

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
January 9, 2020

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 10:09 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2020, in the Louisiana Purchase Room (Room 1-100) of the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, LA. 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
Collis Temple III, Vice Chair
Blake David, Secretary
Claudia Adley
Randy Ewing
Robert Levy
Phillip May, Jr.
Charles McDonald
Sonia Pérez
Wilbert Pryor
T. Jay Seale III
Gary Solomon, Jr.
Felix Weill

Absent from the meeting were:

William Jewell
Darren Mire
Gerald Theunissen

Mgt. Board Representatives present:

Mary Werner, LSU System
Leon Tarver, SU System
Lola Dunahoe, UL System

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Chabert asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

SWEARING-IN OF OFFICERS

A. Board Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary)

The newly appointed officers for 2020 were sworn in by Ms. Robyn Lively, Senior Attorney, Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA). She administered the oaths of office to Regent Marty Chabert as Chair, Regent Collis Temple III as Vice Chair and Regent Blake David as Secretary.

B. Members to Serve on the Executive Committee

Chair Chabert requested that members of the 2020 Executive Committee be sworn in by Ms. Lively as follows: Regents Claudia Adley, Marty Chabert, Blake David, Sonia Pérez, T. Jay Seale III, Gary Solomon, Jr., and Collis Temple III.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2019

On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 11, 2019.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2020

On motion of Regent Seale, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the Committee assignments for 2020.

RENAMING OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS STANDING COMMITTEE

Ms. Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented a notice of a proposed change to the bylaws to rename the Sponsored Programs standing committee to the Research and Sponsored Initiatives committee, with Board consideration and actions planned next month.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Prior to the start of the committee presentations, Senator Barrow Peacock from District 37 (Shreveport-Bossier) spoke regarding the response to Senate Resolution 190 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature (feasibility study of a School of Dentistry in Northern Louisiana). Sen. Peacock requested the Board of Regents receive the report prepared by staff, but to take no action until the LSU system has an opportunity to review and respond to the report. LSU Board Chair Mary Werner stated that the System appreciated having time to review the study as well as additional LSUHSC information before the Board of Regents takes any action. Following concerns expressed by Regent Pryor, Chair Chabert thanked the Senator for attending the meeting.

AUDIT

INTERNAL AUDIT PRESENTATION

Ms. Kristin Bourque and Ms. Laura Soileau from Postlethwaite & Netterville (P&N) presented a status update for year two of the P&N contract with the Board of Regents, internal audit follow-ups, and a status update for the personnel and human resources review.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY

Mr. Chris Herring, Assistant Commissioner for Facilities, presented the Consent Agenda as listed below, which consisted of nine small capital projects and two third-party projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Small Capital Projects Report
 - i. LSU A&M: Student Union Tiger Card Office Renovation
 - ii. LSU A&M: Williams Hall 3rd Floor Lab Renovations
 - iii. LSU – S: Business Education Building 1st Floor Corridor Improvements
 - iv. LSU – S: Business Education Building Curriculum Remodel
 - v. LSU – S: Locker Room Facility
 - vi. LSU – S: Science Lecture Hall Renovation
 - vii. NSU: Fournet & Bienvenu Hall Fume Hood Replacements
 - viii. SLCC – Gulf Area: B Building Roof Replacement
 - ix. SUBR: Stewart Hall North Wing Renovation

- b. 3rd-Party Projects Report
 - i. La Tech: Tech Pointe II
 - ii. SELU: New Welcome Center

On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

P3 PROJECT: LSU HSC-NO Student Housing

On motion of Regent Weill, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted 12 to 1, with Regent Pryor objecting, to approve the P3 project submitted by Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to construct new student housing contingent upon Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors approval during their January 10, 2020 meeting.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. LeAnn Detillier, Assistant Commissioner for Program Administration, introduced Dr. Susannah Craig, Associate Commissioner for Teacher and Leadership Initiatives, to present the first consent agenda item – Updates to CTEP Guidelines.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Updates to CTEP Guidelines

On motion of Regent Adley, seconded by Regent Solomon, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to amend the CTEP guidelines by striking the proposed change on page one, removing the word on-line, and approving the changes on page two of the CTEP guidelines.

Ms. Detillier presented the remaining consent agenda items.

- b. Routine Staff Reports
 - i. Staff Approvals
 - ii. Letters of Intent/Proposals in Queue

Regent Pryor moved to defer voting on the LSUHSC-New Orleans consent agenda item. There being no second, the motion failed. On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted 12 to 1, with Regent Pryor objecting, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed above.

Ms. Detillier then introduced Grambling State University President Mr. Rick Gallot, accompanied by University of Louisiana System President Dr. Jim Henderson, to speak in support of the letter of intent for the BS in Cloud Computing from Grambling State University. A discussion followed the presentation.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- a. Letters of Intent
 - i. BS Cloud Computing – Grambling

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Adley, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Letter of Intent from Grambling to develop a proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Cloud Computing.

- b. Program Proposals
 - i. BA Art – LSU A&M
 - ii. PhD Rehabilitation Sciences – LSU HSC – Shreveport

On motion of Regent Ewing, seconded by Regent May, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to conditionally approve the Program Proposals from LSU A&M College for a Bachelor of Arts in Art, with a progress report due July 1, 2021, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences from LSU HSC – Shreveport, with a progress report due October 1, 2021.

LEGISLATIVE

Ms. Erin Cowser, Assistant Commissioner of Legislative and External Affairs, provided updates on 2019 legislative resolution studies and 2020 legislative priorities.

On motion of Regent Ewing, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to grant the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Board Chair authority to finalize the 2020 legislative agenda and to act on legislation as needed.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Sujuan Boutté, Executive Director for the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), presented the item on the Consent Agenda as listed below.

- a. Approval of Final Rulemaking – Scholarship and Grant Program

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

OTHER BUSINESS – LOUIS UPDATE

As part of an ongoing process to inform the Board of the programs and activities covered under Statewide Programs, Dr. Teri Oaks Gallaway, Associate Commissioner for LOUIS (Louisiana Online Library Network), presented an overview and update of LOUIS.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Detillier presented the item on the Consent Agenda listed below.

- a. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewal
 - i. Southeastern Louisiana University

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

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA POLICY

Dr. Randall Brumfield, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Innovation, and Student Success, presented an overview of the proposed admissions criteria policy. The Board

discussed the staff work to date on revisions to the admissions policy, with some members indicating that they had additional questions.

On motion of Regent Adley, seconded by Regent Ewing, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to defer any action regarding the Admissions Criteria Policy for 30 days, until the February meeting.

Regent David suggested that Board members present to staff any specific questions that they would like answered before the next meeting. Dr. Reed stated that the staff welcomes questions and will respond fully.

RESPONSE TO SENATE RESOLUTION 190 OF 2019 STUDY OF A SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY IN NORTHERN LOUISIANA

Mellynn Baker, Institutional Research Associate, presented an overview of the Senate Resolution report.

On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent May, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to receive the report. The board will consider action on the report following a response by the LSU System office.

DUAL ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Dr. Randall Brumfield, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Innovation, and Student Success, provided an update on the Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair Chabert noted the following:

- The Council of Student Body Presidents (COSBP) members are currently in New Hampshire for the College Convention 2020, where they get to experience the Presidential Primary process. The convention features visits from presidential candidates, campaign staff, members of the media and political experts.
- The COSBP members were invited by Governor John Bel Edwards to attend the inauguration.
- Chair Chabert will accompany the COSBP members to Washington, D.C. later in the month.
- The Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium was recently featured in a New York Times article, which was shared with the board members.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Kim Hunter Reed presented several items to the Board:

- Last month, Dr. Reed had the opportunity to provide the commencement address at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, where she congratulated 772 graduates.
- Dr. Reed is looking forward to joining One Acadiana for its attainment conference. Acadiana is the only region in the state that has set an attainment goal, 55% by 2025.

- In advance of the Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force meeting, the Gator Labs, operated by LCTCS, offered a tour of their mobile labs, which will provide opportunities for more high school students, especially in rural areas, to have access to dual enrollment and postsecondary educational opportunities.
- Southern University's Human Jukebox did an excellent job representing Louisiana during the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day in California.
- We are looking forward to a big day for Louisiana on January 13 – Inauguration Day and the College Football National Championship.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Chabert commented that the next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.