

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

May 23, 2012

The Board of Regents met in session at 1:33 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2012, in the Board Room of the Southern University Board of Supervisors, Southern University Offices, Second Floor, J. S. Clark Administration Building, G. Leon Netterville Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

PRESENTATION BY PRESIDENT RONALD MASON, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Earlier in the day, Dr. Ronald Mason, President of the Southern University System, welcomed the Board of Regents to the campus. He presented a video regarding the history of Southern University. He spoke of the challenges that Southern has faced and the need to declare financial exigency for the Baton Rouge campus for stabilization and rebuilding. The new budget scenarios could be challenging for the Baton Rouge campus to continue to exist in the future.

Dr. Mason spoke regarding the development of the Honoré Center for Undergraduate Student Achievement in New Orleans. He said that Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) in partnership with Delgado Community College will primarily serve the underserved population of the City. The SUNO and Delgado partnership will significantly increase the number of African American, baccalaureate degree holders, especially male, in the region and improve academic and operational efficiency among the institutions. He recently interviewed a candidate who had less than a 16 on the ACT and less than a 2.0 grade point average, so technically was not qualified for the Honoré Center. But the young man had a 21 on the English portion of the ACT and a well-written essay. If his potential had

not been noticed, he would have been lost to the future of Louisiana. The Southern University System is there to find these “stars.”

Chairman Robert Levy called the Board 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
Maurice Durbin
Joseph Farr
William Fenstermaker
Roy Martin III
John Mineo IV
Albert Sam II
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes

Absent from the meeting were:

Chris Gorman
Donna Klein
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Levy noted that one written request was received for public comments. Mr. Thomas Miller, Faculty Senate President, Southern University and A&M College, spoke regarding the Legislative Committee’s work on the budget. He shared copies of House Resolution 198 of 2010 by Representative Barrow and Senate Resolution 185 of 2010 by Senator Broome with members of the Board. These resolutions urge and request the Board of Regents to implement recommendations of the Postsecondary Education Review Commission to provide equitable and sufficient funding necessary for the state’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to achieve their unique and important institutional mission. He said every university in the state shares a common goal -- fully developing its human capital. He reminded the Board that HBCUs have students with backgrounds that sometimes are lacking in resources

in order to fulfill their desire to get a college education. He asked the Board to carefully consider these resolutions so that HBCUs can receive the needed assistance for their students.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2012

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 25, 2012.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING STUDENT MEMBER, MR. JOHN MINEO IV

Chairman Levy presented a plaque from the Board of Regents to outgoing student Board member, John Mineo IV from the University of New Orleans (UNO). Regent Levy noted the busy schedule of Mr. Mineo as the Student Government Association President at UNO along with his duties on the Board of Regents. He mentioned too that Mr. Mineo graduated last week with a B.A. in Political Science. Chairman Levy wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Regent Mineo thanked the members of the Board and staff for their hard work and what he has learned from them. He said it has been a year with difficult budget cuts, program eliminations and legislative issues, but he appreciated the “fight” from the Regents for his fellow students throughout the state.

Mr. Mineo next introduced Mr. Matthew Jewell, who was recently elected to become the student member of the Board of Regents in June 2012. He said that Mr. Jewell is a senior business administration major at Nicholls State University.

Mr. Jewell said it is an honor for him to serve on the Board, and he is looking forward to working with the Board during the upcoming year.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell said that with the legislative session coming to a close, he felt that the democratic process would produce good results in the end. He and the staff have had many personal conversations with legislators about the Regents' legislative efforts. He thanked the legislature, the Governor's office and the Division of Administration for assistance with budget details and also thanked the Regents for being so active during the session.

Dr. Purcell noted that he recently spoke to the Louisiana Association of Institutional Research (LAIR) on the University of Louisiana at Monroe campus about the campuses being mission critical. He said he received a letter from an employee from the Northeast Louisiana Technical College who attended the conference. The letter included a quote by Ben Franklin which said "Democracy... is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty...is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote." He encouraged the Regents to continue expressing their views regarding legislative priorities for higher education.

Dr. Purcell said that the efforts and commitment by system leaders and campuses promise a good future of higher education.

Chairman Levy took the opportunity to recognize the leadership of the Southern campuses – Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Southern University Law Center; Chancellor Leodrey Williams, Southern University Agricultural Research Center; Chancellor Ray Belton, Southern University at Shreveport; Chancellor James Llorens, Southern University and A&M College; and Chancellor Victor Ukpolo, Southern University at New Orleans.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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 May 23, 2012.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO AcAf POLICY 2.16: STATEWIDE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the revised Academic Affairs Policy 2.16: Statewide General Education Requirements, effective immediately.

PROPOSED AY 2012-13 MASTER COURSE ARTICULATION MATRIX AND LOUISIANA COMMON COURSE CATALOG

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the proposed Academic Year 2012-13 Master Course Articulation Matrix and the Louisiana Common Course Catalog, and authorize the Board of Regents' staff to continue to work with colleges and universities to expand the Matrix and the Catalog throughout the year.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval of the:

- **CAS in Sterile Processing Technician – Southern University at Shreveport**
- **PBC in Nursing Case Management – McNeese State University**
- **GC in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages – UL Lafayette**
- **MSN Nursing with membership in ICMSN – Nicholls State University**
- **PhD in Molecular Sciences and Nanotechnology – LA Tech University**

with an update on program implementation (to include relevant enrollment and completer/ progression data) due by Sept. 30, 2013.

Regent Wiley noted that perhaps some time should be given to representatives to talk about proposed new academic programs on their campuses since some drive quite a distance to attend the meetings. He said that if representatives do not wish to speak or need to address the board, perhaps the Regents can think of ways to help them save on campus resources.

Dr. Ramu Ramachandran, Associate Dean for Research in the College of Engineering and Science at Louisiana Tech University, spoke briefly regarding the Ph.D. in Molecular Sciences and Nanotechnology program. He said the degree will be the only one of its kind in the country. This program will bring together scientists and engineers who will study systems at the nano scale – one billionth of a meter. Louisiana Tech University has the research infrastructure in place to support this program which covers all the physical and biological sciences plus engineering.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Wiley, 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:

- **Southeastern – Termination of Associate of General Studies;**
- **Grambling – Master of Arts in Teaching (Expansion of Teacher Education Redesign);**
- **McNeese – Request for Reauthorization: Institute for Industry-Education Collaboration;**
- **UL Lafayette – Request for Full Approval: Center for Moving Image Arts;**
- **Routine Staff Reports: (1) Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests; (2) Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units; (3) Past Due Reports for Academic Programs/Research Units; and (4) Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue.**

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 23, 2012

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of May 23, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Bruno, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of May 23, 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Bruno, 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:

Auxiliary Funds

- **LSU Law Center Bathroom Finishes Upgrades
(LSU Law Center: \$175,000)**
- **LSU Replace Pool Filters, LSU Natatorium
(LSU and A&M College: \$205,000)**

State Funds

- **Veterinary Medicine – Small Animal Clinic Admission Renovation
(LSU and A&M College: \$411,211)**
- **Nicholson Hall General Classroom Renovation Room #130
(LSU and A&M College: \$410,000)**
- **Hill Memorial Archive Space HVAC Remediation (REAPPROVAL)
(LSU and A&M College: \$350,000)**

FY 2012-2013 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION STATUS REPORT

A brief report was given on the status of capital outlay budget recommendations. No action was required on this report.

PROJECT UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property

Committee to approve a project utilizing alternative means of financing from Louisiana State University and A&M College to construct stadium facilities at the south end of Tiger Stadium and a new or improved Olympic Sports facilities at an estimate cost of \$100 million.

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On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve a lease on behalf of Louisiana State University and A&M College to allow for the use of university-owned land at the south campus by the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation. The lease provides for the construction of a Treatment and Assessment Center. The land is designated as the Louisiana State University Research Park.

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD REQUEST

On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the request from the University of Louisiana at Monroe to petition the Interim Emergency Board for funding to address problems with deteriorated HVAC piping at the first floor of the George T. Walker Hall. The building serves as the administration building. An engineer's estimate for the work indicates a project cost of approximately \$1,230,000.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Griswold informed the Board that he was retiring from public service and the Board of Regents on June 26, 2012 after working at the Regents for 21 years and 11 years at LSU and A&M College. The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. Griswold for his many years of service to the Board of Regents and Louisiana higher education.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 23, 2012

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of May 23, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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

Subramanian, General Counsel, presented the Legislative Committee Report of May 23, 2012.

There were no motions during the meeting of the Committee.

2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

1. Update on Board of Regents' Bills
2. Budget Update
3. Update on Bills Impacting Higher Education
4. Bills Being Monitored

Regent Bruno had suggested during the Legislative Committee meeting earlier in the day that a resolution should be submitted to the Governor's Office and the Louisiana Legislature stating that higher education cannot sustain continued budget cuts. The following draft was offered for consideration.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Higher Education community in the State of Louisiana consists of the Louisiana State University System, the University of Louisiana System, the Southern University System, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium and the Board of Regents, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Higher Education community provides workforce training, certificates, diplomas, associate, undergraduate, graduate, professional and specialized degrees, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Higher Education community provided an educational opportunity to 229,037 students in FY 2010-2011, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Higher Education community awarded 31,030 certificates and degrees in Fiscal Year 2010-2011, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Higher Education community employs 33,926 individuals who in turn generate taxes, revenues and economic activity for the State of Louisiana, and

***WHEREAS**, economic studies have provided documentation that for every dollar invested in the Louisiana Higher Education community a return of eight dollars is generated for the Louisiana economy, and*

***WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Higher Education community has suffered multi-year budget reductions, amounting to over \$360 Million since Fall 2008, and*

***WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Higher Education community is facing additional budget reductions in the amount of \$225 Million for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, and*

***WHEREAS**, this level of proposed cut would be catastrophic to Louisiana's colleges and universities and could lead to the demise of a number of campuses, and*

***WHEREAS**, this proposed cut would dramatically impact student access to needed academic courses and programs, and*

***WHEREAS**, additional cuts are not in the best interest of the state, postsecondary education or the students served.*

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Regents of the State of Louisiana hereby urges and requests the Governor of the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Legislature to look for viable options to protect and preserve the Louisiana Higher Education community from further budget cuts.*

After further discussion,

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to adopt the resolution urging the Governor and the Louisiana Legislature to look for viable options to protect and preserve the Louisiana Higher Education Community from further budget cuts.

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 23, 2012

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislative Committee Report of May 23, 2012, and submit the resolution to the Governor and the Legislature. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Stelly, 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 May 23, 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Farr, 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)

- License Renewals (American College of Education, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Northwood University, and Nova Southeastern University)

Proprietary Schools

- Change of Ownership Applications (BAR/BRI (Baton Rouge and New Orleans)
- AOS Degree Application (Virginia College - Shreveport)
- License Renewals
 - A & W Healthcare Educators, LLC (03/25/04)
 - Academy of Acadiana, Inc. (03/22/06)
 - At-Home Professions (04/22/99)
 - Blue Cliff College--Houma (03/24/05)
 - Blue Cliff College--Metairie (03/23/00)
 - Blue Cliff College--Metairie, Satellite Campus (03/23/11)
 - Blue Cliff College--Shreveport (03/23/00)
 - Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)
 - Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)
 - Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)
 - Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)
 - J W Training Center, LLC (03/25/10)
 - Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)
 - Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)
 - Medical Careers College (formerly Delta Training Academy) (04/23/98)
 - The Ruth Cook Computer and Medical Schools (04/27/95)
 - Sclafani's Cooking School (04/28/94)
 - Unitech Training Academy, Inc. (04/24/97)
 - Unitech Training Academy--Houma (03/22/06)
 - Universal Technical Institute--Florida Branch (04/23/98)
 - Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)
 - WyoTech--Pennsylvania Campus (03/27/03)
 - WyoTech--Wyoming Campus (03/27/03)

R.S. 17:1808 (LICENSURE)

- Delta International University

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the extension of the operating license for Delta International University until January 30, 2013. If the University does not submit its Self-Evaluation report to DETC by November 10, 2012, the Board of Regents may revoke the institution's operating license. If DETC determines that DUI is not prepared for a full site visit based on the findings of the Readiness Assessment report, the Board will deny renewal of the institution's operating license in January, 2013.

- Revision to Rules and Regulations for the Administration of R.S.17:1808

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the final revision to the Rules and Regulations for the Administration of R.S. 17:1808 regarding requirements for teacher education and education leadership programs.

PROPOSED PILOT PROGRAM ON CO-REQUISITE DELIVERY OF DEVELOPMENTAL AND COLLEGE-LEVEL INSTRUCTION

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize the staff to invite and encourage community colleges and regional universities to participate in a two-year (2012-13, 2013-14) pilot of co-requisite delivery of college-level mathematics/English and developmental/support, either as two co-requisite classes, or an extended section, or mandatory supplemental instruction. The system or campus may develop its own pilot, within the following provisions:

- **Participants have at least a M-ACT of 17 or an E-ACT of 16 (or its equivalent);**
- **Students enroll in the pilot program course(s) in their first semester of enrollment;**
- **Students take the Compass (or a standardized diagnostic/placement assessment) at the end of the pilot developmental delivery to assess growth;**
- **Upon successful completion of the college-level course, students will be encouraged to enroll in a second college-level course in the next semester of enrollment (e.g., a second math course; the second English composition course).**

OTHER BUSINESS

- Template for Annual Evaluation of Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education in Louisiana: 2011

Dr. Tremblay reminded the Board that the Master Plan for Postsecondary Education in Louisiana: 2011 had been adopted in August, 2011. In the Plan, the Board committed to report annually on a variety of performance measures. He presented a template for the Annual Evaluation of the Plan and said it was the staff's intent to present the Master Plan annual evaluation in August of each year with interim updates every four months.

- Preparation for June BOR Action on 2011-12 GRAD Act Annual Reports

Dr. Tremblay reminded the Board that the staff will be bringing its 2011-12 GRAD Act recommendations for consideration at its June meeting. The campus GRAD Act Annual Reports were delivered in May and staff is in the process of scoring the reports. The results will be brought for action in June.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF MAY 23, 2012

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of May 23, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Levy thanked President Ronald Mason and Chancellor James Llorens as well as their staffs on the Southern University campus for hosting the meetings of the Board of Regents. He said visiting the campuses to fully understand the impact and magnitude of the Regents' work is critical and opportunities like this one today at Southern are invaluable.

The joint meeting with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education will be held June 19, 2012.

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for June 27 and 28. With the legislative session ending June 4, an Executive Committee may be called prior to the end of the session and/or full Board meeting to discuss any major pending budget issues and take any necessary preliminary actions.

Regent Stelly congratulated Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) on its recent graduation ceremonies with a total of 500 graduating. But he noted that only 26 count toward SUNO's graduation rate. Mr. Stelly continued by encouraging the Board to assist in educating the public that the graduation rate does not reflect actual graduation numbers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.