MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

October 24, 2018

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 10:09 a.m., Wednesday, October 24, 2018, in the Carnival Room, Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Chair Robert Levy called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

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| Present for the meeting were:  Robert Levy, Chair  Marty Chabert, Vice Chair  Collis Temple III, Secretary  Claudia Adley  Blake David  Charles McDonald  Darren Mire  Wilbert Pryor  T. Jay Seale III  Gerald Theunissen | Absent from the meeting were:  Randy Ewing  Anthony Kenney  Richard Lipsey  Edward Markle  Sonia Perez  Jacqueline Wyatt  Mgt. Board Representatives present:  Stevie Smith, LCTC System  Jay Blossom, LSU System  Lola Dunahoe, UL System |

WELCOME BY DR. JAY CLUNE, PRESIDENT, NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY AND DR. KRISTINE STRICKLAND, CHANCELLOR, FLETCHER TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Chair Levy thanked President Jay Clune and Chancellor Kristine Strickland for hosting the Board of Regents for its retreat and regularly scheduled Board meeting. Regent Levy invited them to speak to the Board.

Chancellor Kristine Strickland said that Fletcher Technical Community College serves over 2,000 credit earning students. She next introduced a couple of the best and brightest students from the bayou region to the Board.

1. **Kristen Belanger** is the Fletcher Student Government Association (SGA) president and the chair of the Louisiana Council of Student Body Presidents (COSBP). She will be representing the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board. Kristen is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Accounting Technology.
2. **Micheal Jones** was chosen as the Student of the Year by Louisiana Association for Public, Community, and Adult Education (LAPCAE). He was nominated by Fletcher’s WorkReady-U (Adult Education Program) faculty and staff. He attended the LAPCAE conference in Baton Rouge and was honored during the awards luncheon. As a WorkReady-U student, Micheal received a scholarship and was concurrently enrolled in an electrical program while earning his high school equivalency diploma. In describing himself and his hopes for the future, Michael stated, *“My goal in life is to make a 360 degree turn for the better so that I can help others achieve goals in life. Staying focused on education and my electrical trade is the key for my success. I plan on reaching other goals in life after this, such as enrolling in the HVAC and CDL (truck driving) school.”*

Chair Levy and Commissioner Kim Hunter Reed presented the students with certificates of appreciation.

Dr. Jay Clune, President of Nicholls State University, thanked the Board for holding its Board meetings on the Nicholls campus. He introduced to the Board the following students at Nicholls.

1. **Meifung Liu**, a senior in Liberal Arts from Columbus, Ohio, has worked at the Masters Golf Tournament and Quaker Ridge Country Club in Scarsdale, NY. Liu has also served as the Vice President of the Student Culinary Association and is an active member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. Liu also recently attended Institut Paul Bocuse in France as part of the Worldwide Alliance program.
2. **Jonathan Bergeron**, a senior Chemistry major from Chauvin, Louisiana, recently scored in the highest percentiles in the U.S. on the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), with a score in the 99th percentile overall and the 100th percentile on the chemistry portion.
3. **Taylor Boudoin**, a senior Human Resource Management major from Hahnville; **Olivia Lege**, a senior Human Resource Management major from Destrehan; and **Paige Thomas**, a senior Human Resource Management major from Gonzales; are members of the Nicholls Society for Human Resources Management team that has won the annual Louisiana Human Resource Case Competition all three years the Nicholls team has competed.

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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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

**On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Mire, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 26, 2018.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FINANCE**

PRELIMINARY FY 2019-2020 FORMULA FUNDING REQUEST

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, said the FY 2019-2020 budget submission for higher education targets reinvestment focused on affordability and innovation. He mentioned that over the last 11 years, Louisiana has seen a dramatic shift in the balance between state vs. student funding for higher education. Mr. Ginn continued by stating that, as a result, state funds have decreased by 48% ($740M) and self-generated revenue (tuition and fees) have increased by 107% ($750M).  He said that the budget must be submitted to the Governor’s Office and the Division of Administration by November 15th.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the State General Fund operating budget requests for all Higher Education systems, boards and agencies for FY 2019-2020 and allow the staff to make technical changes as necessary.**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY**

Mr. Chris Herring, Assistant Commissioner for Facilities, presented the Consent Agenda as listed below, which consisted of small capital projects and a 3rd party project report.

CONSENT AGENDA: SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

LA Tech: Conversion of Davison Hall Data Replication Space

LSU A&M: Hill Memorial Library Roof Replacement

LSU A&M: Military Science Building Roof Replacement

LSU A&M: LADLL 2nd Floor Laboratory Addition

LSU A&M: Student Health Center Subsurface Drainage Installation

LSU-S: Cyber Collaboratory

NSU: Improvements to Stroud Baseball Complex

CONSENT AGENDA: 3RD PARTY PROJECTS REPORT

LSU A&M: Alex Box Champion’s Plaza

**On motion of Regent Mire, seconded by Regent Adley, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda for the Small Capital Projects and 3rd Party Project Reports as presented.**

BoR FY 2019-2020 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Herring said he has received more than 200 project requests for consideration during the FY 2019-2020 funding cycle. He said that after reviewing all projects, a final recommendation list was compiled for Board approval.

Mr. Herring noted that upon Board approval, the Board of Regents’ FY 2019-2020 Capital Outlay Recommendation would be submitted to the Division of Administration (DOA) and the Office of Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) by the November 1st deadline.

**On motion of Regent Mire, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Board of Regents FY 2019-2020 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation and allow staff to make technical changes.**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Reauthorization of Previously Approved Centers and Institutes

1. Center for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology at Louisiana Tech

University

2. Center for Visual and Decision Informatics at the University of Louisiana at

Lafayette

B. Routine Staff Reports

1. Staff Approvals

2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units

3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue

**On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed above.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Letter of Intent

1. Master of Science in Athletic Training at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Dr. Denby said the intended M.S. in Athletic Training would replace the existing B.S. program and permit the continuation of Athletic Training education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She said the thesis and non-thesis options will provide graduates with the appropriate coursework and clinical experiences necessary to pass the certification examination, meet state licensure requirements, and prepare for entry-level practice as confident and competent athletic trainers and instructors.

**On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Letter of Intent to develop a full proposal for a Master of Science in Athletic Training at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.**

CYBER TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE AT BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE (FULL APPROVAL)

Dr. Denby said the Cyber Technology Center for Workforce Excellence at Bossier Parish Community College blends workforce training, academics, and industry and community partnerships into a powerful collaborative effort to build and protect the technology ecosystem of the area, while also representing the State of Louisiana at the national level. She said the College’s cyber technology group has the support and respect of neighboring universities, statewide industry, and the surrounding community it serves. After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Seale, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to grant full approval of the Cyber Technology Center for Workforce Excellence at Bossier Parish Community College, with a report and request for continued designation due by October 1, 2023.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAM PLANNING AND REVIEW

Dr. Denby said the two-year program/low-completer review cycle is too frequent for campuses or the Board to see meaningful results from one review to the next. She mentioned that the labor-intensive process has been yielding diminishing value for the hours of effort expended by Regents’, System, and Campus staff and faculty in managing the reporting process. Dr. Denby noted that a statewide academic planning process could contribute to strategic planning for program development at every level, and allow the BoR to recommend opportunities and connections across campus and system boundaries.

**On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Theunissen, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to postpone the scheduled 2018-2019 Statewide Academic Program/Low-Completer Review while staff develop and propose a new Academic Planning and Review process, to be presented before the 2018-19 academic year ends.**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE**

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, noted one item on the consent agenda as follows:

* + - 1. **R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**

**License Renewal**

1. **California State University – Northridge**

**On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the item on the Consent Agenda as listed above.**

BOARD OF REGENTS’ 2018 TOPS REPORT AS REQUIRED BY R.S. 17:3048.3

Dr. Tremblay reminded the Board that the Tuition (now Taylor) Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) was created by Act 1375 of the 1997 Regular Legislative Session. He said that Act 1202 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session requires the Louisiana Board of Regents to prepare a report to analyze various aspects of the TOPS program, and Act 587 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session added several additional levels of analysis to the TOPS report. The report is due to the Legislative Committees on Education annually by December 1st.

Dr. Tremblay reviewed the highlights of the report, concluding that on every measure of academic performance (retention, persistence, graduation, time to degree), TOPS recipients outperformed non-TOPS recipients.

            Regent Pryor requested that the staff compile information on the income distribution of TOPS recipients.  He particularly mentioned families with incomes of $500,000 or more.

Following further discussion regarding whether the TOPS program should include a needs component and possible changes to the annual credit requirement,

**On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the “TOPS Report: Analysis of the TOPS Program from 2008-2017” and authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education to submit the response to the appropriate legislative committees on behalf of the Board of Regents.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE**

**COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Commissioner of Higher Education Kim Hunter Reed welcomed Ms. Charlotte Bollinger, a former member of the Board of Regents, to the meeting. Ms. Bollinger spoke to the Board about public and private partnerships that have helped Nicholls State University to prevent adding more student fees. She encouraged other institutions to do the same.

Dr. Reed presented updates on:

* Hazing policy has been discussed with all campuses;
* LCTCS celebration of its 20th year of student access;
* ACT workshop held in New Orleans;
* First Generation Day event held in Lake Charles;
* Feeding America program; and
* Attending the National Governor’s Association along with LSU and A&M SGA student president Stewart Lockett.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Levy noted the following:

* The Nominating Committee will meet in December to offer nominations for a new chair, vice chair, secretary and four other members to be part of the Executive Committee, and a representative to the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission. Chair Levy appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee: Jay Seale as Chair; Claudia Adley; Blake David; Randy Ewing; and Darren Mire.
* Approval of the 2019 Calendar of Board of Regents’ Meetings. There will be two meetings off-site during 2019 to be announced at a later date.
* Next meeting is the joint BoR/BESE (hosted by BoR) on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., followed by Committee/Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.