

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

October 26, 2017

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 10:24 a.m., Thursday, October 26, 2017, at SOWELA Technical Community College in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Chair Lipsey stated that the Board would meet as a Committee of the Whole, and that the management board representatives could participate and vote on any item on the agenda that would normally come before the committees that they serve on. Chair Richard Lipsey called the meeting to order.

Chair Lipsey welcomed all in attendance at today's meeting and thanked SOWELA Technical Community College and McNeese State University for their hospitality. He also recognized Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish, Chair of Senate Education and Chair of the TOPS Task Force, in the audience.

ROLL CALL

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

Present for the meeting were:

Richard Lipsey, Chair
Marty Chabert, Secretary
Claudia Adley
Blake David
Thomas Henning
Robert Levy
Roy Martin III
Darren Mire
Sonia Pérez
Wilbert Pryor
T. Jay Seale III
Collis Temple III
Jacqueline Wyatt

Mgt. Board Representatives Present:

Willie Mount, LCTC System
Mary Werner, LSU System
Curman Gaines, Southern System

Absent from the meeting were:

Edward Markle, Vice Chair
Charles McDonald
Adarian Williams

VIRTUAL TOURS OF McNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY AND SOWELA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Chair Lipsey welcomed Board members to the SOWELA Technical Community College campus. He noted the cooperation and support between SOWELA and McNeese State University.

President of McNeese State University Daryl Burckel and Chancellor of SOWELA Technical Community College Neil Aspinwall each presented a virtual tour of the campus along with key highlights.

A question and answer period followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Lipsey noted that Senator Morrish wished to make public comments at the meeting. Senator Morrish said, as a graduate of McNeese State University, that the southwest region of Louisiana has been blessed with two great leaders in Chancellor Aspinwall and President Burckel. He continued by saying that each leader has worked together to attain success in the region.

Next, Mr. Scott Richard with the Louisiana Schools Boards Association spoke briefly on the upcoming agenda item regarding the update on the dual enrollment policy. He thanked the Regents' staff for working closely with the school districts and the College and Career Readiness Commission on the policy revisions. Mr. Richard encouraged the Board to support the recommendation made by the staff.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

On motion of Regent Seale, seconded by Regent Chabert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 27, 2017.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Chris Herring, Assistant Commissioner for Facilities, reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Wyatt, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda under Small Capital Projects Report as listed below:

- a. **LSU A&M: Natatorium Toilet Suite Renovations (Auxiliary Funds)**
- b. **LSU A&M: School of Veterinary Medicine Annex 193A Cage Washer Room Renovations (Operational Funds)**
- c. **LSU A&M: Tiger Field Improvements 2017 (Auxiliary Revenues)**
- d. **LSU A&M: Welcome Center Renovations (Operational Funds)**
- e. **LSU Ag Center: Warehouse Renovation for Food Incubator Bottling Line (Self-Generated Funds)**

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY POLICY REVISION

Mr. Herring explained that the Board of Regents frequently receives third-party projects for approval that do not issue debt to finance project delivery. He said these projects are usually time-sensitive in terms of the targeted completion dates. Mr. Herring mentioned that the revision to the policy would provide for approval of this type of project as a staff function under the Consent Agenda.

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Mire, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the revision to Section 1.2.19 of the Board of Regents Facilities & Property Policy.

BOARD OF REGENTS FY 2018-2019 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussions centered around the backlog and cost of deferred maintenance on the campuses. Chair Lipsey noted that the state is \$2 billion behind on deferred maintenance.

After further discussion,

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Board of Regents FY 2018-19 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation as presented.

FINANCE

APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY FORMULA FUNDING AND BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2018-2019

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, reviewed the preliminary formula funding and budget request for fiscal year 2018-2019. He said that an additional \$756 million would be needed from the state to fully fund higher education. However, the Board of Regents is requesting an additional \$191.6 million for higher education. After further discussion,

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the State General Fund operating budget requests for all Higher Education systems, boards and agencies for FY 2018-2019.

An inquiry from Regent Temple was made regarding the cost savings per student for use of e-textbooks instead of hard copies of books.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented two Letters of Intent to create new degree programs: one from Nicholls State University for a B.A.S. in Professional Supervision, and one from Southeastern Louisiana University for a M.S. in Child Life.

LETTER OF INTENT

On motion of Regent Wyatt, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, approved the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Professional Supervision at Nicholls State University, and a Master of Science in Child Life at Southeastern Louisiana University.

PROPOSED NEW PROGRAM

Dr. Denby introduced a program proposal from Grambling State University for a Bachelor of General Studies, and she provided information pertaining to program structure, relevance, and need. After some discussion, the Board moved as follows:

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Supervisor Gaines, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, granted conditional approval of the Bachelor of General Studies (CIP CODE 24.0102) at Grambling State University, with a progress report due by October 1, 2019.

PROPOSED NEW CENTERS/INSTITUTES

Dr. Denby introduced requests for authorization to establish a new Center for Brain Health at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, and a new LSU Ethics Institute at Louisiana State University and A&M College.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Adley, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, granted a one-year conditional approval of the Center for Brain Health at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, and the LSU Ethics Institute at Louisiana State University and A&M College, with progress reports and requests for continued authorization due by December 1, 2019.

DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICY UPDATE

Dr. Denby provided an update on the proposed Dual Enrollment Policy which was initially presented at the August 2017 meeting. She said a final vote was postponed 60 days to allow time for further discussion with interested parties. Dr. Denby described meeting with the College and Career Readiness Commission to discuss a conceptual framework for dual enrollment that would include limited access to dual enrollment for students needing remedial support in only one area, but requested further postponement of the vote while Regents' staff work on proposals for the dual enrollment policy within the context of proposed revisions to the placement policy (AcAf 2.18) and minimum admission standards for entering freshmen.

On motion of Regent Henning, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, postponed consideration of Academic Affairs Policy 2.22 – Minimum Requirements for Dual Enrollment so that staff may develop a package addressing the proposed dual enrollment policy in the context of regular admission and placement at the December 11, 2017 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Henning, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

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

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Sujuan Boutté, Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, offered two Consent Agenda items for approval.

On motion of Regent Seale, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. Approval of Exceptions: Requests for exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit hours required during the academic year; and**
- B. Publication of Rule: Adopt Rulemaking to Amend Section 703 of the Scholarship and Grant Program Rules to Add Korean as an Equivalent to Foreign Language for the TOPS Core Curriculum for Students Graduating from High School in 2018 and later.**

SPONSORED PROGRAMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, indicated that the Consent Agenda included two items: appointment of a Chairholder without a national search at

the University of New Orleans, and consolidation of four Endowed Chairs into two at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Seale, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- **University of New Orleans: Waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement to appoint Dr. Günter Bischof, professor in the Department of History and Director of CenterAustria, to the Marshall Plan Anniversary Chair in Austrian Studies; and**
- **University of Louisiana at Lafayette: Consolidation of four matched \$1 million Chairs into two \$2 million Chairs:**
 - **Hansen Hall Memorial/BoRSF Chair in Telecommunications and the W. Hansen Hall Memorial/BoRSF Chair in Computer Engineering, both \$1 million endowments funded as restricted bequests in FY 2000-01, into the W. Hansen Hall Memorial/BoRSF Chair in Electrical and Computer Engineering; and**
 - **U.S.L. Engineering Eminent Scholars Trust Fund and the College of Engineering Eminent Scholar Chair in Bioprocessing, \$1 million endowments funded in 1991-92 and 2016-17, respectively, into the Bioprocess Engineering Eminent Scholar/BoRSF Chair in Chemical Engineering.**

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE

CONSENT AGENDA (R.S. 17:1808 – LICENSE RENEWAL)

Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, reviewed briefly the items on the Consent Agenda. After review,

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Adley, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the license renewals on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- 1. Central Michigan University**
- 2. University of Phoenix**
- 3. University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences**
- 4. William Carey University**

R.S. 17:1808 (INITIAL LICENSURE – ATLANTIC BUSINESS SCHOOL, INC.)

Mrs. LeAnn Detillier, Assistant Commissioner for Program Administration, reviewed the initial licensure of Atlantic Business School, Inc. After some discussion,

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Wyatt, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to:

- 1. Grant an initial licensure for Atlantic Business School Inc. for a period of three years.**
- 2. Require, by November 1, 2018 and on that date every year thereafter during the term of initial licensure, the School shall report to the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs the status of its progress toward preparation and submittal of an application for accreditation candidacy through DEAC.**
- 3. At the end of this period of initial licensure, the School shall provide evidence of submittal of an application for DEAC candidacy. If accomplished, the Regents will consider another 18 months of licensure. If not accomplished, the Regents will consider denial of further licensure.**
- 4. Within one year of submittal of an application for DEAC candidacy, the School shall provide evidence of successful DEAC candidacy status. If granted, the Regents will consider extending licensure to allow for final, full accreditation review. If not accomplished, the Regents will consider denial of further licensure.**
- 5. Upon termination of the allotted time for final accreditation review, the School shall report its DEAC membership status. If DEAC accreditation has been granted, the Regents shall consider issuing a regular 2-year operating license. If not granted, the Regents will consider denial of further licensure.**

BOARD OF REGENTS' 2017 TOPS REPORT AS REQUIRED BY R.S. 17:3048.3

Dr. Tremblay reviewed the “TOPS Report: Analysis of the TOPS Program from 2007-2016”. After review,

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, approved the “TOPS Report: Analysis of the TOPS Program from 2007-2016” and authorized the Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs to submit the response to the appropriate legislative committees on behalf of the Board of Regents.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo spoke regarding four issues:

1. The LaSTEM Advisory Council meets monthly. He said over half of the jobs in the state over the next five years will require a STEM background.
2. Regional tours have been held for the last two days in Lafayette and Lake Charles to discuss higher education issues.
3. Dr. Rallo recently participated in a panel discussion at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas before 150 higher education leaders from across the region, higher education administration students, and top donors. Arkansas is facing budget cuts and inquired about how Louisiana dealt with budget cuts.
4. The Search Committee will make an announcement in a few weeks identifying the search firm to be hired in the search for a new Commissioner of Higher Education.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Nominating Committee will meet in December to name a new chair, vice chair, secretary and four other members to be part of the Executive Committee. Chair Lipsey appointed the following members: Richard Lipsey, Edward Markle, Marty Chabert, Thomas Henning, and Collis Temple III.
- Approval of the 2018 Calendar of Board of Regents' Meetings
- Next meeting is the joint BoR/BESE (hosted by BoR) on Monday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m. followed by our Committee/Board meetings.
- Our newest Board member, Ms. Sonia Pérez, was welcomed to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Guest List

Board Meeting as a Committee of the Whole Thursday, October 26, 2017

Wendi Palermo	SOWELA
James W. Robinson	ALFS/LSUE
Mitch Adrian	McNeese
Charles Stewart	SOWELA
David LaFarge	SOWELA
Tonya Sadler Grayson	SOWELA
Jeanine Newman	SOWELA
Sharon Herron-Williams	SUSLA
Jo Ann Brown	SUSLA
Regina Robinson	SUSLA
Joe Marin	LCTCS
Rene Cintron	LCTCS
Janet Newhall	LSU
Camacia Smith-Ross	SUBR
Luria Young	SUSLA
Willie Mount	LCTCS
Dan Morrish	State Senate
Stanton McNeely	LAICU
Paula Hellums	SOWELA
Mary L. Werner	LSU Board of Supervisors
David Darbone	SOWELA
Scott Richard	LA School Board Association
Janet Pope	LA School Board Association
Derrick Angeloz	LSU
Marianne White	SOWELA
Wayne Fetter	McNeese