

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

JANUARY 4, 2007

The Board of Regents met in session at 1:05 p.m. Thursday, January 4, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Roland Toups, Chair  
Pat Strong, Secretary  
Scott Brame  
Richard D' Aquin  
W. Clinton Rasberry  
Mary Ellen Roy  
Clifford Smith  
Harold Stokes  
Terry Landry

Absent for the meeting were:

William Blake  
Frances Henry, Vice Chair  
Ingrid Labat  
Robert Levy  
Artis Terrell, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2006

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 7, 2006.**

**ELECTION OF 2007 OFFICERS AND SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

BOARD OFFICERS (CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND SECRETARY)

Regent Toups noted that the newly appointed officers for 2007 would be sworn in today by Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel. Ms. Koury administered the oath of office to Regent Pat Strong as Chair and Regent Scott Brame as Vice Chair. Regent Terrell, Secretary, was not in attendance and will be sworn in later this month.

#### MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Regent Toups requested members of the Executive Committee be sworn in by Ms. Koury as follows: Regent Pat Strong, Regent Scott Brame, Regent Richard D'Aquin, Regent Clinton Rasberry, Regent Mary Ellen Roy, and Regent Artis Terrell. Regent Terrell was not in attendance and will be sworn in later this month.

Regent Toups said the Nominating Committee will need to meet on January 24<sup>th</sup> to nominate a replacement to serve on the Executive Committee due to Stanley Jacobs being appointed to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

#### MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Ms. Koury administered the oath of office to Regent Pat Strong as a member of the Office of Student Financial Assistance for 2007.

Regent Toups said the Nominating Committee will need to meet on January 24<sup>th</sup> to nominate a replacement to serve as a member on the Office of Student Financial Assistance due to Stanley Jacobs being appointed to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

Chair Strong thanked Regent Toups for his leadership as chair for the past several years. Mr. Toups stated that it had been a privilege and honor to work with such a solid Board and tremendous staff.

**UPDATES ON BOARD PLANNING, PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS FOR 2007**

Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, apprised the Board of some of the upcoming projects for the new year.

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, discussed revisions to the Master Plan and the upcoming meeting scheduled for January 5, 2007, of the Board of Regents' Master Plan National Advisory Panel. Dr. Savoie noted that, after the hurricanes of 2005, the members of the National Advisory Panel had offered their expertise in Louisiana's recovery efforts.

Also, LUMINA awarded a grant to Louisiana in the amount of \$700,000 over 2 years for assistance. Dr. Savoie noted that an announcement of the LUMINA award would be made at the Governor's press conference on January 5, 2007.

Mr. Vandal mentioned that there has been no Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, for 1 ½ years and recommended that Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, be officially designated as Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs.

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to designate Dr. Larry Tremblay as Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs with a salary supplement of \$15,000 annually.**

Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented a power point presentation on the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative (P-KSFI). Dr. Davidson informed the Board that additional updates will be presented to the Sponsored Programs Committee on January 24.

**On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to approve \$102,057.00 in Support Fund monies to cover the non-affected parishes under the Research Commercialization/Educational Enhancement Program (RC/EEP).**

#### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:

- A press release will be released today to announce that approximately 8,000 displaced needy students were awarded grants through the “Return to Learn” program.
- Dr. Joe May will succeed current LCTCS President Walter Bumphus. He served as Senior Vice President of Best Associates, a Dallas based company specializing in educational solutions internationally since 2005, and has had a career in higher education that has spanned over 25 years. Dr. May will assume his new position in mid-January.
- The next Board meeting will take place on January 24-25, 2007.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Smith, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.**