

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF REGENTS**

**January 27, 2000**

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:11 a.m., Thursday, January 27, 2000, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Mary Ella Sanders called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

#### **Present for the meeting were:**

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair  
Herschel Abbott  
Scott Brame  
Harold Callais  
Richard D'Aquin, Vice Chair  
Michael Dees  
John Georges  
Frances Henry  
Ron Roberts, Secretary  
Norbert Simmons  
Pat Strong  
Roland Toups  
Jared McGlocklin, Student Member

#### **Absent:**

Reggie Dupré  
Melvin Rambin  
Virgil Robinson, Jr.

### **MINUTES APPROVED**

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2000

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 6, 2000, as circulated.**

#### K-12 INITIATIVES PRESENTATION

Presentations on K-12 initiatives were made as follows:

- A. Southern University A&M - Dr. Brenda Birkett
- B. University of New Orleans - Chancellor Gregory O'Brien
- C. Southeastern Louisiana University - President Sally Clausen; Rogers Pope, Superintendent, Livingston; Leonard Monteleon, Superintendent, St. Tammany; Virgil Allen, Superintendent, Tangipahoa.

### **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2000

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Technology Committee Meeting Report of January 26, 2000. She reported on A) the Southern Regional Electronic Campus presentation and B) the Board of Regents' Electronic Campus Initiative and the various training efforts, including upcoming workshops and conferences, that will be offered statewide to volunteer faculty members and administrative staff personnel.

#### ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2000

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Meeting Report of January 26, 2000, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

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

#### ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2000

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Carolyn Hargrave presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of January 26, 2000.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS - BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Certificate program in Culinary Arts (CIP Code 12.0503) at Bossier Parish Community College. This program shall be implemented immediately.**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval to the following requests from Bossier Parish Community College:**

- 1. To terminate the Associate of Science in Law Enforcement Technology (CIP Code 43.0107) and the Associate of Science in Corrections (CIP Code 43.0103) programs; and**
- 2. To approve the proposed Associate of Science in Criminal Justice degree program (CIP Code 43.0104).**

**The new A.S. program in Criminal Justice shall be implemented immediately.**

PROPOSED LETTER OF INTENT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY - B.S. IN AGRICULTURAL PEST MANAGEMENT

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected B.S. program in Agricultural Pest Management at Louisiana State University, with the stipulation that any proposal forthcoming as a result of the Letter of Intent shall, in particular, include the results of a needs assessment survey which indicate both substantial employer demand and student interest.**

PROPOSED CURRICULAR REVISION - LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE - REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE A.A.T. PROGRAM IN PROCESS TECHNOLOGY TO THE A.A.S. IN PROCESS CONTROL TECHNOLOGY

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from the Louisiana Technical College to change the name of the Associate of Applied Technology program in Process Technology at the Sowela and River Parishes campuses to the Associate of Applied Science in Process Control Technology (CIP Code 15.0699).**

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS TO OFFER EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAMS THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize the following universities to request approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges to offer select programs through distance learning technology:**

1. Grambling State University - B.S. in Computer Information Systems; and
2. Northwestern State University - A.A. in Criminal Justice

Upon receipt of the Commission on Colleges/Southern Association of Colleges and School's final decision on these requests, each university shall forward a copy of COC/SACS's judgement to the Commissioner of Higher Education.

STAFF REPORT ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAM - SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-NEW ORLEANS- M.S. IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to accept the report from Southern University-New Orleans dated December 1, 1999, relative to fulfillment of stipulations for implementation of the M.S. program in Computer Information Systems. Based on the contents of this report, the Regents conclude that the University is implementing the program appropriately. The next progress report relative to this program shall be due May 1, 2000.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2000

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of January 26, 2000, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF  
JANUARY 26, 2000

On behalf of Regent Strong, Vice-Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of January 26, 2000.

R.S. 17:1808 (LICENSURE)

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to exempt from licensure Al Manaf International College of Bible Theology, Cranmer Theological House, and International College of Bible Theology under the religious institution exemption provided for by RS 17:1808.**

PROPRIETARY SCHOOL AREA

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve initial operating licenses for Coastal College (Bossier City), Court Reporting Institute of Louisiana (Hammond), and Education America - Remington College (Baton Rouge).**

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve change-of-ownership for Blue Cliff School of Therapeutic Massage (Lafayette), Career Training Specialists (Monroe), and ITI Technical College (Baton Rouge).**

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the addition of an Associate in Occupational Studies degree program in Information Technology at Delta School of Business and Technology (Lake Charles).**

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the proprietary schools listed in Appendix B of the committee report.**

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to:**

- 1. renew the operating license for EMG Nursing Assistant Training Academy, and then to**
- 2. suspend the operating license for EMG Nursing Assistant Training Academy. The suspension will remain in force pending receipt and acceptance of: (a) a business plan for the further development of the institution, to be submitted in time for Commission review at its May/June meeting; (b) documentation showing that the financial viability ratios meet or exceed 1.0; and, (c) an audited financial statement covering the period from 01/01/2000 through 03/31/2000.**

**No new students will be admitted to the institution until the above conditions have been met to the satisfaction of the Proprietary School Advisory Commission and the Board of Regents.**

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the operating license for Professional Institute of Court Reporting with the condition that the institution submit quarterly financial reports to the Board of Regents.**

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to defer action on the license renewal of Res-Q-Me Aides Training Center pending receipt of the audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, to be submitted no later than February 15, 2000.**

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to defer consideration of renewal of the operating license of Professional Technology Technical Training Institute until after the next meeting of the Proprietary School Advisory Commission.**

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Abbott, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Meeting Report of January 26, 2000, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

#### SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2000

On behalf of Regent Roberts, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Mr. John Wallin, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of January 26, 2000.

#### LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS FOR WHICH THE BOARD HAS OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Georges, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee that the joint Biomedical Research Foundation/CERT plan for the expenditure of \$100,000 in nonrecurring Tobacco Settlement revenue be approved and that the funds be released, pending the development of a contract satisfactory to the Foundation, CERT, and the Regents. The Board further stipulated that Commissioner Savoie be authorized to act for the Board in the approval of said contract.**

#### FY 1999-2000 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PLANNING GRANTS FOR MAJOR INITIATIVES COMPONENT OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION EPSCoR PROGRAM

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the following six recommended proposals:**

- 1. "Planning Grant to Establish NSF Science and Technology Center for Particle and Photon Induced Materials Modification and Characterization," Dr. Gary Glass, Department of Physics, University of Louisiana at Lafayette: \$45,675**
- 2. "Initiation of the Center of Rotating Machinery," Dr. Michael Khonsari, Mechanical Engineering Department, Louisiana State University: \$59,563**

3. **“Planning for an ERC for Modular Microsystems,” Dr. Michael Murphy, Mechanical Engineering Department, Louisiana State University: \$60,000**
4. **“Novel Nanostructured Materials: From Microstructure to Macroscopic Performance,” Dr. Daniel DeKee, Chemical Engineering Department, Tulane University: \$42,000**
5. **“Center for Advanced Gas Turbine Technology,” Dr. Sumanta Acharya, Mechanical Engineering Department, Louisiana State University: \$58,516**
6. **“LSU Hurricane Center - An Interdisciplinary Approach to Innovative Solutions,” Dr. Emir Jose Macari, Civil & Environmental Engineering Department, Louisiana State University: \$34,246**

FY 1999-2000 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE LOUISIANA COLLABORATIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS (LaCEPT) PROGRAM

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve awards for the final round of LaCEPT competition as indicated in Appendix B of the Committee Report.**

REQUESTS FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE RELATIVE TO EXISTING BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND CONTRACTS

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Georges, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to deny the original request from Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge. The Board further recommends that Dr. Michael Heiler, principal investigator on LEQSF(1999-2001)-RD-A-03 be encouraged to seek a contract extension and use the \$8,012 for continued support of graduate students during the project.**

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Georges, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to terminate contract # LEQSF(1999-2002)-RD-B-05, effective January 5, 2000. The Board further recommends that LSU-BR be instructed to return to the Board all funds unencumbered as of January 5, 2000. The final expenditures report should be submitted no later than February 29, 2000.**

NOMINEE FOR REPLACEMENT OF A BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nomination of Dr. Mildred Smalley to be a member of the Board of Regents Support Fund Planning Committee.**

UPDATES

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to instruct the staff to prepare a draft of the FY 2000-01 HEF Plan and Budget for distribution to Board members and to the Millennium Trust Health Excellence Fund Task Force prior to the February Sponsored Programs Committee meeting. The draft will be based on principles contained in the original HEF RFP, to the degree that those principles are consistent with the assumption that \$15 million will be available in FY 2000-01 for use in the HEF program.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF  
JANUARY 26, 2000

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of January 26, 2000, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2000

On behalf of Regent Sanders, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of January 26, 2000.

CENTER FOR TRENCHLESS INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS AT LOUISIANA TECH  
UNIVERSITY

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to commit to support through the capital outlay process, as a high priority, renovations and the addition of up to 12,000 square feet to the Engineering Annex Building for total construction expenditures not to exceed \$1.5 million, with final approval of this funding contingent upon the acceptance and funding of the CeTIS proposal by the National Science Foundation.**

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2000

**On motion of Regent Sanders, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of January 26, 2000, as presented.** (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Sanders announced revisions to Committee appointments.

**On motion of Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation that Regent Callais be added to the Planning, Research and Performance Committee.**

**On motion of Regent Abbott, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation that Regent Georges assume the position of Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee and that Regent Brame assume the position of Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie referred Board members to the Southern Regional Education Board's report entitled "State Leadership Needed to Improve Teacher Quality" and reminded members that the Association of Governing Boards National Conference will be held in New Orleans March 18-21. He informed the Board that a reception was being planned for members of all five boards of higher education and the Legislature on March 19, 2000.

Commissioner Savoie then recognized Dr. Jerry Draayer, Associate Commissioner for

Research and Development and EPSCoR project director, who has resigned to assume the presidency of the Southeastern Universities Research Association. On behalf of the Board of Regent's EPSCoR Committee, a plaque was presented to Dr. Draayer by Chair Sanders and Commissioner Savoie.

Chair Sanders then recognized Regent McGlocklin, who reported on the first College Convention 2000 held in New Hampshire for the Council of Student Body Presidents.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m.