ehrenreich, Professor of Anthropology, to the Doris Zemurray Stone Endowed Chair in Latin American Studies without a national search.

SUPPLEMENTARY ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS FUNDING FOR 2017-2018 SUBMISSION CYCLE: NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY AND SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

Approve the allocation of \$40,000 from unobligated monies from previous years' earnings in the Board of Regents Support Fund to match two Endowed Professorships as follows:

- **Nicholls State University: Sr. Mary Roland Bienvenu, RSM Endowed Professorship in Nursing (BoRSF match: \$20,000); and**
- **Southeastern Louisiana University: Robert and Lydia Hardy Endowed Professorship in Mathematics (BoRSF match: \$20,000).**

BoRSF ENDOWMENT PROGRAM POLICY REVISIONS

Approve the BoRSF endowment policy changes as presented. Policy changes shall be effective immediately.

A. Endowed First-Generation Scholarships Subprogram

- **Student Eligibility: Permit appointment of students with demonstrated financial need and/or receipt of Pell**
- **Provision of Student Work: Allow campuses to enable students to accept off-campus work in lieu of guaranteed on-campus employment in limited circumstances**
- **Removal of annual per-campus guarantees and submission requirements due to program suspension**

B. Endowed Professorships

- **Online Submission of Match Requests: Require annual submission of an online list of match requests to ensure funding recommendations are complete upon submission to the BoR**

AUDIT COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF THE FY 2019 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

Approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Internal Audit Plan.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Approve the hiring of Mrs. Meg Casper Sunstrom as Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Communication.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DR. KIM HUNTER REED, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Reed thanked the Board for confidence shown in her to lead the State's higher education efforts. She noted that she has completed 5 stops on her initial statewide tour of conversations with faculty, students, staff and administrators. She said her tour will continue next week with stops in Shreveport, Monroe, Grambling, Ruston and New Orleans.

Commissioner Reed noted other upcoming events such as:

- Staff Retreat on Wednesday, August 29, 2018
- Formula Summit on Wednesday, September 19, 2018
- Budget Hearings on Tuesday, September 25, 2018.
- Board retreat and Board meetings on October 22-24, 2018 in Thibodaux, LA.

Next Dr. Reed recognized two outstanding students in Louisiana. First, she introduced **Felix Santiago Collazo**. She said Felix is a doctoral student from Puerto Rico and Graduate Research Assistant in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at LSU. She said he knows firsthand the devastating effects of a hurricane and Louisiana is proud of his work in developing a computer model to predict hurricane storm surge and rainfall runoff. After a few brief comments from Mr. Callazo, Dr. Reed then presented him with a certificate of recognition.

Commissioner Reed next introduced **Faron N. Rush**. She said that Faron is a Senior at Grambling State University double-majoring in Business Management and Computer Information Systems. She said he has served as a two-time scholar of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Access program; has held highly sought-after scholarships from McDonald's, the Tom Joyner Foundation, and the Vertus Hardiman Endowed Scholarship; and participates as a scholar for the Opportunity Funding Corporation (OFC) Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program, which focuses on ensuring HBCUs create a strong pipeline of talented and diverse future entrepreneurs. After a few brief comments from Mr. Rush, Dr. Reed presented a certificate of recognition to him.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Levy's comments included:

- The next Board of Regents' meeting will be held Tuesday, September 25 and Wednesday, September 26. The Finance Committee will hold budget hearings on Tuesday, followed by the Committee and Board meetings on Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.