

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF REGENTS

June 27, 2012

Before the Committee meetings began, Mr. Matthew Jewell, the newly elected student member from Nicholls State University, was sworn in by General Counsel Uma Subramanian.

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 11:07 a.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2012, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. 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  
Joseph Farr  
Chris Gorman  
Matthew Jewell  
Donna Klein  
Roy Martin III  
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.  
Albert Sam II  
Harold Stokes

### Absent from the meeting were:

Maurice Durbin  
William Fenstermaker

### 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 MAY 23, 2012

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 23, 2012.**

RETIREMENT OF MR. RICH GRISWOLD, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR FACILITIES

Chairman Levy recognized Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, who is retiring from the Board of Regents after 21 years. He noted that his expertise and background in architecture has been invaluable, along with his ability to develop relationships at the campus and system levels. Regent Levy said Mr. Griswold has played a very important role in our organization throughout his career, but especially after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He noted that without Mr. Griswold's knowledge, dedication and background, many of the state's campuses would have struggled more than they did in recovering from that devastating storm and its aftermath.

Chairman Levy presented a token of the Regents' appreciation for Mr. Griswold's service to the colleges and universities of this state and to this board.

Mr. Griswold introduced his wife, Susan, and thanked the Regents for the recent retirement party. He felt much had been accomplished during his years at the Regents – hundreds of new buildings were built, hundreds more were renovated, many community college campuses were built, and more efficient housing for students was developed. He said it was a pleasure to serve with the Board of Regents and its staff.

Chairman Levy also recognized Dr. Brad O'Hara with the University of Louisiana System and thanked him for his service to the state. Dr. O'Hara will be returning to his native Canada to serve as Provost at Langara College in Vancouver, British Columbia.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell said he recently spoke at a liberal arts college in Wise, Virginia, and also attended the annual Southern Regional Education Board meeting. He said it was encouraging to see conversations in other states revolving around (1) maximizing student success, (2) developing more undergraduate research on campuses, and (3) rethinking our delivery processes and continuing to engage in future building. These conversations occurred amongst states that have been successful in stabilizing the revenue sources for their campuses.

Commissioner Purcell noted the importance of giving campuses a firm foundation from which they can plan beyond preparation for the next budget cut. He said it is critical to communicate the need for additional support for higher education, whether it is from state sources or tuition and fees.

He thanked Dr. Brad O'Hara, University of Louisiana System, for the joint organizational leadership degree being designed by the University of Louisiana System universities. He mentioned that the curriculum was based upon extensive conversations with many businesses and corporations in the state. Many employers said they needed employees with skills in a particular aspect of the organization but, beyond that, wanted employees who could think critically.

He said that in a 2009 survey conducted by Hart Research Associates on behalf of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, 89% of surveyed employers said that the most common skill needed in the post-downturn, globalized, 21<sup>st</sup> century universe is effective oral and written communication. The second-most needed skill, at 81%, is critical thinking and analytical reasoning.

Commissioner Purcell said he looks forward to the Board of Regents going beyond the habit of making sure that campuses can keep the doors open to engage in deeper conversations about how to make Louisiana's students successful.

## **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 June 27, 2012.

#### **LETTERS OF INTENT**

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

- **BS in Elder Care Administration (LSUA);**
- **BS in Child Development & Early Literacy (GSU);**
- **BA in Organizational Leadership (UL System);**
- **MS in Criminal Justice (McNeese); and**
- **PsyD in School Psychology (LSUS)**

#### **PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant *conditional approval* for the MS in Construction Management (CIP Code 52.2001), effective Fall 2012, at LSU and A&M College and *approval* for Post Master's Certification (PMC) in Family Nurse Practitioner (CIP Code 51.3805), with authorization for immediate implementation, and the PMC in Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (CIP Code 51.3510), with implementation in Fall 2013, to be offered by the Intercollegiate Consortium for the Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN).**

CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Martin, 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:**

- **Proposed Revisions to Proposal Forms Associated with Academic Affairs Policy 2.05: Review of Proposals for New Academic Programs/Units;**
- **Proposed Revisions to Proposal Forms Associated with Academic Affairs Policy 2.12: Delivery of Degree Programs through Distance Learning Technology;**
- **UL Lafayette – Request for Reauthorization of the Center for Business and Information Technologies;**
- **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 JUNE 27, 2012

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Martin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of June 27, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Todd Barré, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Finance Committee Report of June 27, 2012.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FY 2012-2013 OPERATING BUDGET DISTRIBUTION

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2012-2013 Operating Budget Distribution and also authorized the Commissioner and Board Chair to work with the Division of Administration and the Management Boards to allocate the Office of Group Benefits reduction.**

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2012

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of June 27, 2012.**  
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**FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Bruno, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Ms. Barbara Goodson, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of June 27, 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the item on the Consent Agenda under Small Capital Projects Report as listed below:**

*Auxiliary Funds*

- **LSU and A&M PMAC Concession Stand Renovations – Level 1 Southeast Entry (LSU A&M: \$200,000)**

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.

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2012-2013 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the amendments of the BoR FY 2012-2013 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendations to include:**

1. **The self-generated project to refinance Southern University in Shreveport's existing residence halls and, with the savings, perhaps construct additional housing, a small parking garage at the downtown campus, and/or a day care center, and**
2. **The refinancing of a loan through the sale of revenue bonds to pay off a loan related to the residence halls at Southern University at New Orleans.**

ACT 959 PROJECT

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the proposed project by the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport to upgrade patient rooms in portions of G/J 4<sup>th</sup> floor wings at a projected budget of \$2,220,000.**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the proposed project by the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport to upgrade patient rooms in portions of G/J 6<sup>th</sup> floor wings at a projected budget of \$3,340,000.**

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2012

**On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Jewell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of June 27, 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 June 27, 2012.

2012 RESOLUTIONS DIRECTED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to authorize the Commissioner and staff to undertake studies required pursuant to the 2012 Resolutions as necessary, with regular reports to the Board and timely draft reports for Board consideration and approval.**

ADOPTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2012

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Legislative Committee Report of June 27, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

**PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Wiley, 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 June 27, 2012.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Klein, 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)*

- 1. Initial License (Clarkson College and Pennsylvania State University)**
- 2. License Renewals (Alcorn State University and Wiley College)**

**LA GRAD ACT ANNUAL REVIEW**

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to (1) approve the GRAD Act 2011-12 institution annual designations for 2012-13 status, thereby allowing the institutions, as appropriate to their designations, to implement the tuition authority and pursue the operational autonomies outlined in the GRAD Act legislation, and (2) authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to report on GRAD Act to the Governor and Legislature by the July 15th deadline.**

**On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to authorize the Executive Committee to meet on its behalf to address remaining GRAD Act issues.**

**ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JUNE 27, 2012**

**On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of June 27, 2012. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**



OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Levy shared the following comments.

- The LSU Agricultural Center provided to each Board member a book that discusses the value of Louisiana Agriculture in 2011. Specialists at the LSU Agricultural Center's Cooperative Extension Service compiled the data, which focus on the animal, forestry, plant and wildlife commodities that comprise our state's agricultural industry.

Regent Bruno congratulated Chancellor Bill Richardson at the LSU Agricultural Center for his work in education.

- Regent Albert Sam was recently named Chief of Vascular Surgery and an Associate Professor at Tulane University's School of Medicine. This is a wonderful promotion for Dr. Sam!
- No meetings will be held in July. The next scheduled meetings are August 22-23<sup>rd</sup>.
- A Board of Regents' retreat will be held in fall 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.