

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

APRIL 26, 2007

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 26, 2007, at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in the Allied Health/Nursing Building, Seminar Room #4, New Orleans, Louisiana. Chair Pat Strong called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Pat Strong, Chair
Scott Brame, Vice Chair
Robert Bruno
Richard D'Aquin
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy
Mary Ellen Roy
Clifford Smith
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Roland Toups

Absent for the meeting were:

Artis Terrell, Jr.
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Terry Landry, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Strong noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

Chair Strong requested a moment of silence for the individuals who recently lost their lives at Virginia Tech University and for their families left behind. He continued by thanking Dr. and Mrs. Harold Stokes and Dr. and Mrs. Larry Hollier for hosting the social events for Board members and Regents' staff during their stay in New Orleans.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2007

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 22, 2007.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Smith, Chair of the Legislation Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented a motion from the Legislation Committee Report of April 25, 2007.

LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2007

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Legislation Committee, in keeping with traditional practice, authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education in consultation with the Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Legislation Committee, be given the latitude to respond to the various changes that may be offered to the bills concerning postsecondary education before the next meeting of the Legislation Committee, in a manner consistent with the interests of postsecondary education and in keeping with the Board's historically-stated positions.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2007

On motion of Regent Smith, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislation Committee Report of April 25, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 25, 2007.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2006-07 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) COMPETITIVE CYCLE

ENDOWED CHAIRS COMPONENT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Support Fund money as necessary to complete the endowments for proposals ranked one through four and the proposals ranked sixth and seventh in the competitive component (i.e., Proposals 011EC, 009EC, 017EC, 016EC, 001EC, and 006EC). (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of the \$2,313,831 anticipated to be available for expenditure in FY 2006-07 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects. These funds shall be disbursed as follows: (1) Research Competitiveness Subprogram - \$1,255,133; (2) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram - \$558,698; and (3) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram - \$500,000. All R&D proposals shall be funded at the levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the thirty-three (33) top-ranked RCS proposals recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the nine (9) top-ranked ITRS projects recommended. Support Fund money shall be

awarded to fully fund the twelve (12) top-ranked ATLAS proposals recommended. While the cutoff level for funding proposals cannot be finally decided until all campus responses have been received and the final allocation for expenditure is determined, the following principles will be adhered to: (1) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular category is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that category, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; (2) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be offered to the next ranked proposal which the consultants recommended for Priority I funding within the respective subprogram; and (3) if there are no remaining Priority I proposals in a particular subprogram the money shall be awarded, in descending rank-order, to Priority I proposal(s) in another R&D subprogram.

ENHANCEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF DEPARTMENTS OR UNITS COMPONENT

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on disbursement of FY 2006-07 Endowed Professorship awards until the June 2007 meeting. By that time the Board will have more complete information regarding the total availability of funds for this program. Extensions for submissions of final documentation are granted to Louisiana State University-Agricultural Center and Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge. No additional extensions shall be allowed for the FY 2006-07 funding cycle.

NEW TRADITIONAL, UNDERGRADUATE, AND TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$7,315,527 for all Priority I FY 2006-07 Traditional Enhancement proposals. Awards shall be made in the rank order, at the funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants, and shall be divided among the five eligible disciplines and the multidisciplinary projects as follows: Agricultural Sciences - \$889,313; Arts - \$982,990; Earth/Environmental Sciences - \$852,603; Engineering A - \$2,182,162; Health and Medical Sciences - \$1,458,459; and Multidisciplinary - \$950,000. While the cutoff level for funding proposals in these categories cannot be finally decided until the amount of money available in the Support Fund for FY 2006-07 has been determined and all campus responses have been received, the following

principles will be adhered to: (a) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular category is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that category, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; and (b) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be offered, in rank order, to the Priority II proposal(s) in the Multidisciplinary Component. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the Undergraduate Enhancement program as follows: the \$1,620,000 available for FY 2006-07 shall be awarded to meritorious Priority I proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions component as follows: the \$1,080,000 available for FY 2006-07 shall be awarded to meritorious Priority I proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

RECRUITMENT OF SUPERIOR GRADUATE STUDENTS COMPONENT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Labat, the Sponsored Programs Committee unanimously recommended that the Board approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2006-07 cycle for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students program. Funds shall be awarded for the durations, at funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

BoR/SREB GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2006-07 cycle for the BoRSF/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program. Funds shall be awarded for the durations, at funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. (Specific information is available

in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BUDGETARY SHORTFALL

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following Contingency Plan for budgetary shortfall: Should the final FY 2006-07 Support Fund budget not achieve the amount budgeted herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the Traditional Enhancement Program.

DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED NATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE INITIATIVE (NMSI) FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve an average of up to \$200,000 per year in matching funds from the Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) for a NMSI proposal, with the following stipulations: (1) BESE provides at least an equal amount of funds; (2) the uncertainties reflected in the staff comments above are addressed; (3) a commitment from the Governor is received; and (4) the Louisiana proposal is successful in the national NMSI competition.

BoRSF PLANNING COMMITTEE AND EPSCoR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nominations from the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to replace Ms. Fran Gladden with Mr. Robert Fudickar on the BoRSF Planning Committee, as well as to replace Mr. Brian Chapman with Mr. Robert Fudickar on the BoRSF EPSCoR Subcommittee.

UPDATES

Dr. Davidson said updates were given on the following items: (1) Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative (P-KSFI); (2) Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Program (RC/EEP); and (3) Statewide Economic Development Plan. He noted that the first of three public forums was held yesterday at the University of New Orleans to discuss statewide economic development plans. He said that approximately 50 representatives from the colleges and universities were in attendance. Deputy Commissioner Davidson mentioned the next two forums will be held in Baton Rouge and Shreveport respectively.

Chair Strong thanked Dr. Kerry Davidson and Mr. John Wallin, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, for their hard work in preparing for the Sponsored Programs Committee meeting on Wednesday.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2007

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 25, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Strong requested that before the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting began, newly appointed board member, Mr. Robert Bruno, would be sworn in by Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel at the Board of Regents. Regent Bruno stated that he was delighted to serve on the Board of Regents.

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of April 25, 2007.

PROPOSED RESEARCH UNIT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE - STEPHENSON DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Stephenson Disaster Management Institute at Louisiana State University and A&M College for a period of one year, effective immediately. As required by Board of Regents Academic Affairs Guidelines: Proposed New Centers, Institutes, and Other Academic/Research Units, LSU shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a proposal for full approval of this center by May 1, 2008. If this proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this Institute.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED CENTER/ INSTITUTE/ PROGRAMS

University of Louisiana-Lafayette - Center for Child Development

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant full approval for the Center for Child Development at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for a period of five years from this date. By April 1, 2012, the University shall submit a request for additional authorization of the Center.

Louisiana State University-Shreveport - Sports Science Institute

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents receive the February, 2007 Report from Louisiana State University-Shreveport Relative to Long-Term Funding of the Sports Science Institute. By October 1, 2007, the University shall submit another report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs documenting the effectiveness of both ongoing and long-term efforts to provide adequate and sustainable external support to afford appropriate Institute

operations. The contents of this report shall be examined carefully to determine whether the Regents should reconsider the Institute's current status.

Louisiana State University-Alexandria - A.S. in Radiologic Technology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant continued conditional approval for the A.S. in Radiologic Technology program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria through January 1, 2008. By that date, a final report documenting attainment of JRCERT accreditation for this program shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs.

Nicholls State University - B.S. in Manufacturing Technology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant continued conditional approval for the B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering Technology program at Nicholls State University through January 1, 2010. By that date, a final report documenting attainment of ABET-TAC accreditation for this program shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs. Also, beginning August 31, 2007, and each year thereafter until further Board action, the institution shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report documenting numbers of program enrollees and graduates and employment placement of these graduates.

Fletcher Technical Community College

1. *Associate of General Studies*
2. *A.S. in Nursing*
3. *A.A.S. in Technical Studies*
4. *A.A.S. in Nautical Science*

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the December 1, 2006 Progress Report from Fletcher Technical Community College Relative to SACS/CoC Candidacy and Implementation of the Associate of General Studies, Associate of Science in Nursing, Associate of Applied Science in Technical Studies and Associate of Applied Science in Nautical Science programs at Fletcher Technical Community College. A subsequent progress report updating the status of the College's

application for SACS/CoC candidacy shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by July 1, 2007.

Louisiana Technical College - Lafayette - A.A.S. in Surgical Technology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the 2007 Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology at the Louisiana Technical College-Lafayette. By April 1, 2008, the College shall submit a report to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs regarding the status of accreditation for this program.

Southern University-Baton Rouge - Master of Business Administration

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Fourth Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Master of Business Administration Program at Southern University-Baton Rouge. It is expected that the next progress report due August 1, 2007 shall evidence significant progress toward the resolution of continuing concerns as expressed in the staff summary.

Louisiana Delta Community College

1. *A.S. in General Studies*
2. *A.A.S. in Business Technology*

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the April 1, 2007 Progress Report from Louisiana Delta Community College Relative to SACS/CoC Candidacy and Implementation of the Associate of Science in General Science and Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology programs. A subsequent progress report updating the status of the College's application for SACS/CoC candidacy shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs upon action by SACS/CoC.

PROPOSED DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS - NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

*Bachelor of General Studies
Associate of Business Administration
Associate of Office Administration*

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the request from Northwestern State University to seek authorization from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer its Bachelor of General Studies (CIP Code 24.0102), the Associate of Business Administration (CIP Code 52.0101), and Associate of Office Administration (CIP Code 52.0401) programs via distance learning technologies.

PROPOSED RESEARCH UNIT TERMINATION - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE - INSTITUTE FOR ECOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the Institute for Ecological Infrastructure Engineering at Louisiana State University and A&M College, effective immediately.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Activities of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the appointment of Ms. Mary Ellen Roy to serve as the Board of Regents representative on the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence from May 2007 through May 2009.

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the appointment of Dr. Jerry Pinsel to serve as the Louisiana Community and Technical College System representative on the Blue Ribbon Commission of Educational Excellence from May 2007 through May 2009.

Evaluation of Redesigned Initial Teacher Preparation Programs and Graduate Programs

for Teachers and Leaders

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Master of Education in Educational Technology Leadership (CIP Code: 13.9999) program at Southeastern Louisiana University and the Master of Education in Special Education (CIP Code: 13.1001) program at McNeese State University.

Teacher Preparation Accountability System

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to suspend use of the existing Teacher Preparation Accountability System and resume implementation of the accountability system once new policies are approved by the Board of Regents that address needs identified by the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence. All campuses must continue to report all PRAXIS passage rate scores, all quantity data, and all required Title 2 data in institutional reports on an annual basis to comply with the Higher Education Act of 1998.

REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER*Louisiana's Participation in the American Diploma Project*

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive and endorse Louisiana English/Language Arts Academic Standards for Postsecondary Education and Careers and Louisiana Mathematics Academic Standards for Postsecondary Education and Careers. These Standards shall be immediately forwarded to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education with a Regents recommendation for concurrent action.

Actions of the Statewide Council of Chief Academic Officers

1. Proposed Revisions to Academic Affairs Policy 2.18

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for proposed changes to Academic Affairs Policy 2.18 - Minimum Requirements for Placement into Entry-Level, College-Level College Mathematics and English, effective Fall 2009. In the interim period before planned implementation of these changes, Regents staff shall

contract with ACT, Inc. to conduct a further assessment of student success in entry-level mathematics correlated to ACT scores using Fall, 2006 data. If the results of this study are basically the same as the previous Fall, 2005 assessment, proposed policy changes shall proceed as planned; if not, then the staff, in consultation with the Statewide Council of Chief Academic Officers, shall consider other options.

2. Resolutions Pertaining to Future Funding of LOUIS

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the March, 2007 Resolution from the Statewide Council of Chief Academic Officers, endorsing future budget increases for the operations of LOUIS - The Louisiana Library Network.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2007

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of April 25, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Labat, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr.

Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of April 25, 2007.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as listed below:

Iberville Dining Hall High Efficiency Boiler Installation

Northwestern State University

\$200,000 from Auxiliary Funds

Women's Soccer Complex Addition

Louisiana State University and A&M College

\$159,000 from Auxiliary Funds

Chancellor's Conference Room Improvements

LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans

\$349,000 from Self Generated, Restricted Overhead from Grants and Contracts

Renovations/Modifications to Dodd Hall

Northwestern State University

\$150,000 from Building Use Fees

Field House Locker Room and Shower Repair

Louisiana Tech University

\$275,000 from State Funds

Metal Building for the Marine Survival Training Center

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

\$340,000 from Self-Generated Funds

AMENDMENT TO FY 2007-2008 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to include a project to construct a housing complex at Southern University in New Orleans with funding from a low interest federal loan. The project is to be added to the end of the Self-Generated category. Provided, approval is preliminary, intended only to permit the project to progress through the capital outlay process while specific project development continues. Final approval is required at such time as the project details are fully determined.

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2006-2007 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Toups, with Regent Roy voting no, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to amend its FY 2006-2007 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation to increase the budget for the New Alex Box Stadium from \$23,500,000 to

\$36,264,500 and the Women's Softball Stadium from \$9,933,000 to \$13,864,405. Further, that LSU may seek approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget to increase the budget on these projects by redirecting a previous appropriation for Athletic Facilities and Enhancements.

PROJECT UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Stelly, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the development of a 394 bed housing complex at Northwestern State University utilizing alternative means of financing. The project will cost approximately \$17,500,000.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the addition to Abdalla Hall at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$1,300,000.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2007

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Stelly, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of April 25, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- Dr. Savoie thanked the staff of the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans for hosting the Regents' meetings this month.
- Regent Roland Toups was inducted into the Business Hall of Fame on April 17, 2007.

- April 25 was Administrative Professional Day, and he thanked all of the Administrative Professionals at the Board of Regents
- April 30 is the first day of the Legislative Session, which may be one of the most historic because of the appropriations for Higher Education.
- The National Conference on WorkKeys will be held at the Riverside Hilton in New Orleans on May 2-4. Governor Blanco is scheduled to speak on Wednesday, May 2.
- There will be a joint Board of Regents/Board of Elementary and Secondary Education meeting on May 17.
- The next Committee and Board meetings will take place on May 23 and 24, 2007.

Dr. Savoie also noted that the Regents' staff, the Louisiana State Police, and system presidents are currently working on an action plan for an emergency response to prevent a similar tragedy in Louisiana like that which occurred at Virginia Tech University.

Regent Brame mentioned that Dr. Savoie recently was awarded the first Executive Leadership Award from Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). He also noted the award would be known as the Dr. E. Joseph Savoie CASE Executive Leadership Award.

Regent Strong also thanked the LSU Health Sciences Center and its staff for their work during the Regents' meetings along with Regents' staff.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Stokes, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.