

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

October 24, 2012

The Board of Regents met in session at 1:26 p.m., Wednesday, October 24, 2012, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Robert Levy called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

### Present for the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Chairman  
Charlotte Bollinger, Vice Chair  
Raymond Brandt  
Maurice Durbin  
William Fenstermaker  
Chris Gorman  
Matthew Jewell  
Donna Klein  
Roy Martin III  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Albert Sam II  
Harold Stokes

### Absent from the meeting were:

Mark Abraham  
Robert Bruno  
Joseph Farr  
Joseph Wiley, Secretary

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Levy 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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 27, 2012.**

APPROVAL OF 2013 SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETINGS

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2013 schedule of Board of Regents' meetings.**

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell emphasized that higher education is a great engine of prosperity, innovation and social mobility. He noted that *Time* magazine had an article about what the presidential contenders were saying about higher education access, cost and quality. He noted that President Barack Obama said that he “cut the big banks out of the student loan program,” which affected the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid, and President Obama also said that “no company should have to look for workers in China because it couldn’t find any with the right skills here at home.” Comments included by Governor Mitt Romney were, “I spent most of my career in the private sector, where the only way to prevent entrenched success from giving way to decline is to adapt, to compete, to innovate.” Dr. Purcell said that both candidates value education.

Dr. Purcell also cited comments by Molly Corbett Broad, President of the American Council on Education; Walter Bumphus, President/CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges; and Gene Block, Chancellor of the University of California-Los Angeles. He quoted Walter Bumphus as saying, “Community colleges are the workhorses of American public higher education. They can operate more efficiently but the private sector has to step up to increase partnerships in scale and scope.”

Commissioner Purcell next spoke about an article in the October 19, 2012, issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* on the subject of “College, Reinvented: Ideas for Reinventing College.” He discussed briefly each of the 15 items listed below for reinventing college:

1. Require more writing to assess learning
2. Two captains at the helm of each college
3. Grades out, badges in
4. Degrees with a four-year net price tag
5. Community colleges geared towards the students they actually have
6. A student-centered NCAA
7. High-tech college counseling
8. School at age 3. No more 12<sup>th</sup> grade
9. Truly global campuses
10. Ditch the monograph
11. Meet the new for-profit: the low-profit
12. Put a price on square footage
13. Scrap the NIH and NSF
14. 2 Tracks for faculty
15. A tax for higher education

Dr. Purcell reminded the Board that it will continue to focus on the three main goals of the Master Plan: (1) to increase the education attainment of its citizens; (2) to invest strategically in university research; and (3) to become a more efficient and accountable enterprise.

Chairman Levy remarked that last week he and Regent Rasberry attended the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) and received excellent feedback concerning the presentation by the Regents. He commended Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, for her part in the presentation to JLCB.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Gorman, Vice Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of October 24, 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Gorman, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda:**

- **R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**
  - **Initial Licensure (Wake Forest University)**
  - **License Renewals (Alliant International University and ITT Technical Institute)**

BOARD OF REGENTS' 2013-2014 OPERATIONAL PLAN

**On motion of Regent Gorman, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the 2013-14 Operational Plan as required by Act 1465 of 1997 for submission to the Division of Administration for its consideration and use.**

ELEARNING/ONLINE EDUCATION, DEFINITIONS AND REGENTS' ROLES

**On motion of Regent Gorman, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to receive the report of the Electronic Learning Strategic Task Force and endorse its recommendations as listed below:**

- **Adopt Task Force Definitions and Track Through Current Data Collection Process**
- **Report on Data to Internal/External Constituents**
- **Promote eLearning Offerings and Capability to Louisiana Citizens**
- **Innovate Through the Support of Campus Grants**
- **Fund Professional Development, Research and Innovation, Promotion of Information and Services**
- **Evaluate Using Adopted Metrics to Assess Effectiveness and Share Best Practices Broadly**

GRAD ACT

**On motion of Regent Gorman, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the quarterly report from Louisiana State University at Eunice (LSUE), authorizing the LSU Board of Supervisors to release a portion of the funds to LSUE on the predetermined schedule included in its GRAD Act Performance Improvement Contract.**

Dr. Bill Nunez, Chancellor of Louisiana State University at Eunice (LSUE), spoke to the Board regarding LSUE's quarterly GRAD Act Performance report. He said LSUE has made great progress in achieving some of the university's targets in retention and the on-campus graduation rate. Dr. Nunez said that half of the students at LSUE are baccalaureate-seeking students. He thanked the Board for working with LSUE.

A question-and-answer session followed, with Regent Martin voicing concern that many of LSUE's students enter, but then transfer to a four-year institution before they receive an associate's degree from LSUE. Dr. Nunez said it is true that about half of the students at LSUE have no intention of staying there after finishing admission requirements to enter a four-year institution. These transfer students are included in the completion rate, but not the graduation rate.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 2012

**On motion of Regent Gorman, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of October 24, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Finance Committee, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of October 24, 2012.

PRELIMINARY FY 2013-2014 FORMULA FUNDING REQUEST

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the Preliminary FY 2013-14 Formula Funding Request and authorize the Commissioner and Board Chair to make adjustments to the formula and report back to the Board.**

BA-7 FOR UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM -- GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY, LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY, AND UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS TO ADJUST FEES AND SELF-GENERATED REVENUES TO CURRENT AND PROJECTED COLLECTIONS

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the BA-7 for adjustment of Fees and Self-Generated Revenues to current and projected collections for the University of Louisiana System (Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University and University of New Orleans) for a total amount of \$4,700,000.**

BA-7 FOR CARRY FORWARD OF ACT 971 BALANCES UNDER GRAD ACT PROVISIONS

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the BA-7 for the University of Louisiana System (Southeastern Louisiana University and University of Louisiana at Monroe) GRAD Act Carry-Forwards for a total of \$9,305.**

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 2012

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of October 24, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Ms.

Barbara Goodson presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 24, 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

***Small Capital Projects Report***

- **LSU and A&M - Golf University Club Parking Lot Renovations**
- **LSU HSC - New Orleans Allied Health School of Nursing Auditorium Renovation**
- **UL-Monroe Re-Roof Schulze Dining Hall**

LSU-ALEXANDRIA INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD DRAINAGE OUTFALL PROJECT  
SCOPE CHANGE REQUEST

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve Louisiana State University–Alexandria’s request to petition the Interim Emergency Board to provide for a scope change to the original Drainage Outfall Project so the institution may begin engineering planning for Phase II.**

FY 2013-2014 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve (1) the current draft of the Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation and Administration Priority Project submissions for FY 2013-2014; and (2) authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to finalize the recommendation submitted to Facility Planning and Control prior to the November 1, 2012 deadline.**

During the Committee meeting, Ms. Goodson and Mr. Chris Herring, Budget Analyst for Facilities, had informed the Committee earlier of an emergency request by Southern University and A&M College and the Office of Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) to replace a boiler at Southern University’s main campus. The Facilities and Property Committee took no official action on this matter, so it was brought before the full Board under “Other Business” so a motion could be offered to approve the request to move it forward.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER  
24, 2012

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of October 24, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Bollinger, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of October 24, 2012.

**LETTER OF INTENT**

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the following Letter of Intent:**

- **Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Louisiana at Monroe**

**PROPOSED NEW/REINSTATED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to:**

- **Grant conditional approval for the Master in Occupational Therapy at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, effective fall 2012. By November 1, 2014, the campus shall report on enrollment and completion data, adequacy of resources, and progress toward ACOTE accreditation.**
- **Grant conditional approval for the request for reinstatement of the Education Specialist in Educational Leadership at McNeese State University, effective January 2013. By January 30, 2014, a report on program implementation, to include relevant enrollment and progression data, is requested.**

**PROPOSED PROGRAM TERMINATIONS AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE**

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve termination of the following academic programs at Southern University and A&M College, effective fall 2012:**

- **Master of Mass Communications (CIP Code 09.0102); and**
- **Ph.D. in Special Education (CIP Code 13.1001).**



CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:**

- **Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests;**
- **Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units;**
- **Past Due Reports for Academic Programs/Research Units; and**
- **Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 2012

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of October 24, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of October 24, 2012.

REINSTATEMENT WITH MODIFICATIONS OF THE BORSF ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAM

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following Board actions:**

*Preamble*

**The Board of Regents is statutorily required to submit Support Fund plans and budgets which are approved annually by the Legislature and Governor. Based on these budgets, the Board of Regents has fulfilled all legal and moral responsibilities relative to matches budgeted for—and provided under—the Endowed Professorships program.**

*Board Actions*

- I. **The moratorium on new applications, effective July 2, 2012, is hereby lifted. The Endowed Professorships program is reinstated immediately, with the following provisos:**
  - A. **Annually, the Regents will recognize and accept two applications (request not to exceed \$80,000) from each eligible four-year campus.**

- B. Annually, the Regents will recognize and accept one application (request not to exceed \$40,000) from each eligible two-year campus.**
  - C. Campuses may receive additional matches beyond guaranteed slots if one or more campuses submit fewer than their guaranteed applications. While the Board has no responsibility to match applications submitted in excess of slots guaranteed, any unmatched slots may be accommodated through this provision.**
  - D. To be eligible for participation in the reinstated Endowed Professorships program, each campus must submit to the Board of Regents by March 31, 2013: (1) its internal standards for selecting faculty recipients of Endowed Professorships<sup>1</sup>; and (2) its internal processes of implementing these standards and monitoring compliance. Where appropriate, campuses may annually update these items.**
  - E. Beginning March 31, 2013, each affected campus shall fill all vacancies in Endowed Professorships matched during 1991-2012 using its internal standards and processes on file with the Board of Regents.**
  - F. The standard authenticated statement submitted for an Endowed Professorship must include a description of how campus standards and processes (Item D 1-2, above) will be used to select the Professorship holder.**
  - G. Each application for an Endowed Professorship must include a fully executed "Statement of Understanding" from the donor(s).**
- II. Campuses, foundations, and donors are encouraged and urged to help alleviate the backlog and address pressing budgetary issues by acting as follows:**
- A. For unmatched \$60,000 donations, arrange to spend income accumulating from non-State funds to address current faculty and departmental needs.**
  - B. Endow professorships entirely through non-State funds by combining unmatched \$60,000 donations.**
- III. The Regents strongly encourages campuses and donors to aggressively and creatively establish professorships<sup>2</sup> (and "Super Professorships") entirely through unmatched contributions and/or new donations.**
- IV. The Board of Regents will annually honor campuses/donors that establish Endowed Chairs, Endowed Professorships, and Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships.**

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<sup>1</sup>Standards must reflect one or both of the Constitutional goals of the Support Fund: to improve the quality of education and/or to enhance economic development.

<sup>2</sup>The Board strongly encourages establishment of chairs (and "Super Chairs") in the same manner.

**V. The Commissioner of Higher Education shall transmit the revised Endowed Professorships policy to campuses in a timely manner.**

**APPROVAL OF NOMINATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE BoRSF PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the LSU System nominations to the BoRSF Planning and Advisory Committees as presented. The Louisiana State University System nominated Dr. Tom Klei, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research at Louisiana State University and A&M College, as one of its members on the BoRSF Planning Committee, and Dr. Carolyn Hargrave, Vice President for Academic Affairs, LSU System, as its member on the BoRSF Advisory Committee.**

**ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF OCTOBER 24, 2012**

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of October 24, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Levy updated the Board on several items as listed below:

During the Facilities and Property Committee meeting, Ms. Goodson and Mr. Herring informed the Board of an emergency request by Southern University and A&M College and the Office of Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) to replace a boiler at Southern University's main campus. No official action was taken during the Committee meeting. In order to approve FP&C's usage of available funds remaining from previous active projects, it was necessary to amend the agenda in accordance with statutory procedures.

Dr. Uma Subramanian, General Counsel, said that under R.S. 42:19, a public body may take up a matter not on the agenda if there is a unanimous vote of all members present to do so. In addition, the Board must first allow an opportunity for public comments on the item to be added to the agenda.

**After allowing for an opportunity for public comments, on motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to take up the matter according to R.S. 42:19 which involves a boiler replacement at Southern University and A&M College.**

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: (12) Charlotte Bollinger, Raymond Brandt, Maurice Durbin, Bill Fenstermaker, Chris Gorman, Matthew Jewell, Donna Klein, Robert Levy, Roy Martin, W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Albert Sam, and Harold Stokes

No: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (4) Mark Abraham, Robert Bruno, Joseph Farr and Joseph Wiley

There was a unanimous vote of all members present, and no public comments were offered on the matter.

**On motion of Regent Jewell, seconded by Regent Durbin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the boiler replacement at Southern University and A&M College.**

#### APPROVAL OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

According to the Regents' bylaws, the Board of Regents' officers are installed annually at the first meeting in January. A Nominating Committee needs to convene and offer nominations during the December 6, 2012, meeting for the Board's consideration. Chairman Levy offered the following Regents for Nominating Committee membership: Charlotte Bollinger as Chair; Joseph Farr; Albert Sam; Harold Stokes; and Joseph Wiley.

**On motion of Regent Fenstermaker, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the members of the Nominating Committee as listed: Charlotte Bollinger as Chair; Joseph Farr; Albert Sam; Harold Stokes; and Joseph Wiley.**

A copy of the latest *Louisiana Next* magazine which showcases higher education was given to each Board member. Commissioner Jim Purcell's statement regarding higher education appears on page 6. Articles begin on page 26 regarding higher education and financial aid.

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual report from the Medical Education Commission was given to each Board member. The Louisiana medical schools and teaching hospitals provide data for the Medical Education Commission, which tracks critical healthcare workforce trends.

The Board of Regents' next meetings are scheduled for December 5 and 6. Committee meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 5, and the joint meeting with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education is scheduled for Thursday, December 6 at 9:00 a.m., followed by the regular Board meeting at 10 a.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.