

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

December 2, 2010

The Board of Regents met at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, December 2, 2010, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Artis Terrell called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Charlotte Bollinger
Scott Brame
Robert Bruno
Richard D'Aquin
Ingrid Labat
Robert Levy, Vice Chair
W. Clinton Rasberry
Mary Ellen Roy, Secretary
Artis Terrell, Jr. Chair

Absent from the meeting were:

Maurice Durbin
Donna Klein
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Demetrius Sumner
Roland Toups
Joseph Wiley

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Regent Terrell next recognized Regent Bruno. Regent Bruno encouraged more dialogue and interaction between students, legislators and the Board of Regents. He then introduced State Representative John Schroeder who in turn introduced those in attendance as State Representatives Richard Burford, Stephen Carter, Simone Champagne, Rick Nowlin, Kevin

Pearson, Jerome Richard, and Mert Smiley. He said that Representative Tony Ligi had been in the audience but had to go back to the capitol.

Representative Schroeder stated that he was representing a group of 25 state legislators who were prepared to open a line of communications with the Board of Regents. He informed the Board that he had received a letter from a student at LSU, Ms. Alyson Neel, and was very impressed with her knowledge of higher education and requested that she speak to the Board.

Ms. Neel noted that she was a member of the College Caucus and wanted to discuss the future of higher education in Louisiana. She further noted that students are eager to meet with those who have concerns or ideas regarding the future of higher education in the state. Ms. Neel introduced a fellow student, Mr. Colorado Roberson, who further stressed the willingness of the students to participate in any discussion concerning the needs of higher education.

Ms. Leda Williams, a student, said the problems are complex, and everyone needs to do their part. She said that institutions need to maintain excellence and keep education affordable. She stated the letter presented to the Board highlighted key issues of concerns for students. A copy of the letter from the College Caucus is attached to the minutes and made a part hereof.

Representative Schroeder reviewed a letter written to the Board of Regents and endorsed by 25 state representatives regarding higher education challenges. A copy of the letter is attached and made a part hereof. He stressed that there is less money to appropriate to higher education due to unprecedented revenue and budget shortfalls.

Representative Schroeder requested that legislative leadership meet with the Regents within the next week to 10 days to discuss specific issues.

Representative Nowlin said the Legislature needs the leadership and involvement of the Regents. He continued by saying that even though higher education has many problems (money,

structural and programs), you must deal with the problems as they come up. He said that no one in this room created the situation, but it cannot wait until the 2011 legislative session to fix the problems.

Representative Pearson echoed sentiments of other legislators in being willing and able to assist the Regents in making hard decisions.

Regent Bruno mentioned that Ms. Leda Williams, a student, said that programs should be based on quality and not just on geographic access. Mr. Bruno said this is a loud statement that Regents should consider. He said an institution may have to close or consolidate a program or a school so efforts would not be duplicated over and over.

Regent Terrell stressed that all members of the Board of Regents take their constitutionally mandated charge seriously and are willing to work with legislators. He also mentioned that there is an organization of student body presidents under the jurisdiction of the Regents and emphasized the importance of students being engaged in conversations with their student government body president so the Regents will be informed through them.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2010

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 27, 2010.

RECOGNITION OF DR. MARJORIE TAYLOR, DEAN OF THE LEARNING CENTER FOR RAPIDES PARISH

Chair Terrell stated the next item on the agenda is a special recognition of Dr. Marjorie Taylor, Dean of the Learning Center for Rapides Parish for the past seven years. He said she has been an outstanding employee who we are sad to lose, but she continues to move forward and upward in her career. Regent Terrell noted that during her tenure the enrollment doubled from

774 students to more than 1,500. Dr. Taylor was one of 80 applicants for the Executive Director for the Orchard Foundation in Alexandria and will start her new position on January 1, 2011. He thanked Dr. Taylor for her service and dedication.

Chair Terrell and Regent Brame presented Dr. Taylor with a plaque recognizing her time and service to the Learning Center for Rapides Parish and the Board of Regents. Dr. Taylor thanked the Board of Regents for the opportunity to serve as the Dean of the Learning Center and wished higher education much success in the future. She stated that the Learning Center is a model for postsecondary access.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Todd Barré, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, summarized the Finance Committee Report of December 1, 2010. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

UPDATE ON THE 2011-12 BUDGET REDUCTION PLANNING EXERCISE

Mr. Barré noted that an update was given on the 2011-12 budget reduction planning exercise. He noted that Dr. Tom Layzell, Advisor to the Board of Regents; Dr. John Lombardi, President of the Louisiana State University System; Dr. Randy Moffett, President of the University of Louisiana System; Dr. Ronald Mason, President of the Southern University System, and Dr. Joe May, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System each made a presentation of projected budget reduction scenarios and the impact within their system.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 1, 2010

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board unanimously adopted the Finance Committee report of December 1, 2010. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Karen Denby, Interim Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, moved to dispense with the reading of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of December 1, 2010, and approve the following motions "in globo." *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

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:

PROGRAM TERMINATIONS

Terminate (1) the A.A.S. in Hospitality/Tourism-Guest Services Agent, along with the associated C.T.S. and T.D. (CIP Code 52.0904) at Northwest LTC, the Northwest (Minden) Campus, effective immediately, and (2) the A.A.S. in ICT: Computer Network Specialist (CIP Code 11.0901) at South Central LTC, Young Memorial Campus, effective immediately.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Grant approval of the following:

- 1. Three appointments to the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence**
 - a. Dr. Kenneth Rea (Louisiana Tech University) representing University Provosts**
 - b. Dr. Victor Schneider (University of Louisiana at Lafayette) representing College of Arts/Sciences/Humanities Faculty**
 - c. Dr. Derrick Manns (Louisiana Community and Technical College System) representing the Louisiana Community and Technical College System**

2. **Reclassification of the following two categories for the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence**
 - a. **Change the category of “President Representative” to “University System Representative”**
 - b. **Change the category of “PK-16+ Coordinator” to “Workforce Development Representative”**

REPORTS OF THE STAFF

Approve the staff recommendation relevant to the progress report for the noted conditionally approved programs at Central Louisiana Technical College.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 1, 2010

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board unanimously adopted the Academic and Student Affairs Committee report of December 1, 2010. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Roy, Vice Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, moved to dispense with the reading of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of December 1, 2010, and approve the following motions “in globo.” *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to:

LICENSURE

Approve initial licenses for Arkansas State University, located in State University, Arkansas, and Samford University, located in Birmingham, Alabama.

Approve the request for license renewals for Baton Rouge College, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Delta College of Arts & Technology, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Grantham University, located in Kansas City, Missouri, and Herzing University, located in Kenner, Louisiana.

Approve the final adoption of the amendment to its Rules and Regulations for the Administration of R.S. 17:1808 (licensure) to reflect (1) a clearer definition of “operating” and “clinical experience” and (2) expanded requirements for institutions wishing to offer Teacher Preparation and Educational Leadership Preparation programs in Louisiana.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

Approve the recommendations submitted by its Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission following its meeting on November 9, 2010:

Approve an initial operating license for the Academy of Acadiana--Lake Charles, located in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Approve an initial operating license for Infinity College, Inc., located in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Approve an initial operating license for the Learning Bridge Career Institute, located in Houma, Louisiana.

Renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

**Acadiana Area Career College (10/22/97)
American School of Business (09/24/09)
Ayers Career College (10/25/90)
Becker Professional Education--Baton Rouge (10/24/96)
Becker Professional Education--New Orleans (10/24/96)
Cardiovascular Technology Training, Inc. (09/27/07)
Career Technical College (09/28/06)
Career Technical College of Shreveport (09/28/06)
Coastal College--Baton Rouge (09/28/00)
Compass Career College (09/23/04)
Crosby Court Reporting Center (10/28/93)
Delta College, Inc. (10/26/95)
Delta College, Slidell Branch (09/23/04)
Diesel Driving Academy--Shreveport (06/21/73)
Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)
John Casablancas Modeling and Career Center (09/24/09)
Nursing Assistant Network Association (10/27/94)
S.I.H.A.F. Career Institute (09/27/07)**

**Southern Security School (09/25/08)
Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc. (10/26/95)
Training Academy for Dental Assistants (08/23/04)
Unitech Training Academy, West Monroe (09/23/04)
The World's Only Tattoo School, LLC (09/27/07)**

BOARD OF REGENTS' 2011-12 OPERATIONAL PLAN

Adopt the Board of Regents 2011-12 Operational Plan which is now aligned to the GRAD Act.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 1, 2010

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board unanimously adopted the Planning, Research and Performance Committee report of December 1, 2010. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Regent Terrell requested approval of the following motion prior to reading of the Nominating Committee Report.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board unanimously voted to accept Regents Charlotte Bollinger, Richard D'Aquin, Maurice Durbin, Ingrid Labat and Joseph Wiley as members of the Nominating Committee.

On behalf of Regent Labat, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, moved to dispense with the reading of the Nominating Committee Report of December 1, 2010, and approve the following motions "in globo." *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee to:

NOMINATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2011

Recommend approval of the following slate of officers for 2011:

Chair: Robert Levy
Vice Chair: Mary Ellen Roy
Secretary: Charlotte Bollinger

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2011

Recommend approval of the following nominations for the Executive Committee as follows for 2011:

Robert Levy, Chair	Robert Bruno
Mary Ellen Roy , Vice Chair	Donna Klein
Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary	W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
	Joseph Wiley

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (LASFAC) FOR 2011

Recommend approval of the following nominations of Victor Stelly, member of the Board of Regents, and Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research of the Board of Regents, to serve as the Regents' representatives on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) for 2011.

NOMINATION OF MEMBER(S) TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS' PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR 2011

Recommend approval of the following nomination of Richard D'Aquin, member of the Board of Regents, to serve as the representative on the Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission for 2011.

ADOPTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OF DECEMBER 1, 2010

On motion of Regent Labat, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board unanimously adopted the Nominating Committee report of December 1, 2010. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHAIR

Regent Terrell reported on the following items:

- The Regents received a clean risk management safety audit as well as a clean fleet management audit. Special thanks to Harold Boutte for his efforts
- Scott Brame was honored on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 by CLECO Energy Company. A power station was named in honor of Mr. Brame, CEO and former chairman of CLECO. The Brame Energy Center honors his dedication and hard work, not only to CLECO, but to his community. In addition, CLECO is working with the administration of Louisiana State University at Alexandria to establish the Scott Brame/CLECO Endowed Chair in Finance. Mr. Brame commented that being a member of the Board of Regents has been a wonderful experience for him over the past 12 years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.