

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

September 22, 2011

The Board of Regents met in session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, September 22, 2011, 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
Mary Ellen Roy, Vice Chair
Maurice Durbin
Joseph Farr
William Fenstermaker
Chris Gorman
John Mineo IV
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Albert Sam II
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Joseph Wiley

Absent from the meeting were:

Charlotte Bollinger, Secretary
Scott Ballard
Robert Bruno
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 AUGUST 24, 2011

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 24, 2011.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Jim Purcell, Commissioner of Higher Education, presented opening remarks regarding education versus poverty. One article stated that one in six Americans are now officially poor as the poverty rate climbs to a 27-year high. According to current population reports, the South was the only region to show an increase in the poverty rate.

A publication entitled “Help Wanted – Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements through 2018” stated that “postsecondary education has become the gatekeeper to the middle class and the upper class.” Dr. Purcell said when there is less education, there tends to be greater poverty. Data show that education is a path to the future. Ninety percent of college graduates were employed in 2010 compared to 64% of those who did not attend college but went straight to work after high school. He said analysts discovered that college graduates are making almost double the annual earnings of those with only a high school diploma. The more education you obtain, the better your job prospects and future earnings.

Data from the last ten years show more students are attending public higher education institutions. In Louisiana, eighty-six percent of students in postsecondary education are in a public institution.

Will Louisiana produce more graduates in the year ahead? Preliminary enrollment indicates that more students are beginning their higher education in community colleges.

Dr. Purcell reminded the audience of the three goals of the Master Plan: (1) increase the educational attainment of Louisiana’s adult population to the Southern Regional Education Board states’ average by 2025; (2) invest strategically in university research; and (3) achieve greater efficiency and accountability in the postsecondary education system.

EDUCATION ESTIMATING CONFERENCE BY MS. STAFFORD PALMIERI,
GOVERNOR’S EDUCATION ADVISOR

Ms. Stafford Palmieri, Governor's Education Advisor, introduced background information regarding the Education Estimating Conference (EEC) created in the 1990's by RS 39:21.3(C). Ms. Palmieri is the Chair of EEC and said the Conference evaluates historical trends in student enrollment, teacher salaries, etc. and projects trends for budgeting purposes on the state and local level.

She discussed the forecast of total demand for Louisiana's public school regular program classroom teachers and special needs teachers as well as preliminary school district enrollment projections for academic years 2011-2012 through 2016-2017.

She said the Conference is comprised of six members. The EEC is undergoing a self-assessment to see how it can assist agencies in the state. Ms. Palmieri requested the members of the Board give feedback to her regarding numbers provided and whether they are useful to the Board.

A question and answer period followed. Ms. Roy inquired if there were a higher education representative on the EEC. Ms. Palmieri noted that at this time there is no statutorily appointed higher education representative, but that Mr. Todd Barré, Board of Regents, attends the meeting to represent higher education. She said the Conference would consider a higher education membership at its next meeting.

VALUE-ADDED RESULTS FOR TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS BY DR. JEANNE BURNS, DR. GEORGE NOELL AND DR. KRISTIN GANSLE

Dr. Jeanne Burns of the Board of Regents and Dr. George Noell of the Louisiana State University and A&M College presented a PowerPoint entitled "Value-Added Teacher Preparation Assessment Model: 2010-2011 Results."

Dr. Burns said that Louisiana is in a unique position of having two value-added models that can be used to examine the effectiveness of teacher preparation programs – (1) the Board of Regents' Value-Added Teacher Preparation Assessment model and the Louisiana Department of Education's (LDoE) Value-Added Teacher Evaluation model. A decision was made to use one consistent model to examine the effectiveness of teachers and teacher preparation programs in Louisiana. The model to be used will be the value-added teacher evaluation model developed for the Louisiana Department of Education.

Dr. Noell continued by explaining in detail the LDoE model and the rationale for using the Value-Added Teacher Evaluation model. He also spoke regarding the criteria for calculation and reporting on mean scores for teacher preparation programs.

Dr. Burns commented that teacher preparation programs that previously attained low value-added scores entered into Programmatic Intervention. Recently, three programs attained a value-added score at Performance Level 3 and exited Programmatic Intervention while one program remains in Programmatic Intervention. The next step will be for the Board of Regents to provide each campus with breakdown data for their value-added results.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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 September 21, 2011.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2011-12 OPERATING BUDGETS

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to

conditionally approve the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, and the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium budgets, defer approval of the Southern University Baton Rouge budget, and approve all other institutions, systems and the Board of Regents FY 2011-2012 operating budgets.

ADOPTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Finance Committee Report of September 21, 2011.
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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Raspberry, Vice Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr.

Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented the Facilities and Property Committee Report of September 21, 2011.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as presented by staff.

From Private Donations

- DaVinci Robotics - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. \$285,000 from LSUHSC Foundation Funds.
- Hemphill Airway and Computer Science Building Renovation for College of Business - University of Louisiana at Monroe. \$350,000 from State Funds/Other/Private ULM Foundation.
- Cajundome Locker Room Refurbishment - University of Louisiana at Lafayette. \$400,000. Work to be funded primarily from donations.

From Grants and/or Grant Overhead

- LSU Health Sciences Center Clinical Sciences Research Building - BSL3 Laboratory Expansion - LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans - \$490,000 from a combination of Restricted, Self-Generated, and Federal Grants and Contracts.

From Auxiliary Funds

- Parking Lots Consolidation and Access Road Upgrade - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. \$425,000

- LSU Soccer Complex - Lighting Upgrade - Louisiana State University and A&M College. \$225,000
- LSU Bus Shelters (South Stadium Drive at Tower and Lockett Hall) - Louisiana State University and A&M College. \$227,000

From Other Funds

- Soccer Complex - Nicholls State University - \$250,000

From State Funds

- Strauss Hall - Renovation to Relocate Marriage and Family Therapy Programs - University of Louisiana at Monroe. \$250,000
- LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Auditorium Renovation - Louisiana State University Law Center. \$350,000

STATUS REPORT ON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN NEW ORLEANS RECOVERY AND MASTER PLAN

Mr. Griswold noted that a presentation was given by Mr. Stephen Losavio, the architect on staff in the Office of Facility Planning and Control, regarding the current plan for recovery from Hurricane Katrina and master planning for Southern University at New Orleans.

PROJECT UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to construct a parking garage at McNeese State University utilizing alternative means of financing. The terms of the lease-leaseback agreements with Cowboy Facilities, Inc. will provide approximately 900 parking spaces with debt amortization to come from a student self-assessed fee as approved in a student referendum. Other terms are as outlined in the accompanying documentation.

AMENDMENT TO DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS LIST FOR LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER-SHREVEPORT

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Farr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to re-prioritize its 2008 deferred maintenance list to permit the use of \$550,000 for the resolution of electrical supply and distribution issues at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

On motion of Regent Farr, seconded by Regent Gorman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of September 21, 2011. (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. Jeannine Kahn, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of September 21, 2011.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- A. Northshore Technical Community College – A.A.S. in Culinary Arts and Occupations
- B. University of Louisiana at Lafayette – Ph.D. in Systems Engineering

On motion of Regent Roy, 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 academic programs at Northshore Technical Community College (Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts, CIP Code 12.0503) and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Ph.D. in Systems Engineering, CIP Code 14.2701).

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to (1) rescind the current Moratorium on the Consideration of Proposed New Academic Programs and Research Units and (2) revise Academic Affairs Policies 2.04 and 2.05 and authorize staff to make final edits and updates before final publication and dissemination.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

- A. Blue Ribbon Commission

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the following:

1. **Appointments to the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence to include: Regents Charlotte A. Bollinger and Victor Stelly to represent the Louisiana Board of Regents and Dr. Frank Neubrandner (Louisiana State University) to represent Topic Specialist – Higher Education; and**
 2. **Regent Charlotte A. Bollinger to serve as co-chair of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Educational Excellence.**
- B. Teacher Preparation Programs: Post-Baccalaureate Certificates (Louisiana Tech University)

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the Post-Baccalaureate Certificates at Louisiana Tech University in the following areas:

1. **Add-on Certification – Early Childhood Education – PK-S (CIP Code 13.1201)**
2. **Add-on Gifted Education (CIP Code 13.1004)**

REPORTS OF THE STAFF

- A. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests
- B. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Academic Programs and Research Units
- C. Proposed New Programs/Units
- D. Past Due Reports for Approved Academic Programs and Research Units

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval of the reports and recommendations of the staff included in Agenda Item VI.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Sam, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee report of September 21, 2011. (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, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of September 21, 2011.

R.S. 17:1808 LICENSURE (Initial License)

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to issue an initial operating license for Carrington College headquartered in Sacramento, California.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS (Initial Licenses)

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to issue initial operating licenses for (1) The Captain School located in Marrero, Louisiana, (2) Premier Nursing Assistant Training Academy, LLC, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and (3) Saint Agatha Career School, LLC, located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS (Associate in Occupational Studies Degree)

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Medical Specialist at Delta School of Business and Technology, located in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS (License Renewals)

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

**Ark-La-Tex Dental Assisting Academy (08/26/10)
Art Instruction School (09/21/74)
Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)
Camelot College (08/28/86)
Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)
Crescent City Career Institute (08/28/03)
Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)**

Healthcare Training Institute (08/27/08)
John Casablancas Modeling and Career Center (09/24/09)
Julian Certified Nursing Assistant Training School (08/27/08)
Medical Training College (08/22/96)
MedVance Institute of Baton Rouge (08/26/10)
Peach Tree School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/26/10)
River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/24/06)
Unitech Training Academy--Lake Charles (08/27/09)
Yoga School, LLC (08/27/08)

CENTRAL LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the expansion of the mission of Central Louisiana Technical College by converting the institution to Central Louisiana Technical Community College. In accordance with Board of Regents' policies and the requirements of the GRAD Act, Central Louisiana Technical Community College will work closely with Louisiana State University at Alexandria (LSUA) on a plan for the orderly transfer of remaining associate degree programs and the delivery of developmental education courses from LSUA to Central Louisiana Technical Community College, as appropriate.

CENTER FOR ADULT LEARNING IN LOUISIANA (CALL) ANNUAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Tremblay noted that Dr. Luke Dowden, Executive Director of CALL, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding CALL, reviewing its main attributes and highlighting its accomplishments.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Mineo, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research and Performance Committee report of September 21, 2011. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Levy mentioned the following positive news items and reminders:

The Governance Commission meets on September 28 and 29. Topics will be budget, formula, tuition and financial aid.

The Remedial Education Commission meets on September 29. Topics for discussion include information on exit exams in high school, exit exams for remedial courses at the college level, as well as some examples from SREB states including Kentucky and Florida.

The latest edition of the Council for a Better Louisiana (CABL) Wire has framed many of the issues surrounding our colleges and universities. CABL has been a great supporter of higher education reform efforts including the GRAD Act. A message in the article states, "Over the last couple of years, thanks largely to budget cuts, there has been more focus on higher education in Louisiana than any time in recent years. The attention is good, but unfortunately the debate hasn't always been about the value of post-secondary education and what we need and expect for it to deliver to our state and its citizens..." This is the right message and this CABL Wire publication validates our efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Farr, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board.