

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

August 28, 2019

The Board of Regents met in session at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 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

Secretary to the Board Stephanie Tomlinson called the roll, and a quorum was established.

#### Present for the meeting were:

Marty Chabert, Chair  
Collis Temple, III, Vice Chair  
Blake David, Secretary  
Randy Ewing  
William Jewell  
Robert Levy  
Charles McDonald  
Darren Mire  
Sonia Pérez  
Wilbert Pryor  
Jay Seale III  
Gary Solomon, Jr.  
Gerald Theunissen  
Felix Weill

#### Absent from the meeting were:

Claudia Adley  
Jacqueline Wyatt

### MASTER PLAN ADOPTION

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Commissioner of Higher Education, presented the Board of Regents' Master Plan document for approval. Dr. Reed presented the Master Plan video, an overview of the statewide attainment goal, the core components of the Master Plan, the Master Plan metrics for tracking progress, and the Master Plan website. Chair Chabert introduced Governor John Bel Edwards to speak on the proposed Regents' Master Plan. Dr. Reed introduced

Ms. Taylor Scott, Louisiana State University Student Government Vice President, Dr. F. King Alexander, Louisiana State University System President, Dr. Jim Henderson, University of Louisiana System President, Dr. Ray Belton, Southern University System President, and Dr. Monty Sullivan, Louisiana Community and Technical College System President to speak on the proposed Regents' Master Plan. Dr. Reed introduced the following agency talent development partners to speak on behalf of the Regents' Master Plan; Dr. Erin Bendily, Louisiana Department of Education Assistant Superintendent, Secretary Marketa Walters, Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services, Secretary Jimmy LeBlanc, Louisiana Department of Corrections, Ms. Susana Schowen, Louisiana Economic Development Director of Workforce Initiatives to speak on behalf of the Regents' Master Plan. Dr. Reed introduced the following external partners to speak on the proposed Regents' Master Plan as well, Ms. Keisha Smith, Education Trust State Director for Louisiana, and Mr. Barry Erwin, Council for a Better Louisiana President & CEO. All expressed support for the plan and a commitment to this overall effort to increase educational attainment.

**On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Temple, the Secretary to the Board called the role for the vote:**

**Approved**

**Marty Chabert, Chair  
Collis Temple, III, Vice Chair  
Blake David, Secretary  
Randy Ewing  
William Jewell  
Robert Levy  
Charles McDonald  
Darren Mire  
Sonia Pérez  
Wilbert Pryor  
Jay Seale III  
Gary Solomon, Jr.  
Gerald Theunissen  
Felix Weill**

**Opposed**

**None**

**Absent**

**Claudia Adley  
Jacqueline Wyatt**

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Chabert 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 19, 2019

**On motion of Regent Weill, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 19, 2019.**

## SYSTEM SPOTLIGHT

Chair Chabert introduced LSU Basketball Coach Will Wade to highlight two student-athletes. Coach Wade introduced Skylar Mays and Marshall Graves who addressed the Board on their experience as a student-athlete at LSU. Skylar Mays is a Baton Rouge native who averages above a 4.0 GPA in pre-med/kinesiology. Skylar was recently announced as a First-Team Academic All-America on the 2019 Google Cloud Academic All-America Division I Men's Basketball Team. Marshall Graves is from Ponchatoula, LA a walk-on student-athlete and a TOPS recipient.

## RECOGNITION OF CAROLYN BLANCHARD, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD

Chair Chabert recognized Carolyn Blanchard for her 38.5 years of service to the Board of Regents. Coach Wade presented her with an LSU jersey in recognition of her service and Dr. Reed thanked Carolyn for her dedication to the Board of Regents and her hard work. Regent Levy also thanked Carolyn and made remarks about her time serving the Board. Ms. Blanchard addressed the Board and expressed her appreciation.

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Chabert 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 Seale, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the August 28, 2019, Committee meetings.**

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

### PRESENTATION BY POSTLETHWAITE AND NETTERVILLE FORMULA REPORT

Ms. Kristin Bourque, Postlethwaite & Netterville (P&N) Manager explained that P&N reviewed the funding formula processes and internal controls as approved in the April board meeting. There were no high-risk observations. P&N recommended the creation of an internal procedure manual and completion of a risk-based audit plan for formula audits. Regent Seale asked P&N to update the Audit Committee on the management action at the next board meeting.

### REVIEW AND CHANGE IN AUDIT CHARTER

Laura Soileau, P&N Director explained the annual review and the change in the Internal Audit Charter. The recommended change was to administratively report to the Commissioner of Higher Education.

**Approve the recommended change to the Internal Audit Charter for the internal audit activity reports administratively to the Commissioner of Higher Education.**

### REVISED INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR CONTRACT YEAR 2

P&N described the Personnel and Human Resources areas on the proposed Internal Audit Plan. This audit would review all Personnel and Human Resources programs at the Board of

Regents, Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), and Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON). Additionally, P&N will follow-up on prior audit findings from contract year one and audit findings from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

P&N indicated that the Board of Regents staff were helpful and cooperative with the audit process. Regent Seale asked P&N about the contract budget. Mrs. Soileau responded that P&N is within budget for contract year two.

**Approve the revised Internal Audit Plan for contract year two.**

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

#### **A. Small Capital Projects Report**

- 1. BPCC: Canopy Painting**
- 2. LSU HSCNO: Allied Health & School of Nursing 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Restroom Renovation**
- 3. LSU HSCNO: CSRB 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Lab Renovation**
- 4. LSU HSCNO: CSRB Purchase of Replacement Air Handling Units**
- 5. NSU: Student Activities Esports Facility & Event Space**

#### **B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Projects Report**

- 1. ULM: School of Construction Management Entryway Addition**

### **ACT 959 PROJECT: NUNEZ AEROSPACE MANUFACTURING BUILDING RENOVATION**

**Approve the Act 959 project submitted by the Louisiana Community and Technical College Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Nunez Community College, to renovate a facility for the purpose of creating an aerospace manufacturing program.**

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Chris Herring, Assistant Commissioner for Facilities, updated the Board on Louisiana Tech University's tornado recovery, the status of deferred maintenance and demolition funding, the impact of Hurricane Barry on Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON), the Facility Summit is on September 12<sup>th</sup> and upcoming capital outlay site visits.

## **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.**

#### **A. Reauthorization of Existing Research Units**

- 1. Center for Collaborative Nursing Research – Southeastern**
- 2. LSU Health Sciences Center Epilepsy Center – LSU HSC NO**

#### **B. Routine Staff Reports**

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

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

#### **A. Letters of Intent**

- 1. BFA Film & Television – LSU A&M**
- 2. MS Population Health – Southeastern**
- 3. PhD Justice Studies - UNO**

**Approve the Letter of Intent from LSU A& M to develop a proposal for a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film & Television, the Letter of Intent from SLU to develop a proposal for a Master of Science in Population Health Management, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Justice Studies.**

#### **B. Program Proposals**

- 1. AAS Cloud Computing – Delgado**
- 2. AAS Paralegal Studies – Delgado**
- 3. UCs (2) – UL Monroe**
- 4. MS Computer Information Systems – Northwestern**

## **5. PMC Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner – Northwestern**

**Approve conditional approval of the Program Proposals from Delgado Community College to establish an Associate of Applied Science in Cloud Computing (CIP 11.0902), and an Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies (CIP 220302), with progress reports due 1 July 2021, and to authorize the Deputy or Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs to review and approve similar AAS/Cloud Computing proposals from the other LCTCS colleges as they are developed and submitted.**

**Approve conditional approval of the proposed undergraduate certificates in: Computer Programming and Unmanned Aircraft Systems management with progress reports due 1 July 2021.**

**Approve Program Proposals from Northwestern for a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems and for a Post Masters Certificate in Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner with progress reports due by 1 July 2021.**

### **PROGRAM PROPOSAL APPROVAL PROCESS – PILOT LETTER OF INTENT WAIVER**

**Approve the development and implementation of a pilot Letter of Intent Waiver process for new academic degree program development.**

### **PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1. Initial License**
  - a. Saybrook University**
- 2. License Renewal**
  - a. Texas Wesleyan University**
- 3. Conditional License Expired**
  - a. Southwest Kingston University**

##### **B. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewals**

- 1. Delgado Community College**
- 2. Louisiana Tech University**
- 3. Southern University at Shreveport**
- 4. University of New Orleans**

##### **C. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**

- 1. Initial Licenses**
  - a. AAA Crane and Rigging, LLC**
  - b. Louisiana Dental Assistant Academy (Alexandria)**

- c. Louisiana Dental Assistant Academy (Baton Rouge)
- d. Louisiana Driver Training and Vocational Career Center, Inc.

**2. 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. Integrated Education Solutions, LLC (05/23/18)
- 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. McCann School of Business and Technology (05/23/18)
- m. Med-Advance Training (05/22/17)
- 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. Precision Weld Testing & Training, LLC (05/23/18)
- s. Remington College (Lafayette Campus) (05/26/11)
- t. Remington College (Shreveport Campus) (05/26/11)
- u. SIHAF Career Institute (05/21/14)

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

- 1. Louisiana State University and A&M College
- 2. LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport
- 3. Northwestern State University

REPURPOSING OF NON-STATE EARNINGS IN ENDOWED CHAIR: UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE

**Approve the University of Louisiana at Monroe's and original donor's request to remove \$1,268,457.91 from earnings associated with the private donor's original contribution to the Tom and Mayme Scott Chair in Clinical**

**Pharmacy, to be comprised solely of earnings on the private contribution, to create a new endowed chair not associated with BoRSF programs and ineligible for future BoRSF match.**

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Robison notified the Committee that the Board of Regents Support Fund staff had begun conducting regional meetings with campus personnel to provide an overview of competitive opportunities and answer questions about the FY 2019-20 funding cycle.

### **STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

#### BOARD OF REGENTS' HAZING PREVENTION POLICY CHANGE

Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, presented the 2019 legislative hazing amendments as well as the Board of Regents' hazing policy changes and Regents' standardized hazing report forms.

**Approve the standardized forms the institutions and organizations must use to report incidents of hazing to law enforcement pursuant to Act 382 and the policy governing the information to be made public.**

#### 2019 CAMPUS CLIMATE SURVEY REPORT

Dr. Lupe Lamadrid, Senior Policy Analyst, presented the 2018-19 Campus Climate Survey Report to the Board. Dr. Lamadrid noted the survey yielded a response rate of <3% which was not statistically significant nor representative of the total student population at an institution nor the state as a whole. Dr. Lamadrid did comment that the recent legislative amendment to the reporting cycle is designed to improve the overall response rate for future surveys.

**Approve the 2018-2019 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.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

### **A. Approval of Final Rulemaking – Scholarship and Grant Program**

**Authorize publication of the final rule to amend the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules to update the definition of selective enrollment program, to remove references to program year, and to amend the types of requests for exception that may be considered by LOSFA staff.**

### **B. 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.**

## OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sujuan Boutte, Executive Director for the Louisiana Office of Student and Financial Assistance, updated the Board on the Louisiana GEAR UP 2019 Summer Learning Camps and the success of LOSFA's Aspire to Inspire mentor and former Louisiana GEAR UP student, Oscar McClain.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Chabert noted there was no other business at this time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.