

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

February 28, 2012

The Board of Regents met in session at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 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  
Joseph Wiley, Secretary  
Scott Ballard  
Robert Bruno  
Joseph Farr  
William Fenstermaker  
Chris Gorman  
Roy Martin III  
John Mineo IV  
Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Albert Sam II  
Victor Stelly  
Harold Stokes

Absent from the meeting were:

Maurice Durbin  
Donna Klein

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 JANUARY 25, 2012

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 25, 2012.**

PRESENTATION TO MS. MARY ELLEN ROY, OUTGOING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Chairman Levy noted that, due to the Board meeting being delayed, he had recognized Ms. Mary Ellen Roy, outgoing member of the Board of Regents, at an earlier Committee meeting. He said she had graced this board with her wisdom, insight and experience for the past six years. Ms. Roy was first appointed by Governor Kathleen Blanco in 2005. She was appreciated by all the Regents for her knack to ask tough questions. Ms. Roy was a staunch supporter of open meetings which always led to strong input and dialogue with our colleagues.

Regent Levy noted that Ms. Roy, as chairwoman of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, led the Regents through robust program review discussions as well as the elimination of some 200 underperforming degree programs. She always supported the efforts of the Regents' staff and encouraged them to be thorough and well-prepared.

Mr. Levy congratulated her for her service to the Board for the last six years, and presented her with a token of appreciation and thanks from the Board.

Ms. Roy thanked the Regents and staff for assisting her during the years she served on the Board. She said she hoped she made a difference in higher education during her tenure.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell presented remarks regarding the building of Louisiana's workforce and working with adults.

1. Appliance giant General Electric plans to open a corporate office in New Orleans that will provide software development and information technology support to the company's financial services arm. This will result in about 300

new jobs in computer engineering, software development and other information technology-related fields. The state is required to dedicate \$5 million over 10 years to develop a technology center curriculum at our higher education institutions in Louisiana. Dr. Purcell said that arts and culture are a key to attracting investment and talent. He noted that it is important for industry and colleges to work together to train workers. He further stated the necessity to directly support industry by providing tailored courses; awarding college credits for industry training; and contacting alumni to return to Louisiana to address workforce needs.

2. The Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL) will be hosting an Adult Learner Summit at Pennington Conference Center in Baton Rouge this week. There will be discussions centered around Louisiana's stop-outs. CALL provides accessible programs for adult learners at Louisiana institutions, whether online or on the campus. In addition to knowing where Louisiana's stopouts are located, the Board of Regents now has current contact information for each person so the campuses can reach out to these individuals about completing college.

## **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

On behalf of Regent Stelly, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of February 28, 2012.

#### **ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER: ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES – EVA KLEIN REPORT**

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to endorse the recommendations of the report, including: the merger of Louisiana State University Shreveport and Louisiana Tech University; development of a Biomedical Engineering Institute under LA Tech and the LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport; and the other recommendations in the report regarding:**

- **Enhanced research/innovation capacity and institutional/community collaborations;**
- **Improved delivery to underserved populations and higher baccalaureate completion rates; and**

- **An aggressive communications plan to articulate study findings.**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the items under the Consent Agenda.**

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

- **Initial License (Compass Career College, the School of Urban Missions: Bible College and Theological Seminary, and the University of Saint Francis)**
- **License Renewals (Northern Kentucky University, Southwest University, and University of South Alabama)**

#### RESPONSES TO 2011 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS AND ACTS

- House Concurrent Resolution 30 of 2011

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve and endorse the response to HCR 30 of the 2011 Regular Legislative Session, and authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to make whatever editorial and other non-substantive changes necessary prior to its transmittal to the appropriate House and Senate Committees.**

- Act 419 of 2011

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve and endorse the response to Act 419 of the 2011 Regular Legislative Session, and authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to make whatever editorial and other non-substantive changes necessary prior to its transmittal to the appropriate House and Senate Committees.**

#### GRAD Act

- GRAD Act Intervention Policy

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the GRAD Act Intervention Policy, effectively immediately.**

- GRAD Act Performance Agreement – University of New Orleans (UNO)

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the GRAD Act Agreement between the Board of Regents and the University of Louisiana System, represented by the University of New Orleans, and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Regents.**

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 28, 2012

**On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of February 28, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

Regent Mineo spoke as a representative of the students regarding the possible merger issue. He said that many students in the Shreveport area want Louisiana State University Shreveport to be the institution that it could never be or has not been for them. But, he said, other students worry about losing their identity at LSUS. He said if the Board is going to support the merger, it is important to be as open and clear as possible so others will understand the issues.

**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 February 28, 2012.

REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESEARCH UNIT

- University of New Orleans — Hospitality Research Center

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student**

**Affairs Committee to grant full approval of the Hospitality Research Center at the University of New Orleans for a period of five years, effective immediately.**

#### PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Northwestern State University — Master of Science in Homeland Security
- Baton Rouge Community College — Associate of Applied Science in Diagnostic Sonography
- South Central LA Technical College — Associate of Applied Science in Marine Transportation

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval of the proposed new MS in Homeland Security (CIP Code 43.0301) at NSU, AAS in Diagnostic Sonography (CIP Code 51.0910) at BRCC, and AAS in Marine Transportation (CIP Code 49.0309) at SCLTC. By January 1, 2013, the institutions will update the Board on enrollment and completion data as well as on progress toward accreditation.**

#### PAST DUE REPORTS FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS RESEARCH UNITS

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to direct staff not to act on or present any requests to the Committee until reports past due by more than one month are received from the impacted campuses and accepted as complete.**

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive and approve the items on the Consent Agenda.**

- Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests
- Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units
- Letters of Intent and Proposals for New Academic Programs/Research Units

#### ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 28, 2012

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of February 28, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Legislative Committee, Dr. Uma

Subramanian, General Counsel, presented the Legislative Committee Report of February 28, 2012.

### AUTHORIZATION FOR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to (1) authorize the Commissioner and staff to pursue the Board of Regents Legislative Agenda during the upcoming 2012 Regular Session as necessary, with regular reports to the Board; and (2) authorize the Commissioner and the Chairman of the Board to act on its behalf on legislative issues that may arise during the 2012 Regular Session.**

### ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 28, 2012

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislative Committee Report of February 28, 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 February 28, 2012.

### MASTER PLAN: FORMAT FOR CAMPUS STEM RESEARCH PRIORITIES REPORTS

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the format for the Campus STEM Research Priorities Report as presented. Sponsored Programs staff shall inform all affected campuses of requirements for submission and coordinate foundational meetings of the Master Plan Research Advisory Committee.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 28, 2012

**On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Fenstermaker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of February 28, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Bruno, a member of the Personnel Committee, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Personnel Committee Report of February 28, 2012.

PERSONNEL ACTION

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to accept the recommendation of the Commissioner of Higher Education to combine the duties of the Academic and Student Affairs division with the Planning, Research and Performance division and create a position of Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs. It was further recommended that Dr. Larry Tremblay be appointed as Deputy Commissioner with a 10% pay increase.**

ADOPTION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT OF FEBRUARY 28, 2012

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Personnel Committee Report of February 28, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chairman Levy thanked the members of the management boards of higher education, guest speakers and legislators who attended the Second Annual Trusteeship Conference held in Baton Rouge on Monday, February 27, 2012. He also thanked Regent Bollinger for spearheading the planning of the conference.
- He noted there will be a Conference of Louisiana's Colleges and Universities (CLCU) meeting at Lod Cook Conference Center in Baton Rouge on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. This is an opportunity for campus Chancellors and Presidents to gather. The speakers include Stan Jones from Complete College America as well as a round table discussion focused on the Governance Commission recommendations.



- On Thursday, March 1, 2012, the Board of Regents, in collaboration with the Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL), will be hosting an Adult Learner Summit at the Pennington Conference Center in Baton Rouge. The day-long summit will focus on accelerating time to degree completion and will include a keynote speech from Dr. James Applegate, Vice President for Program Development at the Lumina Foundation.
- The joint BESE/Board of Regents meeting has been rescheduled for June 20, 2012.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.