

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

January 27, 2010

The Board of Regents met in session as a Committee of the Whole at 9:52 a.m., Thursday, January 27, 2010, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Artis Terrell called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Artis Terrell, Jr., Chair
Mary Ellen Roy, Secretary
Charlotte Bollinger
Scott Brame
Robert Bruno
Richard D'Aquin
Maurice Durbin
Marc Guichard
Ingrid Labat
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Roland Toups
Joseph Wiley

Absent from the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Vice Chair
Donna Klein

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Terrell inquired if any written requests were received for public comment. Ms. Blanchard said there was one request from Dr. Astrid Merget, Provost, Louisiana State University and A&M College (LSU and A&M), who wished to address the Board regarding low-completer terminations.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2010

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented motions from the Finance Committee Report of January 27, 2010. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

CONSIDERATION OF AN EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY REVISIONS OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY

Regent Brame noted that in March 2009, based on unprecedented economics market conditions, the Board of Regents temporarily revised Section B.2 (Spending Policy) of the Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Chair, Endowed Professorship, and Endowed Scholarship Programs Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives effective July 1, 2008, and terminating on June 30, 2010, to read as follows:

B.2. Annual spending of up to 5% of the market value of Program Assets averaged on a consistent basis for the 5 most recent trust fund years is allowed, provided that the market value of the Program Assets at the end of the most recent fiscal trust fund year exceeds the original corpus of the endowment by an amount at least equal to the amount to be spent in the next fiscal trust fund year for which a spending allocation is made. When the current market value of Program Assets is below the original corpus of the endowment, no spending is allowed. However, the amount of annual spending allowed above for the Endowed Scholarship may be divided among multiple recipients, provided that each student receives at least \$1,000 per year at 4 year institutions or at least \$500 per year at 2 year institutions.

Mr. Brame stated that, in light of the fact that the financial markets have been improving but are still in a state of recovery, the Board of Regents' Investment Policy Advisory Committee (IPAC) had requested an extension of this temporary relief provision until June 30, 2011.

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Stelly, the Board of Regents unanimously voted to approve the extension of the temporary revision of Section B.2 of the Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Chair, Endowed Professorship, and Endowed Scholarship Programs Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives to June 30, 2011.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT (BA-7's) REQUEST

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve BA-7 Number 3 previously approved by the Southern University System which would provide for an increase in spending authority for the Southern University Law Center, due to an increase in self-generated revenues (\$659,795), and an increase in spending authority for the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center due to an increase in federal funds (\$343,541).

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Dr. Lynn House, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of January 27, 2010. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

Dr. House acknowledged that Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, and Ms. Mary Lou Potter, Coordinator of Program Review and Academic Projects, have both decided to retire. She commended them both for their tireless efforts and dedication shown over the years. Dr. House stated that the Board of Regents and the State of Louisiana will miss their contributions to higher education.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO SELECT CONDITIONALLY MAINTAINED LOW-COMPLETER PROGRAMS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board unanimously voted unanimously to approve the recommendations relative to 62 select low-completer programs and 3 non-low-completer programs, including the termination of 21 of these programs as outlined in Sections C 1 and 2 of the staff summary. Affected system and campuses shall be required to submit required reports/proposals by dates specified, addressing perceived weaknesses and staff observations contained therein.

Dr. Astrid Merget, Provost, LSU and A&M College, addressed the Board regarding two programs at LSU and A&M (graduate program in Comparative Literature and an undergraduate program in Food Science) which have been recommended for termination due to low-completers. She requested that the Board defer action on the two programs until LSU and A&M could present additional information for retention of the programs. Mr. Killebrew stated that an Academic Affairs policy allows a 90 day period for an appeal of a program that has been recommended for termination. Dr. House noted that the staff would work with LSU and A&M in developing a response for retention of the programs. A question and answer period followed.

LCTCS PROGRAM TERMINATIONS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Guichard, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation to terminate 14 programs at community colleges, community/technical colleges and varied campuses of the Louisiana Technical College as listed in the staff summary from January 27, 2010.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND UNITS

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Guichard, the Board unanimously voted to accept the progress reports on conditionally approved academic programs and units:

A. BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1. A.S. IN NURSING

To receive the December, 2009 progress report from Baton Rouge Community College relative to NLNAC accreditation of the A.S. program in Nursing. A subsequent progress report, addressing the results of the accreditation visit anticipated in Fall 2010, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 1, 2011.

2. A.S. IN BUSINESS

To receive the December, 2009 progress report from Baton Rouge Community College relative to continuing development of the A.S. program in Business. A subsequent progress report, addressing finalization of appropriate articulation arrangements with SUBR and the development/ implementation of a program graduate placement tracking system, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 1, 2011.

B. LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE – SULLIVAN – A.A.S. IN CARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN

To receive the December, 2009 progress report from the Louisiana Technical College-Sullivan Campus relative to implementation of the A.A.S. program in Care and Development of Young Children. A subsequent progress report, addressing previously identified areas of concern, shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by January 1, 2011.

C. UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE – NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES INSTITUTE (NIMSAT)

To receive the December, 2009 Progress Report Relative to Future Funding Prospects for the National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies Institute at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Given continuing serious questions regarding the levels of future state support for higher education in Louisiana, a statement from the University indicating its willingness to operate the Institute without future state support and within the limits of solely external funding should be required. This statement shall be due in the Office of Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs by February 15, 2010.

D. SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS

1. B.S. IN BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

To receive the 2008 Progress Report from Southern-University-New Orleans relative to implementation and accreditation of the B.S. in Business Entrepreneurship. The next progress report concerning this program shall be due January 1, 2011 and shall specifically address student enrollment,

student completers, the placement of student completers, the filling of temporary faculty positions, and continuing progress toward AACSB accreditation.

2. B.S. IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM
3. M.S. IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

To receive the 2008 Progress Report from Southern-University-New Orleans relative to implementation and accreditation of the B.S. and MS programs in Management Information Systems. The next progress reports concerning these programs shall be due January 1, 2011 and shall specifically address student enrollment, student completers, the placement of student completers, the filling of temporary/needed new faculty/staff positions, and continuing progress toward AACSB accreditation.

4. B.S. IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

To receive the 2008 Progress Report from Southern-University-New Orleans relative to implementation and accreditation of the B.S. in Program in Health Information Management. The University shall continue its aggressive pursuit of an appropriately-qualified Program Director. Until this Program Director has been hired, however, the program shall not be implemented, and then only after Regents' staff approval of the program director hire. The next progress report relative to this program shall be due by January 1, 2011.

- E. LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE – B.S. IN SPORT ADMINISTRATION

To receive the 2009 progress report from Louisiana State University and A&M College relative to implementation and accreditation of the B.S. program in Sports Administration. The next progress report, addressing previously required items and the placement of program graduates, shall be due January 1, 2011.

- F. LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA – B.S. IN NURSING

To receive the 2009 progress report from Louisiana State University-Alexandria relative to implementation and accreditation of the B.S. program in Nursing. The next progress report, to be due January 1, 2011, shall address student enrollment, student completion, placement of graduates, and the status of NLNAC accreditation.

- G. SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY – B.S. IN HEALTH STUDIES (RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY OPTION)

To receive the 2009 progress report from Southeastern Louisiana University relative to development of the B.S. program in Health Studies – Radiologic

Technology Option. By June 1, 2010, the University shall submit a subsequent progress report addressing remaining curricular refinements, the establishment of clinical arrangements/sites, and program staffing concerns as described in the staff summary. Thereafter, Regents' staff shall recommend an appropriate date for program implementation and further program reporting requirements.

H. LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERISTY – CENTER FOR APPLIED TEACHING AND LEARNING TO YIELD SCIENTIFIC THINKING (CATALYST)

To receive the 2009 progress report from Louisiana Tech University relative to external funding of the Center for Applied Thinking and Learning to Yield Scientific Thinking (CATALyST). Approval for this center continues through June, 2011.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES – EVALUATION OF TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Guichard, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Master of Arts in Teaching Degree at Nicholls State University in the following areas: Grades 1-5 (CIP Code: 13.1202), Grades 4-8, (CIP Code: 13.1203), Grades 6-12 (CIP Code: 13.1205), and Grades K-12 (Health and Physical Education) (CIP Code: 13.1206).

Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education, thanked Dr. House for her leadership during the past six month as Deputy Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of January 27, 2010. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Guichard, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Small Capital Projects as follows.

Office of Risk Management Projects (ORM)

Reroof LSU System Building - Louisiana State University System \$490,000 from Other Funds (ORM).

Hurricane Gustav Repairs - REAPPROVAL - Louisiana State University Agricultural Center - \$400,000 from ORM Funds.

Reilly Theater (Old Livestock Judging Pavilion) Roof Repairs - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$315,840 from State Funds (ORM) to cover costs except for a deduction of \$1,000.)

Audubon Sugar Factory - March 2009 Wind Damage - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$250,000 from State Funds (ORM).

Gustav - Carl Maddox Field House - Roof and Interior Repairs - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$210,000 from State Funds (Office of Risk Management).

Ingram Hall Roof Replacement - Storm Event March 26, 2009 - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$373,000 from State Funds (Office of Risk Management).

Auxiliary Projects

Parking - Indian Mounds Parking Lot Renovation - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$425,000 from the Parking Auxiliary.

Herget Hall Domestic Water Heater Replacement - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$235,000 from Housing Auxiliary Funds.

Louise Garig Suite Bathroom Renovations - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$375,000 from Housing Auxiliary Funds.

Evangeline Hall Interior Painting - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$192,000 from Housing Auxiliary Funds.

Residential Life, Jackson Hall Bathroom Upgrade - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$370,000 from Housing Auxiliary Funds.

Bike Parking Facilities - Louisiana State University and A&M College -- \$415,000 from Parking Auxiliary Funds.

West Campus Apartments - Interior Painting and Flooring Replacement - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$256,000 from Housing Auxiliary Funds.

Federally Funded Projects

Replacement of Cooling Tower and Heat Pump Units - Southern University in Shreveport - \$200,000 from Federal Funds.

State Funded Projects

Hatcher Hall 1st Floor Basic Sciences Space Enhancements - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$300,000 from State Funds (the institution's operating budget).

South Campus Building 3110 Reroof - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$425,000 from State Funds (the institution's operating budget).

Peltier Hall Auditorium Renovation, Phase 1 - Nicholls State University -- \$450,500 from Building Use Fee (a student fee charged in the UL System that becomes part of the operating budget, to be used for facilities).

Student Self-Assessed Fee Projects

Intramural Fields - Nicholls State University -- \$495,000 from Student Fees.

Athletic Department Projects

Football Practice Facility Access Drive, Parking, and Maintenance Area Improvements - Louisiana State University and A&M College -- \$430,000 from Athletic Auxiliary Funds.

PMAC - Locker Room Renovations for Women's Volleyball - Louisiana State University and A&M College - \$350,000 from Athletic Auxiliary Funds.

Softball Stadium Bleacher Relocation - University of Louisiana at Lafayette -- \$214,428 from Foundation Funds.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board unanimously voted to approve the project for the renovation of portions of the University Center at the University of New Orleans to provide for centralized student services. The project, which is estimated to cost \$3,000,000 utilizing funding from a Federal Community Development Block Grant, will be performed under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003.

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD (IEB) REQUEST

On motion of Regent Guichard, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board unanimously voted to approve the request by the Southern University System to permit it to seek funding from the Interim Emergency Board (IEB)

to correct roofing and related issues at the University Laboratory School at Southern University and A&M College. The project is estimated to cost \$3,000,000.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, recognized Dr. House who informed the Board that Dr. Larry Tremblay, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Research, had emergency eye surgery; therefore, Dr. Karen Denby, Senior Policy Analyst, would present motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Committee Report of January 27, 2010. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Bollinger, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following:

An initial operating license for Baker University, located in Overland Park, Kansas; and license renewals for Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing and the University of South Alabama College of Nursing.

PROPERTY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following:

To approve initial operating licenses for the Tulsa Welding School, Jacksonville Campus, Inc., located in Jacksonville, Florida, and for WyoTech-Florida Campus, located in Ormond Beach, Florida;

To approve the change of ownership license applications for Lafourche Merchant Marine Training Services, Inc., located in Raceland, Louisiana, and for Moore Career College, Inc., located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

To renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools, as listed on page 5-6 of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission minutes *(initial license date in parentheses)*:

American Commercial College (12/05/02)

Baton Rouge College (12/04/08)

Becker Professional Education--Lafayette (12/09/04)

Galliano Training Center, LLC (12/08/05)

Gretna Career College (12/19/91)

Herzing College (12/07/95)

Horizon CNA Training School, LLC (12/04/08)
IAMN Computer Training Center (12/11/03)
Kenner Health Careers Institute, LLC (12/11/03)
Legally Speaking (12/06/01)
Martin International, Inc., of Louisiana (12/16/82)
NASCAR Technical Institute (12/05/02)
National Driving Academy, Inc. (12/05/96)
Tulsa Welding School (12/07/06)
Unitech Training Academy-Alexandria (12/04/08)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Clausen emphasized the seriousness of the economic crisis that the State is current facing. She also noted that Louisiana is not alone; in fact, New York Times Bob Herbert recently wrote that most states are facing a “fiscal train wreck” and called it the next national crisis to follow the housing bubble.

Dr. Clausen noted that Dr. Larry Tremblay will receive a national honor in March for his outstanding support of developmental education in Louisiana. She said the award ceremony will be held in Columbus, Ohio at the National Association for Development Education Conference.

Commissioner Clausen also mentioned an honor was extended recently to a Northwestern State University graduate, Kendra Pullen, who teaches 4th grade science at Riverside Elementary School in Caddo Parish. She said that Ms. Pullen received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching from President Obama. Dr. Clausen acknowledged the many hours of diligent work of the Regents staff during the current difficult times.

Dr. Clausen updated the Board on activities since the last Board meeting:

- Attend the Education Trust meeting Washington, DC;
- Budget discussions with system heads, governor and his staff as well as legislators
- Joint Legislative Budget Committee hearing
- Last PERC meeting to be held February 4 and 5, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Terrell adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.