

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

April 24, 2019

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 9:02 a.m., Wednesday, April 24, 2019, in the Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Marty Chabert called the meeting to order.

#### ROLL CALL

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

##### Present for the meeting were:

Marty Chabert, Chair  
Collis Temple III, Vice Chair  
Blake David, Secretary  
Claudia Adley  
Randy Ewing  
Anthony Kenney, Jr.  
Robert Levy  
Darren Mire  
Sonia Perez  
T. Jay Seale III  
Gary Solomon, Jr.  
Gerald Theunissen  
Felix Weill

##### Absent from the meeting were:

Charles McDonald  
Wilbert Pryor  
Jacqueline Wyatt

##### Management Board Representatives present:

Lola Dunahoe, UL System  
Willie Mount, LCTCS  
Leon Tarver, Southern System  
Mary Werner, LSU System

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Chabert noted that Mr. Roy Martin from Alexander requested to speak during the Sponsored Programs section of the meeting. He asked whether any other audience member had comments at this time. There were no other comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2019

**On motion of Regent Ewing, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 27, 2019.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**LEGISLATIVE**

Mr. Matt Adams, Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Legislative Affairs, reviewed the Board of Regents' legislative bills and the bills impacting the Board of Regents and higher education. This item was for information purposes only.

2019 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

- A. Board of Regents' Bills
- B. Bills Impacting Board of Regents and Higher Education

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, noted several items on the consent agenda. She mentioned that Louisiana State University at Shreveport's (LSUS) Institute for Nonprofit Administration and Research continues to provide strong education, professional development, and support opportunities for students and the broader nonprofit administration professional community in North Louisiana. The long history of institutional support and continued revenue from special contract services offered by INAR will provide stable funding for the future of the institute.

**On motion of Regent Weill, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- A. Continued Authorization of Existing Centers and Institutes
  - Institute for Nonprofit Administration & Research – LSU Shreveport

- B. Routine Staff Reports
  - Staff Approvals
  - Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- A. Letters of Intent
  - Ph.D. in Construction at Louisiana State University and A&M College

Assistant Commissioner Janet Newhall said that Louisiana State University's (LSU) existing construction management concentration within the Ph.D. Engineering Science program currently graduates enough students to sustain a viable stand-alone Ph.D. program in construction, and existing faculty and administration in the construction management department are sufficient to implement the program. Ms. Newhall mentioned that staff agree with the Chief Academic Officers' review of the Letter of Intent and recommendation that LSU name the program Ph.D. in Construction Management to better reflect the curriculum and intention, as well as to align with the existing program and department names.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Weill, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the development of a proposal for the Ph.D. in Construction Management by Louisiana State University and A&M College.**

- B. Program Proposal
  - P.B.C. in Computed Tomography at Northwestern State University

Dr. Denby said the proposed P.B.C. in Computed Tomography program will provide needed knowledge to working professionals for an in-demand certification. NSU's faculty and its School of Allied Health programs in radiological science provide the support and foundation for the development and implementation of the certificate requirements. The online certificate program is designed specifically for working professionals who can complete the clinical hours required for certification while on the job.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to conditionally approve the proposed P.B.C. in Computed Tomography (CIP 51.0911) at Northwestern State University with a progress report due October 1, 2020.**

#### NEW ACADEMIC CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

- A. The Austrian Marshall Plan Center for European Studies at the University of New Orleans

Ms. Newhall noted that the University of New Orleans (UNO) requests approval of Center Austria – The Austrian Marshall Plan Center for European Studies. The Center was founded in 1997 and is now seeking official Board of Regents’ (BoR) recognition and approval.

In its 20-year history, Center Austria has built and maintained a strong connection between UNO and the University of Innsbruck. The University seeks BoR authorization and recognition of the Center to leverage its connections into a broader scope of activity including further outreach and education. The faculty leading these efforts are former participants in the Innsbruck exchange partnership and show a strong investment in the Center’s future success.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Adley, seconded by Regent Solomon, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to grant full approval of the Center Austria at the University of New Orleans. A report and request for continued authorization is due by February 1, 2024.**

#### **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY**

Mr. Chis Herring, Assistant Commissioner for Facilities, noted there were four items on the small capital projects report.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Small Capital Projects Report
- LSU HSC-NO: MEB 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Audio-Visual Faculty Training Center
  - LSU-S: Business Education Building 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Renovation for Kinesiology and Public Health and Leadership Studies

- LSU-S: New Soccer Building
- SELU: Anzalone Hall Mechanical Systems Upgrade

**On motion of Regent Mire, seconded by Regent Theunissen, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda for the small capital projects reports as presented.**

#### BoR FY 2019-20 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION REVISION

Mr. Herring mentioned that two capital outlay projects require BoR approval for inclusion in the BoR's FY 2019-20 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation that was submitted on November 1, 2018.

Mr. Herring said the first project relates to the development of Fletcher Technical Community College's (FTCC) Louisiana Marine and Petroleum Institute (LAMPI) site in Houma, Louisiana. He continued by stating that the second capital outlay project addition involves the construction of a disaster shelter at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC) site located off Louisiana Highway 61.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Mire, seconded by Regent Kenney, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to recommend the addition of two projects to the Board of Regents FY 2019-20 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation related to Fletcher Technical Community College's maritime facility and Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center's disaster shelter.**

#### FACILITIES AND PROPERTY POLICY REVISION

Mr. Herring said the potential for receiving state capital outlay dollars for auxiliary-type projects on higher education campuses has been dismal in recent years and Louisiana's institutions are moving away from conventional bond-financed projects (traditional 3<sup>rd</sup> party projects) towards public-private partnership (P3) agreements for the construction of student housing, parking, and other institutional needs. P3 agreements provide institutions greater flexibility when building, financing, and managing/operating new facilities.

Mr. Herring noted that current BoR policy does not specifically address P3 agreements as they are structured and proposed to the management boards for approval. Therefore, the current revision to the Facilities and Property (F&P) Policy includes a new section providing basic guidelines for institutions and management boards to follow when entering into P3 agreements and clarifies the role of the BoR in the approval process.

**On motion of Regent Mire, seconded by Regent Kenney, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the revision to the Board of Regents' Facilities and Property Policy to include a new section concerning public-private partnerships and related revisions.**

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Herring presented an update regarding House Bill 2. This item was for informational purposes only.

#### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport

**On motion of Regent Pérez, seconded by Regent Adley, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to recommend approval of LSUHSC-Shreveport's request to appoint Dr. Anthony Hunkyun Sin, Professor of Neurosurgery, to the Donald and Kathryn R. Smith Endowed Chair in Spinal Treatment without a national search. As stipulated in Board policy, the Letter of Appointment to Dr. Sin must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.**

#### FY 2018-19 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Roy Martin, former member of the Board of Regents, offered public comments along with Dr. Stacia Haynie, LSU's Executive Vice President and Provost, and Dean Judy Worsat, College of Engineering. Each provided positive comments regarding how the changes to the Endowed Chairs and Professorships programs in the Board of Regents' Support Fund have positively impacted their campus.

Ms. Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, thanked her staff for all their hard work during the last nine months to finalize the Support Fund award recommendations so the recommendations can be brought before the Board.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Pérez, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the FY 2018-19 BoRSF funding recommendations, with contingencies, as presented.**

## **PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE**

### CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. LeAnn Detillier, Assistant Commissioner for Program Administration, noted several items on the consent agenda related to license renewals of academic degree-granting institutions and institutional renewals of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).

**On motion of Regent Weill, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**
  - 1. License Renewal**
    - a. Chamberlain University**
- B. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewals**
  - 1. Bossier Parish Community College**
  - 2. Grambling State University**
  - 3. Louisiana State University Eunice**
  - 4. Louisiana State University Shreveport**
  - 5. Loyola University of New Orleans**
  - 6. Tulane University**

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

#### **A. Southwest University**

Ms. Detillier said the next item considered was informational only, regarding the voluntary withdrawal of licensure for Southwest University. She said that due to changes in Title IV institutional status requirements, Southwest was subsequently not able to continue to enroll veteran students and faced a decrease in enrollment, leading the University to cease operation in

Louisiana and voluntarily withdraw from accreditation. As a result, the institution's license is no longer valid as of March 31, 2019. At the time of the closure Southwest had 41 students enrolled: 37 students were taught out and graduated before March 31, 2019 (when accreditation lapsed); 3 students had schedule conflicts with their current employment and were unable to complete their programs; and 1 student transferred to another university.

#### CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

##### A. Recognition of Mr. Anthony B. Kenney, Jr., Outgoing Student Member, Board of Regents

- Thanked the Commissioner and staff for the work that has gone into this meeting and the continued good work that is happening during the Legislative Session.
- Acknowledged the outgoing student member, Mr. Anthony B. Kenney, Jr. at his last meeting. A plaque and stole was presented to Mr. Kenney.

#### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner Reed noted the following:

- Today is HBCU Day at the Capitol and the HBCU Advisory Council meets at the Capitol as well.
- Recognition of Dr. Cheryl Taylor, Graduate Nursing Programs, Southern University Baton Rouge College of Nursing and Allied Health. She was named and received the Louisiana award for "Educator of the Year" during the annual Nightingale Nursing Awards Event, March 16, 2019. She actively teaches and mentors nursing students and faculty nationwide.
- Recognized the Administrative Assistants at the Board of Regents.
- Thanked Ms. Jeanetta Smith of Ashland University, who supports the Second-Chance Pell initiative at Dixon Correction Institute. This initiative is an ongoing national experiment aimed at bringing post-secondary education to incarcerated individuals funded by Pell Grants, so they can be job-ready upon release.
- Joined the Governor during his weekly radio talk show to discuss dual enrollment.
- Met with 15 Superintendents in Ruston to get feedback, discuss strategies for success and continue to create a game plan that moves us forward on important legislation and Master Plan strategy.



#### A. Adoption of Master Plan Visioning Document

Commissioner Reed said the latest draft of the Master Plan visioning document was emailed to each Board Member. She said the Regents has met its constitutional duty to “hold public hearings at which all students, faculty, staff, administrators, management boards and interested citizens, could appear and present testimony.”

Commissioner Reed said the final draft includes a summary page that outlines the individuals and groups that provided feedback and edits. She said the Master Plan includes a message from the Board that will be presented on the inside cover of the final document once it is printed, reflective of Regent Seale’s summary that he shared with the Board during our March meetings.

Regent Ewing asked if campus presidents/chancellors had an opportunity to give input on the Master Plan. Commissioner Reed reassured Board members that the Plan was sent to system presidents with a request that it to be shared with their campuses. She reported that she also met with the Council of Student Body Presidents, faculty, the Council for a Better Louisiana, the Public Affairs Research Council, campuses, chambers of commerce, GNO, Inc. national experts and other stakeholder groups from all over the state and beyond. She continued by stating that opportunities for public input on the contents and concepts of the near-final draft of the master plan were made available to the public last month.

After further discussion,

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Kenney, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, recommended approval of the Master Plan visioning document language with suggested edits by Regent Seale, and giving staff the ability to finalize layout and design of a printed document no later than August 2019.**

## OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Chabert said the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents will be in June 2019 with more details to follow. He encouraged the Board to attend the House Education Committee meeting at the Capitol. He said that Commissioner Reed will be presenting the Master Plan.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.