

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

January 6, 2011

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole in session at 9:08 a.m., Thursday, January 6, 2011, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Vice Chair Robert Levy called the meeting to order.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF NEWLY APPOINTED AND REAPPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chair Levy stated that the first order of business was to swear in the four newly appointed board members and one reappointed board member. Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel, swore in Mr. Ed Antie, representing Congressional District 7 from Lafayette; Mr. Scott Ballard, representing District 1 from Covington; Mr. Joe Farr, representing District 5 from Monroe; Mr. Chris Gorman, representing District 4 from Shreveport; and Mr. Joe Wiley, representing District 3 from Gonzales for a second term.

Present for the meeting were:

Ed Antie
Scott Ballard
Charlotte Bollinger
Robert Bruno
Maurice Durbin
Joe Farr
Chris Gorman
Donna Klein
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Mary Ellen Roy
Harold Stokes
Joseph Wiley
Demetrius Sumner

Absent from the meeting were:

Victor Stelly
Roland Toups

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll, and a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chair 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 DECEMBER 2, 2010

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board of Regents, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 2, 2010.

ELECTION AND SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR 2011

On motion of Regent Wiley, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board of Regents, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to accept the slate of officers for 2011 as follows:

Board Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary)

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

Members to Serve on the Executive Committee

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

Representatives to Serve on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission

Victor Stelly
Larry Tremblay

Representative to Serve on the Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

Richard D'Aquin

Regent Wiley explained that even though Mr. Richard D'Aquin is no longer a member of the Board of Regents, a non-Regent representative can fill the Regents' position on the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission. Mr. D'Aquin has served on the Commission for a number of years and is willing to continue his service.

Board Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary)

The oaths of office were administered by Ms. Koury to Regent Robert W. Levy, Chair; Regent Mary Ellen Roy, Vice Chair; and Regent Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary.

Members to Serve on the Executive Committee

Regent Levy requested members of the Executive Committee be sworn in by Ms. Koury as follows: Regent Levy, Regent Bollinger, Regent Bruno, Regent Klein, Regent Rasberry, Regent Roy, and Regent Wiley.

Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission and the Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

Members to serve on the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission and the Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission will be sworn in at the January 27th meeting of the Board of Regents.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Next Chair Levy said that recognition of outgoing Board members, Mr. Artis Terrell, Chair; Mr. Scott Brame, Mr. Richard D'Aquin, and Dr. Ingrid Labat would take place at the next Board of Regents' meeting, scheduled for January 27, 2011.

UPDATE ON BUDGET AND FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW AND ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

Chair Levy noted that since an orientation for new Board members was scheduled for the afternoon, updates on budget, funding formula and academic program review would take place at that time.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of January 6, 2011. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA RESEARCHERS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING PROPOSALS IN RESPONSE TO THE BP-FUNDED GULF OF MEXICO RESEARCH INITIATIVE RFP – DR. CHRIS D’ELIA, DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF THE COAST AND ENVIRONMENT, LSU-BATON ROUGE

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Bruno, the Board of Regents, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve assisting campuses which are developing collaborative multi-campus proposals to seek BP funding. This assistance may include sponsoring workshops and engaging consultants to facilitate the development of competitive proposals. Only BoRSF monies previously approved for the oil spill conference which have not been expended may be used for these purposes.

On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board of Regents, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution to be delivered to British Petroleum (BP) in response to the request by Dr. Chris D’Elia, Dean of the School of the Coast and Environment, LSU-Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents appreciates British Petroleum’s (BP) commitment to establish a \$500 Million Gulf Research Initiative and the initial rapid response to the state for research funding; and

WHEREAS, BP is initiating a process to allocate an additional pool of funds in excess of \$400 Million;

WHEREAS, as this process moves forward, the Board of Regents recognizes that the bulk of the Gulf Coast oil spill affected coastal and federal waters adjacent to the coast of Louisiana;

THEREFORE, for that reason, the Board of Regents recommends that the allocation of resources or research dollars should focus on the areas most affected by the oil spill.

BoRSF PLAN AND BUDGET FOR FY 2011-12

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board of Regents, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the FY 2011-12 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget, including contingency plans to restore the Traditional Enhancement subprogram, as presented.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARDS (REA) AND GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM COMPONENTS OF THE JOINTLY SPONSORED (REGENTS/NASA) LaSPACE PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board of Regents, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee for funding recommendations in the amount of: (a) \$217,755 relative to the four top-ranked LaSPACE Research Enhancement Award (REA) projects recommended for funding; REA projects shall be funded in the order, amounts, and with any stipulations recommended in the consultants' report; and (b) \$25,000 in BoRSF monies relative to the four top-ranked Graduate Student Fellowships recommended for funding.

Both REA and Graduate student Fellowships will be paid from Support Funds annually allocated to the LaSPACE program.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Chair Levy said the State's budget reductions present every agency with the challenge to be more efficient. He mentioned that higher education and health care are the two areas not constitutionally protected from budget cuts and will draw more attention during this challenge.

In the coming months, the Regents will focus on presenting recommendations that will be strategic and focused. A revised Performance-Based Budgeting formula will be presented that is strategic, defensible, understandable and drives sustainable improvement. Also, an Academic Program Review would be focused on eliminating low-completer and unnecessary duplicative programs.

He next mentioned that the Board is working to hire a permanent Commissioner of Higher Education. It is critical to hire an innovative, passionate and thoughtful commissioner to lead higher education through the coming years of change and improvement.

Regent Levy emphasized that significant changes will be made as the Regents proceed toward the goal of increasing educational attainment. He said our destination is a better Louisiana, so buckle up and join us on this important journey.

Regent Levy also recognized Dr. Ron Mason, President Southern University System; Dr. Randy Webb, President, Northwestern State University; Dr. John Crain, President, Southeastern Louisiana University; Mr. Winfred Sibille, Chairman, University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors; Ms. Mary Ann Coleman, President, Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; and Ms. Melanie Amrhein, Executive Director, Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, in the audience. He said these are some individuals the Regents will be working with to accomplish major goals in 2011.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Rasberry noted that a handout was in the Board folder entitled *Shreveport Bossier Imperative for Higher Education*. He said it was a work product of the people of Northwest Louisiana. According to the publication, the Shreveport-Bossier business community is in support of attaining the best higher education enterprise in the region within Louisiana's current budget constraints.

Student member Demetrius Sumner congratulated Chair Levy on his leadership at the Regents. He continued by saying that it is the responsibility of the student member to serve as the pulse of the students in the state and offer invaluable student perspective on all issues. He wanted to reaffirm his commitment to all students to serve as a reliable representative and to advance the student cause.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.