MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS

January 6, 1999

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:09 a.m., Wednesday, January 6, 1999, in the Board of Regents’ Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Harold Callais called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Members Present:

Harold Callais, Chair
Mary Ella Sanders, Vice Chair
Richard D’Aquin, Secretary
E. Edwards Barham
Michael Dees
Reggie Dupre’
Frances Henry
George Luffey
Ron Roberts
Pat Strong
Roland Toups
Ryan Gatti, Student Member

Members Absent:

John Keller
John Georges
Norbert Simmons

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 1998

On motion of Regent D’Aquin, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 10, 1998, as circulated.
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1999

Chairman Callais requested Ms. Constance Koury, First Assistant Attorney General, to administer the following Oaths of Office:

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair
Richard E. D’Aquín, Vice Chair
Ron Roberts, Secretary

Executive Committee:

Harold Callais
Mike Dees
John Georges (absent)
Pat Strong

Chairperson Sanders paid tribute to outgoing Chairman Callais and thanked him for his leadership during the past two years. Commissioner Savoie also expressed his appreciation to Regent Callais.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to ratify 1999 Committee appointments as proposed by Chairperson Sanders. (See Attachment A.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, reported on the following:

- Commencement speaker at Grambling State University - December 18
- Dr. Brenda Albright, Consultant on Formula Funding
- House Appropriations Committee Meeting - January 7
- Preliminary Draft of Executive Budget
- Community/Technical College Board Orientation - January 12
- LaLINC (LOUIS) presentation - January 12
- Monitoring Committee Meeting - January 14
- Performance/Incentive Funding Task Forces - January 19-22
• CASE Conference at Nicholls State University - January 22
• Will speak at the Editorial Writers Association in Austin - January 23
• Committee/Board meeting - January 27-28

Commissioner Savoie referred board members to the December 29, 1998, editorial in the *Daily Advertiser* regarding declining revenues and the possible impact on education.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a policy to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to higher education.

Chairperson Sanders recognized Regent Luffey who announced that his replacement to the Board would be announced this week. He continued by thanking the staff and other members of the Board for their hard work and dedication.

Regent Callais stated that he had spoken with Regent Keller who has been ill for an extended period and conveyed his greetings to the board members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.