

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

September 21, 2022

The Board of Regents met in session at 11:38 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Collis Temple III called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Doreen Brasseaux called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Collis Temple III, Chair
Gary Solomon Jr., Vice Chair
Sonia Pérez, Secretary
Stephanie Finley
Robert Levy
Catarena Lobré (student member)
Phillip May, Jr.
Charles McDonald
Darren Mire
Wilbert Pryor
Terrie Sterling
Judy Williams-Brown

Absent from the meeting were:

Blake David*
Randy Ewing
T. Jay Seale III
Felix Weill

Mgt. Board Representatives present:

Dr. Leon Tarver, Southern System*
Mr. Rhoman Hardy, LCTC System
Mary Werner, LSU System

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Temple asked if there were any public comments. There was a public comment made by Dr. Monty Sullivan, President of the LCTC System, which was provided during the ASA Committee meeting. There were no further public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24, 2022 MEETING

On motion of Regent May, seconded by Regent Pérez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022 meeting.

* Present for Committee Meetings

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Temple made the following comments:

- Chair Temple invited Student Board Member Catarena Lobré, to provide an update to the Board.
 - Regent Lobré noted her appreciation for participating in the budget hearings the previous day, saying that she found the information enlightening and that as a student she was grateful for the amount of time and effort being put into student success in Louisiana.
 - She announced that the following weekend the first COSBP meeting of the year would be hosted at the Southern Law Center. State Representative Delisha Boyd will be presenting on mental health, which is a prominent topic across all campuses especially due to the pandemic and all the disruptions students have faced. Dr. Dana Hunter, Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention, will also present on what one can do to identify potential human trafficking victims on campus and share resources for prevention.
 - She noted that she is excited to welcome the Board members to Delgado for the next Board meeting in October 2022.
- Chair Temple stated that the Board of Regents staff retreat was hosted by Southern University, where staff members were provided a bus tour of the university, were fed an incredible lunch and had the opportunity to hear from President-Chancellor Dennis Shields on his vision for Southern University. He recognized the staff for their incredible work and expertise.
- He recognized the Louisiana Public Broadcasting panel discussion (in partnership with LSU, Southern, University High and Southern Lab) that Commissioner Reed moderated, which focused on elevating the importance of teachers and exploring the tools needs to recruit and retain educators.
- He acknowledged that Commissioner Reed received an LCTCS Impact Award and was joined by Regent Mire and Regent Sterling. This award recognizes the significant contributions of individuals and businesses to the holistic mission of LCTCS and celebrates visionaries who inspire others to push the boundaries of technology and innovation.
- Chair Temple congratulated Regent Solomon on the recent birth of his daughter.
 - Regent Solomon thanked everyone for the advice given and said that he and his partner have had an exciting couple of weeks. He noted that Louisiana is the only state where it is criminally prosecutable to have a commercial surrogate and that he does not take it lightly that he has the capability to travel to obtain this right while others do not have that opportunity. There have been several unsuccessful attempts to change this law and he put forward the request that others help advocate for this law change in the future to allow this opportunity for all.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE – YEAR 3

Commissioner Reed gave a brief background to the creation of the Master Plan goal in 2019. She noted that this Board has been very engaged and focused on talent development,

student support and equity of opportunity and that staff appreciate the opportunity to assess this goal on a yearly basis and continue to advance the work. She acknowledged the Pathway to 2030 physical document, noting that it is an assessment of where we have been as well as a guide that will lead to success. Even with the disruptions, the singular focus, both in the past and in the future, is on talent development. She then invited Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner of Academic Affairs and Innovation, to provide the update.

Dr. Denley began by acknowledging the work of the institutions in graduating students and stating that it takes a team to meet the goals. He thanked the leaders of the four systems for the work that they do every day. He then outlined the attainment goal and gave an overview of the completer trends over the years. He recognized that we need to focus on the 180,000 additional completers needed by the year 2030 to get to the 85,000 annual completer goal. He explained that the way to get these 180,000 additional completers is to increase college going, improve college success and count all credentials of value and then provided an overview of each of these factors. Chair Temple thanked Dr. Denley, noting that this is a snapshot of the information discussed in the Board development session and acknowledging that when the Commissioner recruited Dr. Denley, she did so with the knowledge that he would be able to help us to attain this goal. He added that he would like to know how Louisiana's percentage of completers compare with the country as a whole. He noted that it would be exciting for each member exiting the Board to know that they had a small part in helping make this happen in our state. He thanked everyone for the work that they do.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Temple 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 Sterling, seconded by Regent Mire, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the September 21, 2022 Committee meetings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGETS

Mr. Matthew LaBruyere, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, began his presentation by stating that the September Board of Regents' budget hearings provided an entire day for the Board to receive budget presentations from each of the management boards regarding their campus and system budgets, as well as from the Board of Regents, including its LOSFA and LUMCON programs. The hearings focused on the FY 2022-2023 Operating Budgets, allowing for questions and discussion on immediate and long-term budget adjustments. Below was the schedule for the budget hearings:

Schedule of Budget Hearings for Tuesday, September 20, 2022 **Board Conference Room, Claiborne Building, 6th Floor** **Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

9:00 a.m.	Introduction
9:05 a.m.	Revenue Outlook and Statewide Overview
9:45 a.m.	Board of Regents
9:55 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m.	Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA)
10:30 a.m.	Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON)
11:00 a.m.	Break
11:05 a.m.	Louisiana Community and Technical College System
12:05 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:45 p.m.	Southern University System
1:45 p.m.	Break
2:00 p.m.	University of Louisiana System
3:00 p.m.	Louisiana State University System

At this time, BoR staff presented statewide summary information for the Board to review and consider acceptance of the FY 2022-2023 operating budgets. This month's actions complete

the final step in the FY 2022-2023 budget development cycle. Next month, staff will update and prepare a preliminary full formula funding request for FY 2023-2024.

Approved the FY 2022-2023 Operating Budgets.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ACT 959 PROJECT: SOWELA CHARLESTON BUILDING HVAC REPLACEMENT

Mr. Chris Herring, Associate Commissioner for Facilities Planning and Emergency Management, presented an Act 959 project submitted by the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, on behalf of SOWELA Technical Community College, to replace the HVAC system within the Charleston Building. This building was repaired after sustaining extensive damage during Hurricanes Laura and Delta in 2020. The hurricane repair budgets included minor funding for the HVAC system but did not provide for a major overhaul or full replacement of the 45-year-old system.

The project scope involves replacing approximately 44 HVAC units within the Charleston Building, serving classrooms, offices, labs, and common areas. The work also includes replacing boilers and the control system. The total project cost is approximately \$2.16M and will be funded with a combination of federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund dollars (\$2M) and hurricane relief/claim proceeds (\$160k).

Approved the Act 959 project submitted by the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, on behalf of SOWELA Technical Community College, to replace the HVAC system within the Charleston Building.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Herring provided the Board an update on the capital outlay site visits that have taken place thus far and noted he would inform members of any new visits that have yet to be scheduled.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation, presented the Consent Agenda, consisting of Staff Approvals and the renewal of Louisiana's state membership with NC-SARA.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Routine Staff Approvals

B. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) State Renewal (Louisiana)

2022 ACADEMIC PLANNING

Dr. Denley then provided a presentation on the 2022 statewide Academic Planning process. He advised that at the October 2021 meeting, the Board approved the revision of AA Policy 2.04. This process, that the campuses have been a part of, is to create one-year academic plans and, going forward, will create three-year academic plans, which will provide an overall picture of how campuses are creating a portfolio of degrees. This will allow for a much greater understanding of how degree portfolios can be shaped.

Dr. Denley then provided an explanation of the one-year academic planning process that institutions have completed. He advised that, based on the process, 15 degree programs will be recommended for termination and 52 will be presented for approval for program development from the four systems. He also advised that the suggested degrees have been reviewed to identify the occupation areas with the greatest need for capacity expansion and the proposed new degrees align with these occupation area needs.

He advised in the coming year institutions will submit full proposals, including information on employment data, how the curriculum meets employment needs for each of the 52 planned programs for the board's consideration.

Regent Finley asked about duplication of degrees at institutions, specifically the proposed Master of Social Work at Northwestern State University and its proximity to Grambling State University. She asked if the data substantiate the need for a new MSW program at Northwestern. Dr. Denley replied that this new approach to the process allows for Regents to make sure that as new programs are brought online institutions can create partnerships with existing and other new programs. Regent Sterling commented that as healthcare focuses on the social determinants of service, there is a need for social work as a complimentary piece to healthcare. Dr. Denley commented that this process provides a new opportunity to make sure that programs are not duplicative, but complementary.

Regent David asked how campuses are receiving this new process. Dr. Denley responded that campuses are welcoming this process. He added that although the new proposal process is longer than the previous process, it is intended to serve as a guide in the process of creating a new degree.

Approved the following actions on the 2022-2023 institutional academic plans:

- **Receive and accept the year one list of planned new degree programs.**
- **Receive and accept the progress report on recently approved programs.**
- **Approve the requested program terminations.**

REVISED MINIMUM ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

Dr. Denley presented to the Committee the updates to the Minimum Admissions Standards provision that was postponed at the August 2022 Board of Regents meeting. After discussions with LSU staff, it was clarified that LSU has a fall bridge provision to provide an

access pathway for those who do not meet regular admissions criteria. The two summer programs that LSU offers serve students who meet regular admissions criteria. Dr. Denley informed the Committee that LSU has requested that the removal of fall bridge provision take effect in fall 2024 to allow time for campuses to transition to a summer bridge program.

Regent David asked if data for the fall 2022 bridge program were available. Dr. Denley responded that the data are not yet available as LSU has not yet reached its 14th class day.

Chair Temple asked Supervisor Werner to speak to the updated proposal. Supervisor Werner thanked Dr. Denley for his work to respond to LSU's questions and stated that LSU does agree with the proposal.

Regent Mire asked if this new proposal will allow all institutions to begin a summer bridge program. Commissioner Reed commented that the ability to offer a summer bridge program is available now to any institution; however, LSU is moving from a fall to a summer program, which is why the proposal is for the provision to take effect in fall 2024.

LCTCS President Monty Sullivan spoke to the Committee, providing comments on the policy and LCTCS's position on the issue. He commented that admissions standards has been a 25-year policy discussion, rooted in a realization that education would be required for more of the population of the state. To meet the challenge of providing more education, however, strong admissions requirements approved by Regents are needed. He explained that he supports all bridge programs, including co-enrollment programs with Community and Technical Colleges, such as the program between Northshore TCC and Southeastern. He asked that the Committee forge a serious policy direction on admissions.

Regent Finley asked President Sullivan whether his position was that the phase-out should take place in 2023. President Sullivan replied that he is not concerned with the timing of the phase-out, but that the action taken is the right thing for students. Commissioner Reed added

that there are strong bridge programs between two-year and four-year institutions and noted the need for campuses to continue to strengthen relationships to lean into these programs to build and improve them for the benefit of students.

Regent Pryor asked for clarification on LSU's statement that its fall and summer bridge programs were the same and that both led to increases in diversity, as it appears there is no summer bridge program. Commissioner Reed clarified that the two programs offered in the summer allow students who meet the admissions criteria to have a faster start in beginning their time at LSU, while the current LSU fall program is for students who do not meet the admissions requirements. She advised that the proposal is to move the fall bridge program to summer. Chair Temple added that the fall and summer bridge programs have different foci.

Supervisor Werner noted that LSU's summer bridge programs focus on high-achieving students and students who want to start their college experience earlier, while the fall bridge program provides help for those who need extra classes. She also commented that LSU is requesting the one-year delay in order to eliminate the fall program and transition to a summer program.

Regent Levy asked how the delay from fall 2023 to fall 2024 would affect the exceptions. Dr. Denley replied that currently LSU has 4% exception rate, plus 100 nonresident students, with the accounting happening at the end of the fall. He stated that the change in policy would place the accounting at the beginning of fall.

Regent Lobré thanked President Sullivan and Commissioner Reed for their comments and added that, as a student who attends a two-year institution, she would like to see more programs that appeal to students at two-year institutions who are planning to transfer to a four-year campus.

Regent Pryor asked Dr. Denley if he had exceptions data for the flagship schools in Tennessee and Georgia, where Dr. Denley had worked previously. Dr. Denley replied that he did not recall the exact numbers but noted that they are similar to the small percentage and hard number that LSU has.

Approved the removal of the provision that does not count students as exceptions if they meet certain GPA and course requirements effective Fall 2024.

RESEARCH & SPONSORED INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the item on the Consent Agenda.

A. Request from Nicholls State University to Divide BORSF-Matched Endowed Chair

Ms. Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Consent Agenda, consisting of a request from Nicholls State University to divide the NSU Belle and Leonard Toups Endowed Chair in English into four Endowed Professorships, each with a corpus of \$250,000, in the following names:

- The Belle and Leonard Toups Endowed Professorship in Writing;
- The Belle and Leonard Toups Endowed Professorship in Literary Studies;
- The Belle and Leonard Toups Endowed Professorship in Language Studies; and
- The Belle and Leonard Toups Endowed Professorship in Cultural Studies.

OTHER BUSINESS: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1

Ms. Robison provided an overview of Constitutional Amendment 1, on the November 8 ballot, resulting from Act 130 of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session. This amendment would allow the Treasurer to increase the equity cap for investments from 35% to 65% in certain Funds managed by the State Treasurer, including the Kevin P. Reilly, Sr. Louisiana Education Quality

Trust Fund. Ms. Robison summarized the intent of the amendment and its potential impact on the Board of Regents Support Fund, which receives proceeds from the LEQTF, noting that higher earnings in the LEQTF will both help to correct a 45% decline in the BoRSF revenues over the past decade and provide funding to support academic quality and economic development across the state.

This item was for information only. No action was requested.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

Dr. Allison Smith, Assistant Commissioner for Student Health and Wellness, provided an overview of the state's college recovery programs and initiatives, noting that September is Collegiate Recovery Month nationwide. She summarized the history of the collegiate recovery movement, issues around student recovery, the necessity of solving related problems, and the benefit to both students and campuses in providing these services.

Dr. Smith then introduced Ms. Annette Newton-Baldwin, Assistant Director of LION UP Recovery and Intervention, to discuss Southeastern Louisiana University's LION UP Collegiate Recovery Program. Ms. Newton-Baldwin presented information on Southeastern's program design and activities, the partnerships that make the work possible, and the success of students who have engaged with LION UP at Southeastern.

This item was for information only. No action was requested.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner Reed provided the following information:

- Commissioner Reed was a member of the Louisiana delegation who visited Cape Canaveral for the first attempted Artemis Launch. She noted that they were able to see students from Nunez Community College talking with astronauts and about their experience in the aviation program. She recognized NASA Michoud, the facility that build the rockets and Orion capsule right outside of New Orleans.
- Louisiana is one of 20 states to be selected to participate in the Launch Year Initiative as a part of Mathematics Pathways.
- Commissioner Reed is heading to Washington, D.C. to moderate a panel of scientists at the Endless Frontier Symposium for the National Academies. The scientists on this panel are from MIT, University of California, and Duke University. She is looking forward to discussing how to improve diversity, expand opportunities and think about the science of the future.
- Louisiana ranks 17th in the nation (ahead of 33 other states) in retention of college graduates in the state. Governor John Bel Edwards stated that Louisiana would not rest at number 17. She noted that the information presented by Dr. Denley regarding the collaboration with the systems around alignment of new academic programs to workforce needs will further help to keep graduates in Louisiana.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the Board. Chair Temple noted announced the next Board of Regents meeting, a two-day session, would be hosted at Delgado Community College on October 18-19, 2022. He regretted that he will not be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Finley, seconded by Regent Pérez, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Appendix A

Board Meeting Guest List
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

NAME	AFFILIATION
Roy Haggerty	LSU
Rhoman Hardy	LCTCS
Eric Turner	LAICU
Anna Bartel	LSU
Sujuan Boutte	LOSFA/BOR
Monty Sullivan	LCTCS
Jeannine Kahn	UL System
Amy Cable	LCTCS
Wendi Palermo	LCTCS
Erica Calais	UL System