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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 22, 2005**

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, June 22, 2005, at 10:05 a.m. in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Acting Chair Artis Terrell, Jr., called the meeting to order. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Artis Terrell, Jr., Acting Chair  
Scott Brame  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Hank Gowen, LSU  
Jimmy Long, UL System  
John Delaney, LCTCS

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Virgil Robinson  
Billy Blake  
Robert Levy  
SU System Representative

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

E. Joseph Savoie  
Donald J. Vandal  
Wendy Simoneaux  
Louise Moore

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Appendix A

**FINAL ALLOCATION OF THE FY 2004-05 COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND LEARNING CENTER GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT POOL**

Mr. Donald J. Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, began the meeting by introducing Dr. Walter Bumphus, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. Dr. Bumphus explained a proposal for the Baton Rouge Community College Early College High School Pilot project. Dr. Myrtle Dorsey, Chancellor for Baton Rouge Community College, then followed with a powerpoint presentation of the proposal. The proposal is to have Baton Rouge Community College work with the East Baton Rouge Parish Public School system to offer a cohort of 20 ninth grade students an opportunity to combine their high school experience with the first two years of college. The student experiences under this project seek to result in the awarding of both a high school diploma and an Associate's degree in liberal arts or in an occupational, technical or professional field.

Dr. Bumphus requested that the \$75,000 balance of funding available from this year's community and technical college growth and development pool be allocated to assist in funding this pilot project.

After discussion, the Finance Committee took the following action:

**On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Raspberry, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the \$75,000 balance of funding available from this year's community and technical college growth and development pool be allocated on a one-time basis to support the Baton Rouge Community College Early College High School pilot project.**

**STATUS REPORT ON THE FY 2005-06 STATE BUDGET FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

Mr. Vandal provided the Finance Committee with summaries of state budget adjustments

for postsecondary education currently under consideration by the Legislature for FY 2005-06.

He indicated that at this point in time all major money bills in the Legislature are in conference committees and yet to be finalized.

**PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF FY 2005-06 APPROPRIATION FOR PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES IN SUPPORT OF THE MASTER PLAN AND FOR CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND LEARNING CENTERS**

The current version of the General Appropriations Bill for FY 2005-06 contains an appropriation of \$10 million to the Board of Regents for “performance incentives in support of institutional efforts to achieve the goals and objectives of the Master Plan for Postsecondary Education and for continued growth and development of community and technical and learning centers.” Language in the bill also provides that the funds “shall be distributed in accordance with a plan developed and approved by the Board of Regents and approved by the Division of Administration.”

Since the final status of the budget is not currently known, the staff recommended that a final determination of a plan for allocation of these funds be deferred. Mr. Vandal indicated that he would discuss with Finance Committee Chair Robinson scheduling another meeting of the committee in the near future to finalize a plan for the funds.

**PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF FY 2005-06 APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Vandal discussed the appropriation of \$3 million to the Board of Regents for additional funding for “Health Care Workforce Development to be distributed in accordance with a plan adopted by the Board of Regents and approved by the Division of Administration.” Dr.

Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, provided the Finance Committee an explanation of the Health Care Workforce Development Estimated Budget for FY 2005-06 as reflected in the attached Appendix B.

Mr. Vandal then pointed out that the Board must approve the budget plan for these funds.

After discussion the Finance Committee took the following action:

**On motion of Supervisor Delaney, seconded by Supervisor Long, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board approval of the Health Care Workforce Development Estimated Budget for FY 2005-06. (Appendix B)**

**PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATION FOR LIBRARY, INSTRUCTIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS**

Mr. Vandal then discussed the current status of appropriations of funds to the Board of Regents for Library, Instructional and Scientific Equipment Acquisitions. The staff, again indicating that given the uncertainty of the appropriations for this purpose at this time, recommended that this item be deferred until the next Finance Committee meeting.

**REPORT FROM DEPUTY COMMISSIONER**

Mr. Vandal reported to the Finance Committee:

- Board of Regents staff will continue to work on the ATFA (Appropriations, Tuition and Financial Aid) project, funded by a grant from WICHE.
- Associate Commissioner Wendy Simoneaux, Deputy Commissioner Donald J. Vandal, Deputy Commissioner Jimmy Clarke, Jack Guinn, Director of the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Representative Avon Honey, and two students will be attending a Technical Assistance Workshop from June 26-28, 2005, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Board of Regents staff will continue to monitor and report on final budget actions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no business to come before the Committee, the Finance Committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m.