

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

September 25, 2019

The Board of Regents met in session at 10:52 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 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 J. Chabert, Chair  
Collis B. Temple, III, Vice Chair  
Blake David, Secretary  
Claudia Adley  
William S. Jewell  
Robert Levy  
Charles R. McDonald  
Darren Mire  
Wilbert Pryor  
T. Jay Seale III  
Gerald Theunissen  
Felix R. Weill

#### Absent from the meeting were:

Randy Ewing  
Sonia Pérez  
Gary Solomon, Jr.  
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 AUGUST 28, 2019

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 28, 2019.**

## **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 Weill, seconded by Regent Mire, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the September 25, 2019 Committee meetings.**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGETS**

**Approve the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budgets.**

### **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Small Capital Projects Report**
  - 1. LSU A&M: East Campus Apartments Building # 4 Roof Repairs**
  - 2. SELU: Sims Memorial Library Chiller Replacement**
  - 3. SELU: Tinsley Hall Interior Modifications**
  
- B. 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Projects Report**
  - 1. La Tech: Woodward Hall Renovation**
  - 2. ULM: New Student Amphitheater**

#### **P3 PROJECT: LSU-S STUDENT HOUSING ACQUISITION**

**Approve the P3 project submitted by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Louisiana State University Shreveport, to acquire and update the existing housing on the Shreveport campus.**

#### **DNR REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM: LA TECH ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS**

**Approve the two Department of Natural Resources Revolving Loan Program Energy Efficiency projects submitted by the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of Louisiana Tech University, to conduct energy efficiency projects related to A.E. Philips Laboratory School and the Thomas Assembly Center.**

## **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approve the Consent Agenda items as listed below, excluding the AA 2.22 item, as noted, in Staff Approvals.**

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

- 1. Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs – LSU**

#### **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. MS Epidemiology – LSUHSC-NO**

**Approve the Letter of Intent from LSUHSC-NO to develop a proposal for a Master of Science in Epidemiology.**

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

- 1. UC Strategic Communication – Northwestern**
- 2. DNP – McNeese**

**Approve the Program Proposals from Northwestern State University for an Undergraduate Certificate in Strategic Communication (CIP 09.0909) and from McNeese State University for a Doctor of Nursing Practice in Psychiatric Mental Health NP (CIP 51.3810), with progress reports due by 1 July 2020.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Karen Denby, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, described the Regents' Admissions & Audit Training conducted on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette for 61 individuals representing 11 universities. She noted that seven staff members from Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, Audit & Compliance, and IT organized and presented the training and that the participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

## PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

### CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the Consent Agenda items as listed below.

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

1. Initial License
  - a. Fuller Theological Seminary
2. License Renewals
  - a. Bard Early College
  - b. Research College of Nursing
  - c. South University

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

1. Xavier University of Louisiana

**C. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**

**1. Initial Licenses**

- a. Joshua Career Institute of Louisiana

**2. Associate in Occupational Studies Degree in Advertising Design (Online)**

- a. Digital Media Institute at InterTech

**3. License Renewals**

- a. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Baton Rouge) (08/26/15)
- b. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Denham Springs) (08/24/11)
- c. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Lafayette) (08/26/15)
- d. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Monroe) (08/26/15)
- e. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Slidell) (08/26/15)
- f. Advance Nursing Training, LLC (08/27/14)
- g. Ark-La-Tex Dental Assisting Academy (08/26/10)
- h. Aspire Medical Training Academy, Inc. (08/24/16)
- i. Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)
- j. Camelot College (08/28/86)
- k. Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)
- l. Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)
- m. Digital Media Institute at InterTech (08/27/14)
- n. Fortis College (08/26/10)
- o. Healthcare Training Institute (08/27/08)
- p. Life Care, LLC (08/21/13)
- q. Medical Training College (08/22/96)
- r. New Horizons Computer Learning Center of New Orleans (08/21/13)
- s. N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting (08/24/11)
- t. Opelousas Academy of Nondestructive Testing (08/23/17)
- u. Premier Healthcare Training Solutions (08/23/17)
- v. RelyOn Nutec (08/24/11)
- w. Remington College (08/23/17)

- x. **River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/24/06)**
- y. **Rock Bridge Training Institute, LLC (08/26/15)**
- z. **Stick It Phlebotomy (08/26/15)**
- aa. **Unitech Training Academy--Lake Charles (08/27/09)**
- bb. **Universal Technical Institute of Northern Texas, LLC (08/24/16)**
- cc. **Vista College (08/23/17)**

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Adley thanked Governor John Bel Edwards, the System Presidents and their administrative leaders on continued progress and for working to increase the higher education budget. Regent Adley also thanked the Regents' staff, Commissioner, and Chair for working together and moving in the right direction, noting yesterday's excellent budget hearings.

#### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: Louisiana State University and A&M College**
- B. Division of Super Endowed Chair: LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans**

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Michael Khonsari, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Research and Development, introduced Dr. Patrick Mensah, director of the federally funded Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-LAMP) program. Dr. Mensah briefly summarized the purposes and background of the program, and its success over the past two decades in building participation and success of underrepresented minority students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The discussion was for informational purposes only, and no action was required.

## STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

**Rulemaking to amend Section 703 of the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules to add certain Cambridge University courses as equivalents in the TOPS core curriculum for graduates of 2018 and later and to add certain Cambridge University courses as honors courses that may be graded on a 5.0 scale for graduates of 2018 and later.**

**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 Boutté, Executive Director for the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), informed the committee of the Financial Literacy for You (F.L.Y.) Tour and the Master Plan promotion during the tour. There were 1,167 students who participated in the F.L.Y. Tour. Most of the postsecondary locations offered college tours and some offered instant admissions. Dr. Boutté praised the Human Jukebox, Southern University's Band, and Mr. Rick Gallot, President of Grambling State University for their involvement, along with the Council of Student Body Presidents (COSBP). Dr. Boutté also gave members a preview of the upcoming web-based video series, "What College is Really Like!", a partnership between LOSFA Programs and COSBP.

## **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

### **APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, INNOVATION AND STUDENT SUCCESS**

**Approve the hiring of Dr. Randall Brumfield as Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Innovation and Student Success.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Randall Brumfield, newly hired Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Innovation and Student Success, thanked the Board for approving his hiring and provided a brief statement about his background, experience, and excitement to join the good work happening at the Board of Regents.

### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chair Chabert commented on several items for the Board:

- Chair Chabert welcomed the System Board Representatives at the meeting and thanked them for participating and being partners in the work.
- Regent McDonald recognized and welcomed the new University of Louisiana at Monroe Academic Vice President, Dr. Alberto Ruiz.
- The Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) was awarded a \$3.2 million National Science Foundation (NSF) contract to manage one of three new \$90 million Regional Class Research Vessels (RCRV), along with the University of Southern Mississippi. LUMCON worked on receiving this award for three years and the new ship will allow them to work in deep water for longer periods than has been possible before. This ship will also provide new technology and equipment to LUMCON's current operations. The ship will help with research for hurricane

tracking and offshore fishery expansion. Chair Chabert also mentioned this is a win for the Houma region because a Louisiana shipbuilder from Houma is building the vessels. He thanked the staff, Regent Lipsey and other veteran Board members who assisted in moving LUMCON under the Board of Regents.

- Chair Chabert asked Commissioner Reed to present the video from the August 22, 2019 Board of Regents' Staff Retreat. Commissioner Reed mentioned the retreat was hosted at the LSU Burden Research Center and featured the Southern Pep Band and Coach D-D Breaux. All staff participated in hands-on team building exercises and professional development.

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

Commissioner Reed presented several items to the Board:

- The September 20<sup>th</sup> Anti-Hazing Summit hosted by Regents at the Capitol Hilton in Baton Rouge had approximately 100 participants, including system and campus leaders, provosts and student affairs staff, and chiefs of police, for a deep dive on hazing prevention. The speakers included national experts, Walter Kimbrough from Dillard University as well as Dr. Elizabeth Allan from StopHazing.org. Those in attendance each had the opportunity to sign a hazing prevention banner that was sent to the Governor's Mansion to be hung during Hazing Prevention Week activities.
- On September 23<sup>rd</sup> Dr. Reed participated in a panel discussion focused on the political forces shaping higher education at the Education Writers Association Conference at the University of Michigan. This was a great opportunity to share the work happening in Louisiana and answer questions on the progress in Louisiana.



- Early this month, Moody's Investors Service announced that if our Master Plan is accomplished it will mean greater economic competitiveness and be credit positive for the state moving forward.
- The National Governors Association Educate for Opportunity state team traveled to St. Louis to collaborate with the other five states selected for the award and to work on the state's implementation plan.
- Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs, was recognized for her service to the Board of Regents. Dr. Subramanian has worked for the Board of Regents for eight years and has practiced law in Louisiana for over twenty years. She is retiring at the end of the month and the Board recognized her many contributions to Regents during her tenure.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Chabert reminded the Board about the Board Retreat next month in Shreveport, starting on Monday, October 21, 2019 and concluding with the Board meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.