

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

June 21, 2017

*Note: Earlier in the morning, Chair Richard Lipsey noted that the newly elected student member to the Board for FY 2017-2018 is Mr. Adarian Williams from Grambling State University. Governor John Bel Edwards appointed Mr. Wilbert Pryor from Shreveport, Louisiana to replace Mr. William Clinton "Bubba" Rasberry, Jr. who recently resigned from the Board.*

*Due to Tropical Storm Cindy, neither one was able to attend today's meeting; therefore, they will be administered the oath of office at the August meeting. At that time, Mr. Williams will be assigned to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Facilities and Property Committee, and the Sponsored Programs Committee. Mr. Pryor will be assigned to the Finance Committee and the Statewide Programs Committee. Mr. Jay Seale III was assigned as Chair of the Statewide Programs Committee.*

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:28 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, in the Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Richard Lipsey called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll, and a quorum was established.

#### Present for the meeting were:

Richard Lipsey, Chair  
Edward Markle, Vice Chair  
Blake David  
Robert Levy  
Roy Martin III  
Charles McDonald  
Darren Mire  
Jay Seale III  
Collis Temple III

#### Absent from the meeting were:

Marty Chabert, Secretary  
Claudia Adley  
Thomas Henning  
W. Gray Stream  
Jacqueline Wyatt

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2017

**On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 22, 2017.**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chair Lipsey 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. The Board decided to further discuss the Sponsored Programs report.

**On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously at this time to approve all Committee recommendations from the June 21, 2017 Committee meetings except the Sponsored Programs Committee report.**

The Board then considered the Sponsored Programs Committee report. Regent Markle commented that the Board should learn more about the endowment programs within the Board of Regents Support Fund, particularly the issue of management fees charged by fund managers. Regent Lipsey asked that the Sponsored Programs staff study the issue, discuss with stakeholders, and provide a report and recommendations at the August meeting. He further recommended that the Sponsored Programs Committee fully discuss the issue at a separate meeting prior to the August Board meeting.

Regent Martin moved that the staff compile a full listing of fees and other costs associated with the management of endowed funds matched by the Support Fund. Regent Markle requested that Regent Martin amend his motion to take a broader approach, to incorporate an understanding of the workings of the fund managers both at Louisiana campuses and nationally. Regent Martin accepted the amendment.

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board charged the staff to compile data related to management fees charged to Support Fund-matched endowments and the workings of the funds managers, including how fees are determined, fees charged in the past, rationales for the fees charged, and the national context for management of endowed funds, and to bring a report and recommendations for Board consideration in August.**

**On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent David, the Board voted unanimously at this time to approve the Sponsored Programs Committee recommendations from the June 21, 2017 Committee meetings.**

## **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

#### **A. Letters of Intent**

- 1. B.A. in Religious Studies at Louisiana State University at Alexandria**
- 2. B.A. in Screen Arts at Louisiana State University and A&M College**

**Approve the Letters of Intent from Louisiana State University at Alexandria to develop a program proposal for a B.A. in Religious Studies and from Louisiana State University and A&M College to develop a program proposal for a B.A. in Screen Arts.**

#### **B. Academic Proposals**

- 1. A.A.S. in Systems Administration at Bossier Parish Community College**
- 2. G.C. in Early Childhood Education at Louisiana State University and A&M College**
- 3. G.C. in Urban and Community Education at Louisiana State University and A&M College**

**Approve the proposed academic programs in A.A.S. in Systems Administration (CIP 11.1001) at Bossier Parish Community College, the G.C. in Early Childhood Education (CIP 13.1210) and the G.C. in Urban and Community Education (CIP 13.0410) at Louisiana State University and A&M College.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

### **A. Previously Approved Centers**

- 1. Center for Business and Information Technologies (CBIT) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette**
- 2. Ethyl and Herman Midlo Center for New Orleans Studies at the University of New Orleans**
- 3. International Lincoln Center for American Studies at Louisiana State University at Shreveport**
- 4. Stephenson Disaster Management Institute (SDMI) at Louisiana State University and A&M College**

### **B. Routine Staff Reports**

- 1. Staff Approvals**
- 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
- 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

## **FINANCE**

### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

**Approve the funding recommendations for all Higher Education systems, boards and agencies for FY 2017-2018, and additionally authorize the staff to make adjustments among institutions within the systems as needed.**

### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ginn reviewed the distribution of funds the Board of Regents received from the Racing Commission. A total of \$433,376 was distributed among the following Regents' initiatives (1) CIP-SOC Crosswalk [\$90,000]; (2) ABLE Account Advertising [\$80,716]; and (3) LOUIS Open Educational Resources Purchases [\$262,660].

## FACILITIES AND PROPERTY

### THIRD PARTY PROJECT

- A. Louisiana State University and A&M College: Resurfacing of Bernie Moore Track Stadium

**Approve the third party project submitted by the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College, to remove and replace the artificial track surface in Bernie Moore Track Stadium, as well as make related improvements.**

- B. Louisiana State University and A&M College: Installation of a Distributed Television System and Related Improvements within Tiger Stadium, Pete Maravich Assembly Center and Alex Box Stadium

**Approve the installation of a distributed television system and related improvements within Tiger Stadium, Pete Maravich Assembly Center and Alex Box Stadium at Louisiana State University and A&M College.**

## LEGISLATIVE

### 2017 REGULAR SESSION RECAP

The report covered legislation recommended via the Board of Regents' response to Act 619 of 2016, bills that directly impacted higher education, resolutions from the 2017 Regular Legislative Session, and vetoed bills. The report was provided for informational purposes only and no action by the Board was needed.

## STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- A. Approval of the Exception (Ratify request for exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to enroll full-time, to remain continuously enrolled, and to earn at least 24 credit hours during the academic year.)
- B. TOPS Award Amount for Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools to Set the Amount that Constitutes the TOPS Average Award Amount that Will Be Paid for Students Enrolled in Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools
- C. TOPS Award Amount for LAICU Schools to Set the Amount that Constitutes the

TOPS Weighted Average Award Amount that Will be Paid for Students Enrolled in an Undergraduate or Professional Program at LAICU Schools

## **SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

### **POLICY REVISIONS: ENDOWED CHAIRS AND ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS**

**Approve the faculty endowment policy changes as presented. Policy changes shall be effective on July 1, 2017.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approve the item on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- A. Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: Louisiana Tech University's request to appoint Dr. Bala Ramu Ramachandran to the T. L. James Eminent Scholar Chair in Engineering.

## **PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
  - 1. License Renewal
    - a. American College of Education
    - b. Chamberlin University
    - c. DeVry University
- B. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewals
  - 1. Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University
  - 2. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

### **R.S. 17:1808 (LICENSURE)**

- A. Initial License
  - 1. New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Approve an initial three-year operating license for New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine's (NYITCOM) Monroe, Louisiana location, with the following stipulations:**

**By October 1, 2017, NYITCOM will:**

- **Submit the feasibility study for the Monroe location of NYITCOM to the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.**
- **Submit the formal application for additional site approval to the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.**
- **Submit the Application for Substantive Change to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.**
- **Enter into a formal memorandum of understanding with ULM.**

**By February 1, 2018, NYITCOM will:**

- **Present to the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation for the additional site location.**
- **Receive approval of its application for additional site location by Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.**

**By April 1, 2018, NYITCOM will begin recruitment and admission of the 2019 entering class.**

**By September 1, 2019, NYITCOM will begin classes for 1<sup>st</sup>-year students.**

**By April 1, 2020, the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation will conduct a focused onsite visit to review operations of NYITCOM.**

**If NYITCOM fails to meet any of the above stipulations, the Board of Regents may revoke the institution's operating license.**

#### SARA INITIAL APPLICATION

##### **A. Delgado Community College**

**Approve the Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for Delgado Community College and authorize staff to submit the approved application to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.**

#### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo commended the Regents' staff for their long hours and efforts at the capitol during the Regular Legislative/Special Sessions.

Dr. Rallo listed five priorities/initiatives for Regents beginning in August:

- (1) Revisit Sponsored Programs policies in October's Board Development;
- (2) Advance dual credit by working to minimize the need for remedial education at the university level and increase the rigor of those high school classes;
- (3) Implement STEM program (Senate Bill 225). This is an opportunity for public/private partnerships;

- (4) Pursue open source eTextbooks to assist in lowering the cost for students; and
- (5) Undertake legislative/legislator education regarding the importance of higher education needs before next year's fiscal cliff.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Richard Lipsey thanked the staff of the Board of Regents for their diligence during the Legislative Session and Special Session. He said for the first time in over nine years, higher education has been spared major budget cuts and TOPS will be fully funded. Chair Lipsey commented that TOPS funding provides stable support for Louisiana's institutions and benefits Louisiana's students, families and communities.

Chair Lipsey said the next scheduled board meeting will be held on August 23, 2017.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.