

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

January 6, 2000

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 6, 2000, in the Board of Regents' Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Mary Ella Sanders called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair
Herschel Abbott
Scott Brame
Harold Callais
Richard D'Aquin, Vice Chair
Michael Dees
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry
Melvin Rambin
Ron Roberts, Secretary
Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Pat Strong
Roland Toups
Jared McGlocklin, Student Member

Absent:

John Georges
Norbert Simmons

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 1999

On motion of Regent Abbott, seconded by Regent Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 9, 1999, as circulated.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Toups the Board voted unanimously to ratify the action of the Board at its meeting on December 9, 1999, to elect and install the following officers:

(1) Officers for the year 2000:

Chair:	Mary Ella Sanders
Vice Chairman:	Richard D'Aquin
Secretary:	William T. Roberts, Jr.

(2) Executive Committee for the year 2000:

Regents' Chair	Mary Ella Sanders	Regent Michael Dees
Regents' Vice Chair	Richard D'Aquin	Regent John Georges
Regents' Secretary	Wm. T. Roberts, Jr.	Regent Pat Strong
Regent Harold Callais		

Ms. Constance Koury, First Assistant Attorney General, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officers.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Regent Dupré, seconded by Regent Strong, the Board voted unanimously to ratify Committee appointments for 2000 as proposed by Chair Sanders. (See Attachment A.)

LSU-A STUDY

Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie recognized Representative Charles W. Dewitt, Jr. Representative Dewitt thanked the Board for the time and effort taken to study the educational needs of the citizens of Central Louisiana. Commissioner Savoie then recognized those in attendance and particularly those who were involved in carrying out the study. He continued by stating that the Board's charge is as follows:

- ! Evaluate need
- ! Review the viability of the University Center concept
- ! Consider the merits of conversion of LSU-A
- ! Look at other options including making LSU-A a branch of another institution
- ! Filter all of this through the criteria of efficiency-effectiveness, and

- ! Delivery of a wide array of accredited undergraduate and graduate programs to the people of the Alexandria area.

Following his comments, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented the findings of the LSU-A Study. Dr Clarke stated that the study concluded that additional postsecondary education programs are needed in Central Louisiana. Certificate, associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree expansion is necessary to meet the educational, workforce and economic development needs of the region. (See Attachment B.)

Mr. Donald Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Mr. Marvin Roubique, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Facilities and Property, presented the financial considerations relative to the delivery of postsecondary services to Central Louisiana. (See Attachment C.)

Dr. Clarke continued by presenting the staff's recommendation and outlined the four options that would build upon the existing infrastructure as possible means to expedite the delivery of the needed degree offerings to Central Louisiana. (See Attachment D.) The options are as follows*:

- # Option A - A reconstituted and "true" University Center
- # Option B - Consolidation of LSU-A and Northwestern State University
- # Option C - Making LSU-A a branch campus of LSU A&M
- # Option D - Conversion of LSU-A to a four-year degree granting institution

*** (Copy of the study is on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**

Chair Sanders then acknowledged and welcomed elected officials from the Central Louisiana delegation who were present. The following members of the delegation addressed

the board:

- ! Senator B. G. Dyess
- ! Senator-elect Joe McPherson
- ! Representative Randy Wiggins
- ! Representative Tommy Wright
- ! Mayor Ned Randolph
- ! Charles Weems, Chairman, LSU Board of Supervisors
- ! Chamber of Commerce President Reba Harrington

Following the comments made by the Central Louisiana delegation, comments were made by various members of the Board.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the staff's report as presented and to authorize the Commissioner to submit the report to appropriate legislative committees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.