

MINUTES  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
February 19, 2020

The Board of Regents met in session at 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Chair Marty Chabert called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Board Secretary Christine Norton called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Marty Chabert, Chair  
Blake David, Secretary  
Claudia Adley  
Randy Ewing (Present for Committee Meetings)  
William Jewell  
Robert Levy  
Phillip May  
Charles McDonald  
Darren Mire (Present for Committee Meetings)  
Wilbert Pryor  
Jay Seale III  
Gerald Theunissen (Present for Committee Meetings)  
Felix Weill

Absent from the meeting were:

Collis Temple III, Vice Chair  
Randy Ewing (Absent from Board Meeting)  
Darren Mire (Absent from Board Meeting)  
Sonia Pérez  
Gary Solomon  
Gerald Theunissen (Absent from Board Meeting)

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.

GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS

Prior to the start of the Committee meetings, Governor John Bel Edwards gave a presentation regarding the proposed executive budget and his continued support of the Master Plan and higher education in the state.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2020

**On motion of Regent May, seconded by Regent David, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 9, 2020.**

## FOCUS ON THE MASTER PLAN: ONE ACADIANA – 55 BY 25 INITIATIVE

Dr. Natalie Harder, Mr. Jim Bernard, and Dr. Anna Osland presented an overview of One Acadiana's 55 by 25 Initiative. Regent David and Dr. Reed commended One Acadiana on their excellent work, noting that this is the only region in the state with an attainment goal.

### **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.

**On motion of Regent McDonald, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the February 19, 2020 Committee meetings.**

### **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY PROJECT: ULM STUDENT HUB AND DINING FACILITY

**Approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Project as presented.**

The total project cost is estimated to be \$12.2M, with ULM contributing approximately \$5.5M and Aramark providing \$6.7M towards the development and construction of the facility.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Chris Herring presented Board members with the total estimated backlog of deferred maintenance for the state, \$1.5 billion, and by system: LSU: \$953M; UL: \$361M; LCTCS: \$150M; and SU: \$76M, as of February 2020.

### **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

**A. Center and Institute Continued Authorization**

- 1. Center for Internal Auditing – LSU A&M**
- 2. Center for Rotating Machinery – LSU A&M**
- 3. Leadership Development Institute – LSU A&M**
- 4. Chef John Folse Culinary Institute – Nicholls State University**
- 5. Small Business Risk Management Institute – UL Monroe**

**B. Routine Staff Reports**

- 1. Staff Approvals**
- 2. Letters of Intent / Proposals in the Queue**

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**Approve the Letter of Intent from LSU Alexandria to develop a full proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.**

- A. Letter of Intent
  - 1. BS Computer Science – LSU Alexandria

**Conditionally approve the proposed Program Proposals**

- B. Program Proposals
  - 1. AS Geology – Fletcher TCC
  - 2. AS Teaching, Grades 1-5 – Southern University Shreveport
  - 3. UC Business Analytics – Northwestern State University
  - 4. UC Leadership Studies – Northwestern State University
  - 5. BA Music – UL Monroe
  - 6. BS Urban Construction Management – University of New Orleans
  - 7. PBC Facilities Management – LSU A&M

## CENTERS & INSTITUTES

**Approve the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center as a Center of Research Excellence at LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport.**

- A. Center of Excellence
  - 1. Continued Designation of the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center as a Center of Research Excellence – LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

### 2020 EDUCATION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Ms. Erin Cowser presented the Committee with names and photographs of leadership and members of the Senate and House Education Committees.

### UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION STUDIES

Ms. Cowser presented the Committee with a report on the status of legislative study resolutions charged to Board of Regents, including those submitted, those under discussion and those to be submitted at later due dates.

### GOVERNOR’S PROPOSED BUDGET

Ms. Cowser presented the Committee with an overview of Regents requests and allocations in the Governor’s Proposed Budget for 2020-21.

## 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Ms. Cowser presented the Committee with a report of legislative instruments of interest involving the Board of Regents and Higher Education.

### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve item on the consent agenda as presented.**

- A. Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: Tulane University Health Sciences Center

#### RENAMING OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS STANDING COMMITTEE

**Approve revision of the BoR Bylaws to change the name of the Sponsored Programs Standing Committee to Research and Sponsored Initiatives. Per Section 8.2 of the Bylaws, this change will take effect on the 10<sup>th</sup> day after Board adoption.**

#### FY 2018-19 VACANCY REPORT: BORSF FACULTY ENDOWMENT PROGRAMS

**Accept the FY 2018-19 vacancy report. Requests for waiver of the vacancy rate policy shall be considered on a case-by-case basis, following submission by each affected campus of a request for exemption, including an explanation of current rate(s), plans to address, and rationale(s) for providing additional public funds before the vacancy rate for existing matched slots is lowered. Campus updates to vacancies reported will continue to be accepted and long-term vacancy rates recalculated until proposal/application deadlines have passed.**

### **STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve items on the Consent Agenda.**

- A. Approval of Final Rulemaking – Scholarship and Grant Program
- B. Approval of TOPS Exceptions

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lonnie Leger, Executive Director of the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) provided an overview of the work of LONI and an update on current initiatives. The presentation was for informational purposes only, and no action was required. Board members commented on the importance of Louisiana's LONI investment in the mid-2000s and its continued value and significance to the state.

## PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewal
  - 1. Initial License
    - a. River Parishes Community College
  - 2. Renewals
    - a. Louisiana State University A&M
    - b. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Shreveport
    - c. McNeese State University
    - d. Northwestern State University
    - e. University of Holy Cross
  
- B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
  - 1. Initial Licenses
    - a. Hospitality Opportunity & Service Training (HOST) Program (Baton Rouge)
    - b. LifeShare Phlebotomy School (Shreveport)
    - c. Remington College, Inc. (Lafayette)
    - d. Success Prep, LLC (Monroe)
  - 2. Renewal Applications
    - a. Academy of Acadiana--Lake Charles (12/02/10)
    - b. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Hammond) (12/10/15)
    - c. Advanced Welding School, LLC (12/11/17)
    - d. Alexandria Dental Assistant School (12/08/11)
    - e. Infinity College, Inc. (12/02/10)
    - f. Learning Bridge Career Institute (12/02/10)
    - g. Martin International, Inc., of Louisiana (12/16/82)
    - h. NASCAR Technical Institute (12/05/02)
    - i. National Driving Academy, Inc. (12/05/96)
    - j. New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute, Inc. (12/10/15)
    - k. Southern Security School, Inc. (12/07/16)
    - l. Tulsa Welding School (12/07/06)
    - m. Unitech Training Academy--Alexandria (12/04/08)
    - n. Unitech Training Academy--New Orleans (12/08/11)

### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FRAMEWORK

**Approve the updated Minimum Standards for Admission Policy with a staff report to be shared next year on the impact of the policy.**

Dr. Randall Brumfield presented the revised Minimum Admissions Policy for board consideration. Dr. Brumfield went into detail explaining the revised policy highlights, its alignment with the BoR Master Plan, and the timeline of implementation.

### NCHEMS/LAW SCHOOL REPORT

**Receive the report and request a response and feedback from Southern University Law Center, the Caddo Commission, and all appropriate stakeholders.**

Dr. Brumfield introduced Dennis Jones and Peter Ewell, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), and requested that they brief the Board on the findings of the Legal Education in the Shreveport/Bossier Region Feasibility Study. Mr. Jones and Mr. Ewell presented the Board with a summary of the methods used by NCHEMS in conducting the study, along with their findings and recommendations.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Chabert invited the members of the audience to come forward to make their public comments regarding the Law Center Study. Southern University Board Chair, Mr. Domoine Rutledge, Southern University President-Chancellor, Dr. Ray Belton, Southern University Law Center Chancellor, Mr. John Pierre, Southern University Law Center graduate and former Shreveport City Council Member, Mr. Calvin Lester, Shreve Memorial Library Executive Director, Mr. John Tuggle, Caddo Parish Administrator, Dr. Woodrow Wilson, Jr., and Caddo Parish District 3 Commissioner Mr. Steven Jackson spoke and expressed interest in the continued pursuit and study of professional educational opportunities in the Shreveport/Bossier area.

#### OTHER BUSINESS (DUAL ENROLLMENT TASK FORCE UPDATE)

Dr. Brumfield provided the Board with a brief update on the work of the Dual Enrollment Task Force, as well as presented to the Board a draft Dual Enrollment Task Force report. Dr. Brumfield stated that the Dual Enrollment Task Force would be convening at 2:45 p.m. that day. At their meeting, the Task Force would discuss and vote to approve the report. At the March Board of Regents meeting, Dr. Brumfield will update the Board with changes that are made to the report, as well as share information concerning the next steps for the work of the Task Force.

#### CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- The Chairman joined the Council of Student Body Presidents on their trip to Washington, D.C. in January 2020 to advocate for higher education. He expressed thanks to the staff who work with the students.
- Student Member William Jewell gave highlights of the Washington, D.C. trip and spoke of the upcoming Council of Student Body Presidents meeting at LSU in April. He commended the Board and staff on collaboration related to the Admissions Policy and the focus on the students.

- The Chairman acknowledged Southern University SGA President Donald Dunbar for his commitment to his students and campus community in giving continued updates during the Exxon Refinery fire.
- He further highlighted the following upcoming activities:
  - LUMCON's Laying of the Keel of the Research Vessel Gilbert R. Mason on March 3<sup>rd</sup>;
  - Regents hosting of the annual Trusteeship Conference on March 10<sup>th</sup>; and
  - Session starting on March 9<sup>th</sup>, with encouragement to Board members to reach out to their legislators.

#### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DR. KIM HUNTER REED, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Reed focused on recent meetings and events including:

- Presented the Master Plan at the One Acadiana Annual Summit, and also addressed the New Orleans Business Council with the support of Regent Solomon and Regent Mire.
- In March, Dr. Reed will speak to the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce's higher education committee and looks forward to engaging more business leaders across the state as we advance our attainment goal and vision for postsecondary education.
- She acknowledged the shift underway in many large companies who are promoting education as an employment benefit, such as Amazon, McDonald's, and Walmart.
- The Commissioner expressed thanks to Dr. Godfrey on a fantastic HBCU Communications Summit hosted by Dr. Kimbrough on the Dillard campus. The Summit included a panel of national experts from Essence Communications who focused on brand relevance and promoting the purpose and mission of HBCUs.
- Joined UL System President Jim Henderson in Monroe for his system-wide conference entitled "For our Future". Dr. Reed shared the Regents' vision for talent development in our state and how initiatives like UL's Compete Louisiana, which target adults with some college but no degree, can play a significant role in getting us to double the number of people in our state with postsecondary credentials by 2030.
- Addressed the Louisiana School Board's Association and shared with them how the Master Plan envisions blurring the lines between K-12, higher education and the workforce and how their work so closely ties to our talent development imperative.
- Over the past few weeks, during staff lunch and learns, the staff watched the PBS series "College Behind Bars" and hosted a roundtable conversation with our partners at the Department of Corrections to discuss the documentary, the inventory in program offerings here in Louisiana and how to increase attainment among our incarcerated populations in the state. In addition, Dr. Reed recently visited the Louisiana Correctional Center for Women to speak to students about opportunities for postsecondary education while serving their sentences.
- Regent Mire will serve as Zulu Mayor. Happy Mardi Gras!

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Chabert noted that the next scheduled Board of Regents' meeting will be Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.